

# 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 8.15am-4.00pm



## Palm Sunday

Year B

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Oh Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me.

We have journeyed with Christ through Lent, from the silence of the wilderness, to the dawning realisation that his whole life has been a preparation for the events that will unfold on Good Friday. This Sunday, we see the contrast of Jesus's joyful yet humble procession into Jerusalem. We witness how the same crowd turn against his message of love and compassion and now call for his death. (**Gospel** Mark 15: 1–39)

The **First Reading** from Isaiah (50: 4–7) is a prophecy of the suffering servant. It tells of the willingness with which Jesus enters into his Passion, confident that the Lord will give him strength. The **Psalms** (21) continues to describe the insults and humiliation that Jesus took upon himself in order to set us free from sin. The response draws on the words that Jesus cried out as his earthly life drew to a close.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul (Philippians 2: 6–11) reveals the hidden truth of Christ. Jesus embraced the frailty and mortality of humanity, so that we could be drawn into the circle of the Trinity, and acclaim with the whole of creation that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Let us pray for each other as we enter into this Holy Week, that we will each make time to sit in silence with Jesus. Let us be willing to journey with Jesus through his Passion, death and Resurrection. We may choose to be with him when he is anointed with oil in Bethany, as he eats the Passover meal with his friends, as he prays in earnest in Gethsemane, and during his arrest and betrayal; or we may walk alongside him as he carries the cross, and then stand with him at its foot as he gives up his spirit.

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

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Week:** Please volunteer to assist on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil by putting your names on the list in the porch.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers** are invited to renew their commitment to their ministries in our Parish at the mass of the Last Supper on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.

**9.30am Readers:** Your new rota is now ready to collect from the sacristy.

**Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Divine Mercy Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March: After the 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 9.30am

Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April: 10.45am

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April: After morning Mass

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> April: After evening mass

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: After 12.00 noon Mass

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April: 10.45am

**Betty Long:** Betty's funeral will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00pm. Her body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm. Please keep Betty and her family in your prayers. May she Rest In Peace.

**Simone Mescall:** Simone's funeral will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. Please keep Simone and her family in your prayers. May she Rest In peace.

**RCIA Candidates:** Please keep in your prayers those adults who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and those who will receive other sacraments. There are five for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, four to be confirmed and make First Communion and one who will be confirmed.

**Quiz night** - in the parish hall Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 please and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 01708 747026

**Children in Year Five:** Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

**Lenten Project – StreetInvest:** There are still some money boxes left in the porch if anyone would like to take. Please return your box contributions after Easter. More details to follow but please also see their website [www.streetinvest.org](http://www.streetinvest.org). This is a joint Parish & School Lenten project.

**Congratulations:** To Holly Parsons and James Ramsden who were married here last Saturday

**Thank you:** The family of Pat Mills would like to thank you all for your love and support at this difficult time. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Easter Eggs** from the Real Easter Egg Company are now on sale in the repository shop.

**Happy School Bag Collection:** The Happy School Bag collection is coming around again. It is the same principle as Cash for Clothes but run by the PTA. Donations are to be dropped outside the Van Meenan Room (without blocking the side door to the church) at all masses on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

**Memorial Plaques** Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708 452442. £200 per plaque.

**Concert for Bosco – thank you!** On behalf of the St. John Bosco Children's Camp, Joe and Jacques would like to thank all who contributed to the Concert for Bosco. The final figure raised was an incredible £4225.86. Thank you.

**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.

**Can you help?** We are looking to build a team of parishioners who are willing to work on a flexible rota basis in helping Fr Martin by carrying out some of the essential but unseen tasks that we all take for granted. These range from putting out new candles and clearing away the old used ones, through to preparing vestments generally and ensuring the altar and sacristy is left tidy after Mass. If you are able to give **any** help, please contact Jack How 0774 0778 723 ([john.how@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.how@ntlworld.com)) for more information. Many hands...

**Bishop Alan goes #SiLent!**: For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, look at [www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood](http://www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood). To sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>. To find out more about all our opportunities for young people go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Sacred Heart Alumni:** We wish to warmly invite you to a Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 between 2pm and 5pm. Come back, meet up with some old friends and teaching staff and have a look around the school to spark fond memories! Please save the day in you diary and spread the word to any past pupils you may still be in contact with. Check the school website for details of how to join us and how to buy a ticket.

#### **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, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajj Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, 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.**

## EASTER WEEKEND 31<sup>st</sup> March / 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat.	8.00pm	
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Susan Squire
		9.30am	Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
		11.30am	John Hawes / Matthew Leigh

**Bidding Prayers:** Susan Squire

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 7

**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

**Offerings 18.03.18:** Envs: £1,054.14

Loose: £779.13

Total: £1,833.27

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Exposition & Confession Patrick Farrell RIP All Parishioners / Jus Mullane Int
Sunday <small>Palm Sunday</small>	25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> (Mass begins in the Parish Hall with blessing of the palms)	Sadie Coyne Int / Susan Kelly Int / Petra Bernandez RIP Alan Fisher RIP Paul & George Compton RIP
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Fr Anthony McKentey RIP / Kathleen Barclay RIP
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	The O'Neill Family RIP / Susan Kelly Int
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.30am</b>	Brian Francic RIP / Baby Theodore Bray Int
Maundy Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> followed by <b>Watching 'til Midnight</b> Janet White RIP / Patrick Brennan RIP
Good Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.45am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Walk of Witness (Meet at St Andrew's)</b> <b>Children's Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Holy Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>8.00pm</b>	George & Dorothy Ruddiman RIP / Mabel Willis
Easter Sunday	1 April	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Jisma Joseph RIP / Matthew Ward RIP All Parishioners Sam Farrugian RIP / Susan Brady 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.***