

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



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

**Year A**

**24th September 2017**

The words ‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways’, summarise the themes found in this week’s readings.

In Isaiah, the **First Reading** (Isaiah 55: 6–9), the people, exiled in Babylon, are encouraged to trust in God. God has plans for them.

Today’s **Gospel** (Matthew 20: 1–16a) is a parable from Matthew, and may cause us to stop and consider God’s ways. This is not how we would act. It calls us to rethink our understanding of justice and generosity.

**Psalm** 144 (145) is a song of praise to God emphasising especially his greatness, and particularly his attributes of compassion, kindness, abounding love, lack of anger, and his closeness.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading** (Phil. 1: 20–24, 27), is caught in a dilemma. He too has difficulty in understanding God’s ways. He wants to be with Christ, but he also wishes to continue his work on earth. His measure is the Gospel and trusting in God’s will for him – whatever it may be.

As we read, pray and live the readings this week, we may also try and pull ourselves up short on our preconceived notions of God’s actions.

**Opening Prayer:** O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Target £430,000.** There will be a **Second Collection** this weekend for Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please support it as generously as you can. Each year, over 5,000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House Team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat & resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment, and we seek your help. In the words of Bishop Alan "This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese."

**First Holy Communion:** This week we welcome the Rainbow's to their first reconciliation session.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers** please collect your new rota from the sacristy.

**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!

**APF Mission Appeal:** Weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> October given by Fr. Frank Downs MHM

**St Vincent de Paul Society Awareness Month** is September and this weekend members of St Marys SVP group will be handing out their annual report for the parish after mass and will be available to answer any questions if you are interested in joining the group

**Sacristy Volunteers:** Fr Martin is looking for volunteers to assist in the Sacristy to help set up for daily mass. Please do speak to Fr Martin if you think you could help.

**Quiz Night:** The quiz night was a great success! Josie & Pete would like to thank everyone who came to support us. We raised £750 towards our Christmas Dinner for the elderly. Thank you all!

**Havering Catholic Fellowship:** Is there anyone who would like to help at a Special Needs club on a Saturday morning for a few hours during term time at St. Mary's Parish Hall? We would also welcome new members to come along and join us. If you are interested and would like more information on the work that the Havering Catholic Fellowship do (caring for people with special needs and their carers) please contact Maureen on 01708 442392. It is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.** Parents from parishes near to the school (**Upminster, Hornchurch, Gidea Park and Elm Park**) to attend at **6.00 pm** for a short talk by the Headmaster followed by a tour of the school.

**Sacred Heart of Mary Girl's School Open Evening:** For September 2018 Admissions is on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.** Tours of the school begin at **5.30pm** and there will be an address by the Headteacher at 7.30pm. There will only be disabled parking on the school site. Please advise the school in advance.

**RESTRUCTURING OF THE DIOCESE** – a proposed plan for the diocese, to cope with falling numbers of priests, will soon be accessible on the St Mary's website,

<http://www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk>. It outlines a possible solution for the next 18 years. Jack How, Steward of the Gospel for this parish, would like any constructive comments from parishioners. Please e-mail them to him on [john.how@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.how@ntlworld.com). There will be a meeting to discuss any aspects of the process with Steven Webb (Diocesan Director of Development) at English Martyrs on **Friday 13 October at 7.30pm** to which parishioners are very welcome.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal:** There is a Charismatic Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October following the 7.30pm mass (in the Van Meenen Room). Everyone is welcome!

Prayer is based on praise and sharing the Word. For more information please contact Maureen O'Brien on 01708 446371.

**St Mary's parish presents Pamper night** Thursday 12th October from 6.30-10pm entrance £3pp and includes a free welcome drink. Lots of different treatments on offer from nails to massage.

**Parish Hall Caretaker at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay:** The Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Billericay is looking to employ a caretaker for the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre for 8 hours per week at £9 an hour. The role requires flexibility, working daytime, evening and weekends. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact Most Holy Redeemer Parish Office on 01277 624891 for a copy of the job description and person specification or email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk.

**Ilford Catholic Club** are holding a dance in aid of the Catholic Fellowship Society on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 8.30pm-1.00am. Tickets are priced at £5.00 and will be available on the door

**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, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, 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, Mamie Tuite, 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 30<sup>th</sup> September / 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat. 6.30pm	Kathleen Brooker / Maureen O'Brien
	Sun. 8.00am	Susan Squire / Nicola Stacey
	9.30am	
	11.30am	Donna Coy / Ray John

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Coffee Morning Rota:**

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

**Offerings 17.09.17:** Envs: £1160.10    Loose: £835.17    Total: £1995.27

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>6.30pm</b>	Elizabeth & John O'Connor RIP
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>8.00am</b>	Hughie McLoughlin RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Patrick Stapleton RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Mr & Mrs Donovan RIP
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>8.30am</b>	Peg O'Sullivan RIP
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>8.30am</b>	Len Rice RIP/ Jack and Nancy Allan RIP
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>7.30pm</b>	Delly Leahy RIP / Joyce Stamp RIP
<small>St. Vincent de Paul</small>			
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
		<b>11.15 am</b>	Requiem Mass Michael Joyce RIP
		<b>2.30–5.30pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>8.30am</b>	Mr Chipchase RIP
			Olga & Arturo Casali RIP
<small>SS Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</small>			
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>12.00 noon</b>	Alice Louro RIP / Trevor Magson RIP
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Lawrence Elliott RIP / Charlotte Nyarko RIP
<small>St Jerome</small>			
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>8.00am</b>	Vivian Johnson RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishoners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam Farrugia 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.***