

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF

Tel: 01708 447761

Email: hornchurchstmmg@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam 07415 602774

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

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



3rd Sunday of Lent Year C 24th March 2019

‘My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues me’

The Hebrew slaves in Egypt have forgotten the Lord’s goodness to them. But Moses, going about his ordinary business, is attentive enough to notice the Lord drawing near and willing enough to ‘go forward to look’, when he is called (**First Reading** Exodus 3:1–8,13–15). He is then sent by God to remind the people of Israel that the Lord is compassion and love (**Psalm** 102).

St Paul uses this Exodus story as the basis for his homily (**Second Reading** 1 Cor. 10:1–6,10–12) to the church community based at Corinth. Corinth is a bustling, cosmopolitan city with a reputation for indulgence and temples aplenty, but Paul isn’t intimidated and makes it his headquarters for the mission to the west. However, it does explain the stern tone of his letter.

Jesus, too, gives us a warning in today’s **Gospel** (Luke 13:1–9). He calls us to repent, telling us that God desires that we bear fruit, promising us every opportunity to work with his grace. In the coming days, let’s listen to the Lord who is faithful in both word and name (‘I Am’) as the One who acts in our lives.

Opening Prayer

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Please note the location of the fire exits

This weekend we welcome Bishop Alan who is joining us for the 9.30am and the 11.30am mass and will be confirming 55 of our young people at the 11.30am mass. After this, refreshments will be served in the hall and all are welcome to attend!

Second Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend to support the disaster relief following Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Sundays in Lent: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church with evening prayer followed by Benediction from 3.00pm-4.00pm.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm.

Lent Confessions and Exposition: Saturdays in Lent there will be opportunity for confessions between 11.00am-11.50am where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and 5.30pm-6.00pm.

Parish Partnership Meeting: The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 27th March at 8.00pm in the Presbytery to discuss Roles & Responsibilities. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Lenten Project: This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project. **Please do not return your boxes until after Easter!**

RCIA: The next stage for those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter will take place this weekend, Saturday 23rd March at the 6.30pm mass. Following this, they will also be at the 11.30am mass on the 4th & 5th Sunday's of Lent.

FHC children – Stations of the Cross: the First Holy Communion children will be doing the Stations of the Cross to raise money for CAFOD on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm.

Please do come along and support the children.

Missio red box collection: Could parishioners kindly bring in their red box (Missio) collections to the church office by 31st March.

Repository: We now have a great selection of cards and gifts for **Confirmation** (24th March), **Mothers' Day** (31st March), **Easter** (21st April), **First Communion** (June) and **Baptism**. Also cards for various other occasions. Come and see!

Coffee Morning: Please note there will be no coffee morning this weekend after the 9.30am mass

Church Cleaners: We are in DESPERATE need of people to join the Church cleaning rota. If you think you can spare an hour every four weeks on a Thursday morning, please contact the Parish office.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: New rotas are ready to collect from the sacristy.

Lourdes/Youth Club Quiz Night: Raising funds for Youth Club members going to Lourdes. Saturday 30th 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.

Sponsored Sleepout: A group from the Hornchurch and Upminster Parish Partnership is taking part in the sponsored sleepout at Walsingham House, Abbotswick on Friday 12th April. Would you like to join or sponsor us and be part of raising money and awareness for the homeless charities supported by Caritas Brentwood? For more information contact Stephanie on 07736847187 or stewardupminster@gmail.com and for full details see www.bcys.net/events.

The next **English Martyrs' Healing Service** will take place 6-8pm on Saturday 30th March 2019. Please register your attendance by emailing healingservice@english-martyrs.com.

Traditional Latin Mass on Sunday the 31st March at 3.00pm at the Immaculate Conception, 11, Church Hill, Epping CM16 4RA. The celebrant will be Dr. Michael Cullinan. Come and sing with the Canning Town singers the Traditional Chants of our Beloved Church since 100 A.D! The words and order of Mass in Latin and English are provided for your use.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April 2019. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Havering Singers Spring Concert is on Saturday April 13th @ St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. They are performing Hadyn Harmonie Messe & Mozart Requiem. Tickets are £15.00 on the door or £13.00 if purchased early. Ticket hotline: 01708 341265 or haveringsingers.org.uk. It would be lovely to see you there.

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 & each Sunday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

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

May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership

WEEKEND 30th March / 1st April 2019:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Mary Keen / Sharon Flevin
	Sun	8.00am	Sergio Cantoni / Brian Rodgers
		9.30am	Katie Sutton / Aaron Scamell
		11.30am	Eddie Allen / Nonita Emilianus

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Offerings 17.03.19: Envs: £1,094.60

Church Cleaning: Group 4

Loose: £927.76 Total: £2,022.36

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	23 rd March	11.00am	Confessions and Exposition
		12.00pm	Mr & Mrs Josephine Emerokwan RIP
		5.30-6.00pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	24 th March	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Neil O'Leary RIP
		11.30am	Confermandi
		3.00-4.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
Monday The Annunciation of the Lord	25 th March	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	26 th March	8.30am	Deceased of Doherty Family
Wednesday	27 th March	7.30pm	Boorman Family Thanksgiving
Thursday	28 th March	8.30am	Catherine McCullough RIP
		2.30-5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	29 th March	8.30am	Deceased of the O'Shea Family
		7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	30 th March	11.00am	Confessions and Exposition
		12.00pm	James & Thomas Monaghan RIP
		5.30-6.00pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Ena Cadden RIP / Maureen & Michael Harrington RIP
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 st April	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Colin Moore RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
		3.00-4.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

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

Registered Charity No. 234092 Private circulation only.
The editors accept no responsibility for factual inaccuracies!