

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

23rd Sept 2018

*Anyone who welcomes one of these little children
in my name, welcomes me.*

Our readings this week explore what it means to live by the wisdom of God, where we recognise Christ Jesus not in ambition and worldly status, but rather in the helplessness of a little child.

In the **First Reading** (Wisdom 2:12,17–20) from Wisdom, the ‘godless’ ones who live only for themselves yearn to be rid of those who live by truth and goodness. The virtuous are an unwelcome challenge to the wicked, whose cruel words recall the taunts Jesus himself suffered on the cross.

In the **Second Reading** (James 3:16 – 4:3), James speaks of ‘the wisdom that comes from above’, which shows itself in peace-making and compassion, rather than in the jealousy and ambition that so often fill the human heart. We are reminded how important it is to counter our own self-seeking desires through prayer.

In the **Gospel** (Mark 9: 30–37), Jesus takes a little child in his arms, reminding the disciples that loving service has nothing to do with the kind of worldly ‘greatness’ they’ve just been arguing about, but rather with humility and powerlessness. Christ invites us, too, to put our own needs last, welcoming him in those who may outwardly have nothing to offer.

This week, let’s ask for the wisdom to see Christ more clearly in all the ‘little ones’ we encounter, praying that in this way we might love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly, day by day.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Children's Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the newly formed children's choir at the 9.30am mass, starting Sunday 23rd September. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

Mass Count: From this weekend, and for the following three weeks, we will be holding the annual mass count on behalf of the Diocese. It is important that we have a strong congregation, particularly during these weekends, as the Diocese can use the figures to make decisions on whether to add / remove masses from the current Parish schedule.

Prayer in the Home: The first meeting will take place this Tuesday 25th September, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 7 Cheviot Road, Hornchurch. 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.

Confirmation - URGENT APPEAL: If anyone is interested in becoming a Confirmation catechist please could they contact the parish office 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.

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 (if applicable) 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. For **Secondary school** forms, Fr Martin will be available Monday 8th October 3.15pm – 7.00pm and Thursday 11th October 3.15pm-7.00pm and for **Primary School** forms Fr Martin will be available Monday 15th October from 3.15pm – 7.00pm and Wednesday 17th October from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

School Open Evenings:

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students on **Tuesday 25th September** from 6.40pm-9.00pm. Open mornings will take place on 26th & 27th September from 9.30am-10.45am. The Sixth Form open evening will be on Thursday 8th November 6.30pm-8.30pm.

The Champion School Open Evening concerning admission of boys who will be eleven years old during the current academic year will be held at the school (Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch) on **Thursday, 27th September, 2018. The evening will start at 6.00 pm.** For further details please see www.champion.havering.sch.uk.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School: The Open Evening for 2019 admissions is on Tuesday 2nd October. Tours of the school begin 5.30pm and there will be an address by the Headteacher at 7.30pm.

All Saint's Catholic High School: The All Saints School Open Evening will be held at the school on **Wednesday 10th October** for September 2019 admissions. Parents can attend from

5.30pm-8.30pm for a tour of the School and an opportunity to meet staff and pupils. The Headteacher address will take place at 5.35pm and 8.00pm. Full details can be found on the school website (www.allsaintsschool.co.uk).

Winchester Christmas Market Coach Trip: Sunday 25th November. Coach departs St. Marys at 8.00am to arrive at Winchester at approx 10.00am and the coach departs Winchester at 5.00 to arrive back at St. Mary's at approx 7.00pm Price £15 per person (no child reductions). Payments to be made by cash or cheque (payable to St. Mary's) and should be passed to the Church office for the attention of Jo Luxton (Christmas market). For more information or to book tickets please contact Jo Luxton on 07961037786.

St Mary's Parish Presents The Pumpkin Party - Saturday 27th October, 7.30pm-11pm in the Parish Hall. Disco, Fancy Dress Contest, Raffle. Prices - Adults £7.50, Under 18's £4, Family £20 (2 adults plus own children). Early Bird Discount valid until 10th October - Adults £5, Under 18's £3, Family £15. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own drink/nibbles. For tickets contact Lynsey Counihan on 07968 486221.

Cleaner Required: St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires a Cleaner for 12 ½ hours per week Monday to Friday, 6.00-8.30am (early morning). If you are interested, please contact Mary McLeavy at St Mary's School Office on 01708 448430 for further details.

Jacques Allen Seeks New Piano Students: Fancy learning a new instrument? Experienced piano teacher of all ages, is looking for additional pupils. Has achieved ABRSM Grade 8 Piano. 9:30 Sunday Mass Pianist. Pupils have achieved distinction grades in their ABRSM exams. £12.50 per ½ hour. To find out more, or to book a slot, please contact: [07804690824](tel:07804690824).

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

WEEKEND 29th / 30th September 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Janet James / Peter Amey
	Sun	8.00am	Alex Rowley / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Susie Jerram / Keith O'Brien
		11.30am	Philip Rodgers / Eddie Allen

Bidding Prayers: Maureen Boorman **Church Cleaning:** Group 2
Offerings 16.09.18: Envs: £1,201.82 Loose: £1,042.12 Total: £2,243.94
Collection for Kerala: £673.29

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	22 nd Sep	12.00pm 6.30pm	Kathleen Daly RIP All Parishioners – Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday	23 rd Sep	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Maureen Harrington RIP / Anby Walsh RIP Liam McVeigh RIP / Lily Webster RIP Sean McCarthy RIP / Elizabeth & John O'Connor RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday	24 th Sept	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Nellie Whelton Int
Our Lady of Walsingham			
Tuesday	25 th Sep	8.30am	Andrew D'agata RIP
Wednesday	26 th Sep	7.30pm	Olga & Arturo Casali RIP
Thursday	27 th Sep	8.30am 2.30-5.30pm	Sue O'Malley Int / Len Rice RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Vincent de Paul			
Friday	28 th Sep	8.30am	Jack & Nancy Allen RIP / Dolly Leahy RIP
Saturday	29 th Sep	12.00pm 2.30pm 6.30pm	NO MASS Nuptial Mass: Marc Wall & Cheryl Stevenson Lawrence Ellicott RIP / Danny McCauley RIP
SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael			
Sunday	30 th Sep	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 3.00-4.00pm	Lawrence Ellicott RIP / Jane Hayes RIP All Parishioners / Olaniyan Family Alice Louro RIP / Edna Sullivan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			

***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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