

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

22nd April 2018

*The Good Shepherd knows us  
and we know him*

Today's **First Reading** (Acts 4: 8–12) is taken from Peter's speech to the Council in Jerusalem, following his and John's arrest. In it, Peter bears witness to the power of the resurrected Christ by which a man lame from birth was brought back to health. Peter quotes from today's **Psalm** 117(118) to reinforce the point that only by the name of Jesus, the keystone, is salvation possible.

The **Second Reading** (1 John 3: 1–2) shows St John encouraging the Christian communities of modern-day Turkey by sharing his own experiences of what he has seen and heard. That the world cannot always understand must not shake our confidence in the love that God has 'lavished upon us'.

This love is given tangible form in the image of Christ, as presented to us each year in the **Gospel** of 'Good Shepherd Sunday' (John 10: 11–18). Not only are we led to safety, fed, given rest, watched over and brought back if found to be in danger, we are also known, loved and died for.

This week in my prayer, I may like to ask for the grace to know more fully my Risen Lord, the Good Shepherd, who knows me and has the greatest care and compassion for me.

**Lenten Project – StreetInvest:** Please now return your boxes to the Parish Office or the school.

**World Day of Prayer** will be observed this Sunday which is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

**May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass** will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. That weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only).

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** If you have not done so already, please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the Church.

**St. Mary's Summer Fayre – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** An initial planning meeting for parishioners to discuss the 2018 Summer Fayre, will be held this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please come along and support your parish. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

**Holy Communion Programme 2018/19:** Please collect application forms from the Van Meenen Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> May after 6.30pm mass or on 6<sup>th</sup> May after the 9.30am mass. The pack will explain what paperwork is needed and when and how to return it. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jane.

**Kathleen McMonagle:** Kathleen's funeral will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12.20pm.

**James Courtney:** James's funeral will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am.

**Nicola Bayley:** Nicola's funeral will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10.20am at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster.

**Gladys Elphinstone:** Gladys' funeral will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster.

Please keep Kathleen, James, Nicola, Gladys and their families in your prayers. May they Rest In Peace.

**Rite of Acceptance - Confirmation Candidates:** A reminder that there will be a Rite of Acceptance Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, starting at 2.30pm. There will be a coach going from St. Mary's – please meet at 1.15pm at the Church.

**Save the Date – Let's Celebrate!!** Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Children in Year Five:** Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

**Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA)** Why not come and see? We meet on *Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm* in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

**Quiz night** in the parish hall Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles and there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 please and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 01708 747026.

**Happy School Bag Collection:** The Happy School Bag collection is coming around again. It is the same principle as Cash for Clothes but run by the PTA. Donations are to be dropped outside the Van Meenan Room (without blocking the side door to the church) at all masses on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

**Memorial Plaques** Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708 452442. £200 per plaque.

**Pass It On!** Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

**Havering Singers Spring Concert:** Haydn Te Deum, Schubert Mass in G and Mozart Mass in C Minor. Tickets £15.00 on the door or £13.00 if bought by Wednesday 25th April. Tickets for children and students aged 5 - 17 will be £5.00. Tickets can be purchased on Havering Singers website: [www.haveringsingers.org.uk](http://www.haveringsingers.org.uk)

**BRASIL:** On the 29th April after the 9.30am mass there will be a display in the hall during the coffee morning. It will be information, photos and correspondence from St. Mary's sister parish in Sao Paulo including memories of the special relationship and the visit in 2000. It would be lovely to see you so come and have a chat.

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick –Fundraising & Official Opening:** Over £320,000 has been raised, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners' donations. **Thank you.** There is £200,000 left to raise! **Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all.** Contact [Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org), call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations) to make an online donation. We love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick). The date of the "official opening" is Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

**Deanery Vocations Holy Hour:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, St. Edward the Confessor, Romford. All are welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those that are. This event will include a vocations testimony from Fr Graham Smith, the Vocations Director of the Diocese.

#### **CHURCH EVENTS:**

**Children's Liturgy:** Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

**Baptism Course:** First and second Thursday of the month.

**Baptisms:** Last Sunday of the month.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** Mondays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**Rosary:** Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajj Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, Edna Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, David Wells, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

**WEEKEND 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018:**

**Readers:** Sat. 6.30pm  
Sun 8.00am  
9.30am  
11.30am

Kathleen Brooker / Maureen O'Brien  
Seb Hough / Angela Joseph  
Alan Sabu Mathew/Albert Sabu Mathew  
Maria Adesegha / Maureen Boorman

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 2

**Offerings 15.04.18:** Envs: £960.96

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

Loose: £1,111.51 Total: £2,072.47

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April **12.00pm**  
**6.30pm**

Brid Daly RIP  
Barbara Bland RIP

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April **8.00am**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter **9.30am**  
**11.30am**

Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP  
All Parishioners / Bill Murphy Int  
Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April **8.30am**  
St George

Christine Summers RIP /  
Petra & Fidel Bernandez RIP

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April **8.30am**  
St. Mellitus **12.20pm**

**NO MASS**  
Requiem Mass: Kathleen McMonagle

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April **10.00am**  
St Mark **7.30pm**

Requiem Mass: James Courtney  
Eileen McNerny RIP

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April **8.30am**  
**2.30pm**

Madge Glick RIP / Nikki Bayley RIP  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April **8.30am**

Kathleen Judge RIP / Nikki Bayley RIP

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April **12.00pm**  
**6.30pm**

Brid Daly RIP  
All Parishioners / John McCarthy RIP

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April **8.00am**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter **9.30am**  
**11.30am**

Padraig & Carmel Garbey RIP  
Christine Summers RIP  
Derry Lydon RIP / Jack Hughes RIP

***Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?  
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick  
after all Sunday Masses.***

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