

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### First Reading

The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a Kingdom the will endure forever

### Responsorial Psalm

A prayer to praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to his covenant

### Second Reading

Paul praises God for making his revelation known

### Gospel Reading

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus



*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Christmas Offertory Collection:** Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Easter this provides a major part of their income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Masses:** As Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December, falls on a Monday this year, there will be a change to the Sunday masses. Masses will be as follows:

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	6.30pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30am
<b><u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u></b>		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	6.30pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	10.00pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	8.00am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	9.30am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	11.30am

**Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass:** Meet Janet in the Choir loft at 5.15pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December with bells and water.

**St Mary Mother of God:** It is the Feast Day of our Parish Patron Saint, St. Mary, Mother of God on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Mass will be held at 10.00am.

**Youth Club:** Youth Club is now finished for Christmas & will reopen on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Happy Christmas!** Jane wishes all the catechists and parishioners a very happy and holy Christmas. Thank you for all your help over the year.

**Dennis Shean RIP:** Dennis's funeral will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am, then on to Upminster Cemetery. May he Rest in Peace.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday** Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am until 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

**Mass for Vocations:** A Mass for those enquiring or discerning a vocation to the priesthood will be at Our day of Lourdes at Leigh on Sea at 12:00pm on the feast of St. Thomas Becket, the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017. All are welcome to come and pray for vocations and to meet our seminarians.

**New Year's Eve 2017:** Please join us for our New Year's Eve Party at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8.00pm-1.00am. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £15 per family, £5 per adult, £3 per child. For tickets & more information please contact Nicci on 07957 411546

**Parish Office:** Please note that the Parish office is now closed for Christmas and will reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**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!

#### **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.

**WEEKEND 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017:**

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

Pat Martin / Janet James  
Brian Rodgers / Seb Hough  
Michael Olaniyan / Tilly Allen  
Ray John / Donna Coy

**Bidding Prayers:** Gail Pitchley

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 5

**Offerings 17.11.17:** Envs: £1,247.33

**Church Cleaning:** Group 3

Loose: £784.73 Total: £2,032.06

**WEEKEND 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018:**

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

Maureen O'Brien / Kathleen Brooker  
Angela Joseph / Brian Rodgers  
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew  
John Hawes / Matthew Leigh

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 6

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 12.00pm  
6.30pm

NO MASS  
Joe Joyce RIP

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00am  
9.30am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 11.30am

NO MASS  
Mary Harkin RIP  
NO MASS

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Sunday 6.00pm  
**Christmas Vigil** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm  
10.00pm

Carol Service  
Bray Family Int  
Private Intention

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00am  
**Christmas Day** 9.30am  
11.00am  
11.30am

Selby Tweedie RIP / Albert Edgley RIP  
Sister Teresa RIP  
Carol Service  
Fr Patrick / Tom Swan RIP

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am  
St. Stephen

Jimmy Long RIP / Len Rice RIP

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am  
St. John

Jean Horan RIP / Hannah Falvey RIP

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am  
The Holy Innocents

The Harrington Family RIP /

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am  
St. Thomas of Canterbury

**Requiem Mass - Dennis Shean**

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> Andy Coleman RIP / The Franklin Family RIP
Sixth Day of Christmas			
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Nicholas Medlin RIP / Fidel Bernardez RIP All Parishioners Susan Brady Intentions
The Holy Family			
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>10.00am</b>	Winnie Carpenter Int
Mary, Mother of God			
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	<b>9.00am</b>	Alex Barry Milne RIP
Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen			
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	<b>7.30pm</b>	Rose Powell RIP / Jisma Joseph RIP
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	Mary Finan RIP
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	Jean Horan RIP
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Ted McKenzie RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Mervin O'Grady RIP / Joyce Rafferty RIP Ann Keaney Int Sam Farrugia RIP
The Epiphany of the Lord			

**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, Anne Emmery, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, 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, Edna 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.**

*Fr Martin wishes you and your families  
a Happy and Holy Christmas*