

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



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

**Year A**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

***Give us strength and joy to serve you.***

Today's readings are about God's universal reign, about all that God does as Lord of History to bring all his children 'home'.

As I prepare to pray the readings, I come into the presence of this universal God. I slow down—in body and mind, breathing more deeply and relaxing. When ready, I recall God's presence in my history/story, all that God has done—directly, or through others, or through apparent 'chance' - to draw me to himself. I ponder each of these, identifying the 'others', and the providential nature of the 'chance'. I talk with God about these. I ask God to draw me into his mind and heart so that I can fully engage with him as he continues this work of bringing all his children home.

In the history of God's people, God shows how he used the political astuteness of Cyrus, the new 'pagan' Emperor, to restore Israel to the Promised Land. Cyrus did not consciously know God, but as a human being he shared in God's life, and his actions indicate the growth and development of God's wisdom within him (**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Isaiah 45:1. 4-6).

The **Psalm** (95) calls us to renew our praise and worship to God, the King of all peoples and nations. In his letter to the Thessalonians Paul identifies in the people the characteristics of those who are in tune with God: they are engaged in action, motivated by love, and sustained by hope (**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5). And finally, Jesus challenges us to see civic duties within the context of honouring God (**Gospel** - Matthew 22: 15-21).

I muse on the above with God. I close my prayer as I feel drawn.

**Gym Application:** As you will know the proposed gym for Rodwell House was rejected by the Local Authority, 7 votes to 3. However, they are appealing this decision to the Secretary of State; if the appeal were to be successful it would hugely impact on our car parking space and other aspects of church life. Therefore it is vital that as many parishioners as possible email in to object to this proposal. You need to send an email to [East1@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:East1@pins.gsi.gov.uk) quoting the appeal reference **APP/B5480/W/17/3183422**. We need to object on the grounds that gym members are likely to obstruct our car park, particularly at weekends and during mass times and funerals, and deprive parishioners of the parish and school teachers of parking space. It would also cause more congestion on an already busy Hornchurch road. There are slips available at the back of the Church with the relevant information on needed to make an objection so do please take one.

**First Holy Communion:** This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Welcome for the First Holy Communion children.

**Catherine Breen RIP:** The funeral will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00am then on to Eastbrook Cemetery.

**Mary Tuite RIP:** The funeral will take place at 11.00am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am, then on to Upminster Crematorium.

**Patrick Brooks RIP:** The funeral will take place at 11.00am at Upminster Crematorium.

*Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers. May they Requiescat in Peace*

**Secondary School Forms – Important Information** If your child and your family are known to Fr Martin and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly either on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please come and see him along with your child during the dates and times below where he will issue a **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. Fr Martin will need to see the child's baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate and proof of address in order to issue this certificate. The remainder of the application should be completed directly with the school or Local Authority as usual. If your child and your family are not known to Father Martin and do not attend Sunday Mass, please do *not* go to Father Martin, instead, simply complete the forms required by the school and return them directly to the school. Fr Martin will be available **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 4.00pm – 6.30pm and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00pm – 7.00pm.**

**Confirmation:** Those young people that are in year 10 and above who are interested in making their Confirmation, please collect a form from the back of the Church.

**APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank you and Appeal:** Fr Frank Downs MHM wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF – Mill Hill by taking a red box and you wish to do so, OR to find out more about APF Mill Hill, please contact your APF – Mill Hill Local Secretary.

**November – Blessing of Graves** As November is the month of the Holy Souls, Fr. Martin will be blessing graves of loved ones at Crow Lane Cemetery, Romford on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm, Upminster Cemetery, Corbets Tey on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm (please gather near the chapel) and Eastbrook Cemetery, Dagenham Road on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm.

**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!

**Alone this Christmas?** Why not join the St. Mary's Christmas dinner being held at St. Mary's School Hall, 12.45pm-4.30pm. Transport can be provided if necessary. Everyone welcome irrespective of faith. A small donation of £10 is appreciated towards the day. Please contact Josie or Peter for more information on 01708 457549.

**Wanted: Raffle Prizes** to be used for fund raising at St Mary's parish functions. Please help us raise money for our church by donating unwanted/unused gifts, drinks etc Ring Brenda on 01708452442 or 07958 605039 to arrange collection or leave in church office.

**Open Choir Rehearsal:** Aged between 7-16? Please join our Open Choir Rehearsal on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm at Hornchurch Methodist Church. For further details please go to [www.unitedsingers.co.uk/youthchoir](http://www.unitedsingers.co.uk/youthchoir)

**Braintree Youth Project Charity Needs a Youth Worker:** to work with young people and volunteers at our friendly youth centre, *The Hut*, in Braintree. For an application pack, including job description and person specification, email [contact@braintreyouth.org.uk](mailto:contact@braintreyouth.org.uk) or call 01376 323764.

**Abbotswick – Mass for the Holy Souls:** In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at **2.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, in our “building works chapel” in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Quiz Night** in the parish hall Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 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 12th November 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

**Priests and People Revue:** As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a Priests and People Revue with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: [hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk) detailing names and number of tickets required. All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.

**Diocesan Centenary Concert:** Brentwood Cathedral, Saturday 28 October at 7pm, featuring Schubert’s ‘Mass in G’ and other works. Tickets £12 (£6 for students). For further details please contact the Diocesan Music Office: [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 01277 265288.

**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.

#### **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 Mary’s Prayer Hotline:** Call Betty (daytime) on 01708 720834 with any prayer requests.

**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, Patricia Crudginton, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, 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, 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> October 2017:

### **Readers:**

Sat. 6.30pm  
Sun. 8.00am  
9.30am  
11.30am

Maureen O'Brien / Kathleen Brooker  
Brian Rodgers / Seb Hough  
Michael Olaniyan / Tilly Allen  
Philip Rodgers / Eddie Allen

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 6

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

**Offerings 15.10.17:** Envs: £1,305.69    Loose: £906.79    Total: £2,212.48

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Frank McDermott Int / Robert Sobola RIP Francis Brownston RIP
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Niall Stamp RIP All Parishioners Pat & Joe McDonagh RIP / Eamon Commins RIP
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	NO MASS Requiem Mass – Cath Breen
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	NO MASS Requiem Mass - Mary Tuite
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>7.30pm</b>	Maud Thompson RIP / Mr & Mrs Miranda
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9.00am</b> <b>2.30–5.30pm</b>	Pat Scott Int / Dulcie Mitre RIP <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9.00am</b>	Charles Ferry RIP / Mrs Tweedie Int
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>12.00 noon</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Willie Cunningham RIP Florence & David Armstrong RIP
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Nelson DeSouza RIP Michael Wallace RIP Luigi Oddi 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.***