

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00 pm and by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15-2.30pm



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

*'The Lord is compassion and love'*

An understanding of the true teaching of the Law is presented in different ways in this week's readings.

In the **First Reading** from Leviticus (Lev. 19: 1–2, 17–18), Moses receives instructions to tell the people to become more like their God in their dealings with others. 'Be holy for I am holy.'

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reminds the Corinthians (1 Cor. 3: 16–23) that the indwelling of the Spirit makes them sacred. This is more important than all their divisions. In Christ we are all the temple of God.

The **Psalms** (103), uniting these readings, is a prayer of praise and gratitude to the God who is love and compassion: he heals, forgives and redeems us.

Jesus, in the **Gospel** (Matthew 5: 38–48), is like the new Moses. He is the new lawgiver, taking the teaching of the Law to a deeper, more demanding level. Being 'perfect like our heavenly Father is perfect' asks us to assume Jesus's values and treat our neighbour as a brother or sister in Christ.

Maybe this week, we can consider these values – perhaps not always shared by those around us – and pray for the grace to be more accepting of all whom we encounter.

**Lent** begins this Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February with Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 9.00am and 7.30pm with the distribution of ashes.

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays in Lent at 7.30pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** each Saturday in Lent at 11.00am with the opportunity to go to Confession.

**Lenten Project:** During Lent we will be supporting the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Boxes will be available to collect from the Church from this weekend. Please keep these at home and give what you can, then return after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Confirmation Session:** The next Confirmation session will be this Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February which is Ash Wednesday. We will begin with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

**Prayer Sponsors Needed:** 55 of our young people have started their faith journey to their confirmation at Pentecost, they need your support and we would ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer sponsors. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch. We will then allocate a young person or persons to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their confirmation which you would be invited to. Our young people thank you for your consideration.

**Joyce Cougill RIP** Joyce's body will be received into the Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm.

**Children in Year Five** should see Father Martin after mass.

**Pray Pray Pray!** Come and join us every Thursday at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel for rosary and adoration in response to our Lady of Medjugorje's call to prayer. Refreshments afterwards, everyone welcome.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** We have eleven adults who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter. They are going to Brentwood Cathedral with their sponsors this Sunday for the Right of Welcome with our Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Lourdes Quiz Night:** Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall. 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Tables of 6-8 only. Hosted by Kevin Walsh - acclaimed quiz master! Raffle on night. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Call 07817 913663 or drop into Parish Office during opening hours – tickets cost £5.00pp. Any donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated! Come and have some fun raising money for a good cause.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This year is a very special year for the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham as the Bishops of England and Wales re-dedicate England as the Dowry of Mary for the first time since the Reformation. For more information please see the poster in the porch.

**Year of the God Who Speaks:** Our next study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3.00pm. Admission is free, but please book by

email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch.

**Youth Masses** take place at the Cathedral every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm to which all are welcome.

**The Sponsored Sleepout (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April 2020)** is a powerful experience for individuals of all ages, and for groups of young people, including Confirmation Groups. Last year 70 people slept out and raised an amazing £10,000 for homeless charities in the Diocese. Group booking info (a simple summary of numbers, and the details of group leaders) should be emailed to [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org); individuals should register on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**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.

**Rosary & Adoration Prayer Group:** Thursdays at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm & each Sunday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** Tuesdays 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

*Dear Children! By the act of the decision and love of God, I am chosen to be the  
Mother of God, and your Mother.*

*(Our Lady of Medugorje 02/02/2020)*

## **WEEKEND 29th Feb/ 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat	6.30pm	Warren James/Mary Keen
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey/Paul Connelly
		9.30am	Adrian Bell/ Alan Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Maria Adesezgha/Jason Sunshine

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers    **Coffee Morning:** Team 7    **Cleaning:** Group C  
**Offerings 16.02.2020:** Envs: £1,051.63    Loose: £932.21    Total: £1,983.84

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Toni Rowley/Lesley Grant Int Jisma Joseph RIP/in thanksgiving
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Pat Mills RIP/Yvonne Walsh RIP All Parishioners Vocations to Priesthood + Religious Life Breffni + Des O'Brien RIP
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP/Cornish Family RIP
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP/Donovan Family RIP
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Joyce Cougill RIP/Jim Shanahan RIP Daniel O'Sullivan RIP/Theodore+Helen Bray Int
Ash Wednesday			
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.30-5.00pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Eamonn O'Mahoney RIP/John Carpenter Int Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Reception of Joyce Cougill
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b> <b>2.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Lenehan Family RIP/Wilson Family RIP Requiem Mass Joyce Cougill Stations of the Cross
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Exposition + Confessions Maura Fallon RIP/Eileen Kelly RIP The Hughes Children RIP/John+ Bridget Riley RIP
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners Frank Broderick RIP/Bridget & Tom Reilly RIP Maureen O'Neil RIP
First Sunday of Lent			

***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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*Please note the location of the fire exits*