

# 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



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**

*See I have God for my help.*

This Sunday's readings celebrate the closeness of God to us. God is like a shepherd guiding and guarding his flock. We will never be alone. The Lord's goodness and kindness will be with us all the days of our lives, whether we are in joyful, restful places or in the sorrow of the shadow of death (**Psalm 23**).

For this reason, God expects those who shepherd his people to care for them as he does. The prophet Jeremiah has harsh words for those who neglect their calling, and promises a true shepherd for Israel who will act with integrity (**First Reading** Jeremiah 23: 1–6).

It is the role of the Shepherd-King Jesus to unite all his followers as one, bringing us to God and sharing his Good News of peace. Through him, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit who draws us into the Kingdom (**Second Reading** Ephesians 2: 13–18).

In the **Gospel** (Mark 6: 30–34), we see Jesus as he cares in different ways for those entrusted to him: for the apostles by giving them time for rest and nourishment, and for the crowds by teaching them.

As we pray this week, we may like to ask for the grace to trust in God's closeness, and to love others even more fully as Jesus loved.

**Confirmation 2019:** Please note that the Parents / candidates meeting will now take place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and are currently in Year 9 and above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

**StreetInvest:** A big thank you to all of those who used the Lenten boxes to donate towards StreetInvest. This was a joint initiative between the Parish and the school and we managed to raise a fantastic £2,064.98.

**New Hymn Books:** It was decided at the recent Parish Council Meeting that many of our hymn books are old and not in a good state. Therefore, we will replace these with newer editions of the 'Celebration Hymnal for Everyone'. To raise the necessary money, a voluntary second collection will take place at the weekends during the summer, inviting people to donate any spare change they have.

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

**Philomena Clerkin RIP:** Philomena's requiem mass will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am.

**Veronica O'Sullivan:** Veronica's requiem mass will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.00am.

**Philomena Perry:** Philomena sadly passed away last Tuesday. Funeral details to follow. Please pray for Philomena Clerkin, Philomena Perry, Veronica & their families. May they rest in peace.

**Prayer in the Home:** Starting on 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm-8.30pm, Parishioners are invited to host a prayer evening in their home on a Tuesday. The prayer session will be led by Fr Martin and others. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends and neighbours and the evening consists of the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady will be brought to the home to remind us that Our Lady, Mary, is the Mother of the Home.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

**Youth Club:** Youth Club has now closed for summer. It will re-open in mid-September. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the exact date. Please note; all youngsters in Year 8 and above must reapply for the new year ahead. Application forms are at the back of the church. The closing date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**First Holy Communion 2018 / 2019 - URGENT APPEAL:** If anyone is interested in becoming a FHC catechist please could they contact Jane for more information.

**Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA)** If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

**Remembrance Day Posters.** We would like to renew and update our parish Remembrance Day Posters. If you would like the name of a family member or friend to be added to the posters, please email me at [fmwrogers@gmail.com](mailto:fmwrogers@gmail.com) or send a note (addressed Remembrance Day) via the Parish Office. On the posters we remember our relatives and friends (in the armed forces and civilians) who have died in all wars and conflicts (not just the two World Wars) and we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice. We would like to know their name (and the armed force they belonged to, if relevant), place and date of death (and even, perhaps, a little of their story if you know any of it). Thank you.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Flame Congress, SSE Arena, Wembley:** This is the largest gathering of young Catholics in England and Wales – 10,000 are expected, along with many Bishops including Bishop Alan. Speakers include Guvna B and his wife, Emma, and the theme is "Significance" – we are all significant in God's eyes. The theme has been chosen to help

young people combat ever more serious issues of self-esteem and mental health fragility, and will also try to help young people to see that self-esteem is not measured in “likes” on Instagram. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office.

**Catholic School Governors:** The Diocese are looking to identify new Foundation Governors and Directors for our Catholic schools and academies across the Diocese of Brentwood. We are seeking expressions of interests from practising committed Catholics for this role and ministry. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. If you are interested and want to be considered please send a CV to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**Holy Hour to pray for Vocations:** The next Holy Hour to pray for Vocations will be at St Edward the Confessor, Romford on Wed 18 July, 7.30pm. Speaker: Fr. Tom Jordan. Please come and spend time in Adoration to pray for vocations.

**Summer Lourdes 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage”:** From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 11am). The link is [www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes)

#### **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, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O’Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, 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> July 2018:**

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

Pat Martin / Janet James  
Alex Rowley / Sergio Cantoni  
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew  
Maureen Boorman / Maria Adesegha

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Offerings 15.07.18:** Envs: £1,399.24

**Church Cleaning:** Group 1

Loose: £752.87 Total: £2,152.11

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>12.00pm</b>	Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP / Joan Keating RIP
		<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Sue Kelly Int / Mr & Mrs Davin RIP
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<b>9.30am</b>	Declan Horgan RIP / Johnnie Farrell RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Peter McGinley RIP / Matthew Palmer RIP
		<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>9.00am</b>	Vivian Johnson RIP / Mary RIP (Katherine's Mum)
St. Bridget of Sweden			
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.00am</b>	Father Paul Fox Int / Heidi Ford Int
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>7.30pm</b>	Michael Lee RIP / Margaret Fay Int
St. James			
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.00am</b>	Pat Crudginton RIP / Nuala Eacott RIP
SS Joachim & Anne		<b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	Requiem Mass: Philomena Clerkin RIP
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
		<b>3.30pm</b>	Wedding: S Francis & A Francis
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Patrick & Margaret McGrath RIP / Joe Barr RIP
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	All Parishioners
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<b>9.30am</b>	Jo McCann RIP / Nuala Eacott RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Michael O'Donnell RIP / Jack Hughes RIP
		<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)

***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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