

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## Thirtieth Sunday Year A 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**'Love your neighbour as yourself'**

In today's readings, through the strength that Christ gives us and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate with joy the great commandment of Love.

In the **First Reading**, (Exodus 22:20-26) we see some of the details of the Law of Moses that highlight the nature of God, his relationship with his people, and the way he wants us to live. Israel, as the chosen people, are to demonstrate kindness and concern for others, the same qualities that their compassionate God displays towards them.

With the **Psalmist**, we are invited to give expression to our love of God and to recognise that no single word can convey all that God means to us. He is our source of strength; without him we can do nothing.

This first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1:5c-10) is the earliest preserved Christian document. We hear of the joyful faith of this small Christian community – a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Their approach to faith is attracting attention, and acts as an inspiration to many. (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus tells us that it is impossible to separate love of God, of self, and of other people. Jesus's own life is a demonstration of such all-consuming love in practice. He tells us that these three facets of love and of faith cannot be separated: they sum up the entire biblical story.

This week, I express gratitude to the Lord for the many gifts of his wondrous love in my life. I ask that I may have the sensitivity to love as God loves; forever finding new ways of expressing my love, especially in my dealings with the poor, the lonely and the dispossessed.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

**Mass Times:** Please note our current mass times are as follows:

Day	Time	Group
Sunday	8.00am	Public Mass – <b>please book</b>
Sunday	9.30am	<i>FHC children &amp; families only</i>
Sunday	11.30am	Public Mass – <b>please book</b>
Monday	9.15am	Public Mass – all welcome
Tuesday	9.15am	Public Mass – all welcome
Wednesday	7.30pm	Public Mass – all welcome
Friday	7.00pm	Public Mass – all welcome
Saturday	6.30pm	Public Mass – <b>please book</b>

I am delighted that we are now able to open the Saturday 6.30pm mass to all, from **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. This means we will have a choice of three weekend masses:

**Saturday: 6.30pm**

**Sunday: 8.00am**

**Sunday: 11.30am**

Importantly, if you wish to attend one of these three weekend masses, please contact the Parish office by email or telephone to book a place. For all other masses, please just bring along a piece of paper with your name and telephone number on. We are also requesting that people wear **face masks** where possible.

**Saturday 6.30pm Mass:** We still need volunteers to be stewards at this mass. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health issues. Therefore, if you would like to help please email or call the parish office leaving your name and telephone number and our co-ordinator will contact you. Thank you.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is Holy Souls Day.** Mass will be at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

**FHC 2020 / 2021:** Thank you to all of those who have submitted their applications for their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2021. There will be a prayer session & meeting for **parents** on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm** in the Church. Please could only one parent from each family attend this meeting and no children.

**Finances:** Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation.

Any donations are very gratefully received.

**NHS COVID Track & Trace:** Please note St. Mary's now has a QR code that can be scanned on to the NHS Track & Trace app. If you are able, please scan this code every time you attend the Church / mass. For those who do not have the app, please continue to complete a form in the porch with your name and telephone number on for track and trace purposes.

**November - Month of the Holy Souls:** We will pray for all loved ones who have died during November. There will be a candle lit in front of the altar at every mass to remember those who have died this year and may have not had the opportunity for a full funeral service. Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church in which to place the names of loved ones and they will be placed on the altar during November.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** & private prayer take place each Thursday 11.00am-1.00pm. We do ask that if people are able, they assist with sanitising the Church afterwards.

**Carlo Acutis:** Carlo died at 15 in 2006 and he was beatified last Sunday in Assisi. I recommend you look him up on you tube and the web.

**Sister Clare Crockett:** The inspiring story of Sr. Clare who died in 2016 at the age of 33 can be found on YouTube.

**October – Month of the Rosary:** The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary and we are invited to give time to pray to Our Lady. I recommend that at 8.00pm each evening, either

individually or in the family, that we be united in praying the rosary for our Parish family and for all during this difficult time – praying for a cure to this virus.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are now ready to collect from the back of the Church. If your envelopes are not there, please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

**Please pray for all the children** and their families making their First Holy Communion over the next few weekends.

**Congratulations** to all our young people who are made their confirmation last weekend and to those who will make it this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Mass Intentions:** Please be assured that if your mass intention is not currently being said during a public mass, Father Martin is saying mass for these intentions in private.

**PTA Happy Bag** drop off Sunday 22nd November 10am -12pm in the school playground. Parishioners will have the opportunity to donate bags of unwanted clothes, paired shoes etc. Thank you for your help

**Memorial Mass for young people who have died:** On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November the Youth Mass from the chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, streamed at 8pm via Instagram, will commemorate young people who have died. You will find more details at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). If you would like the name of a young person to be read during the Mass, and a candle lit for them, please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org), before 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Memorial Mass for those commemorated at Abbotswick:** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, at 3pm, there will be a Memorial Mass on the BrentwoodCYS YouTube channel. Those commemorated with plaques and benches at Abbotswick will be named, and a candle lit for each of them. If you are connected to Abbotswick, and are not sure if we already have the name of your loved one, or if someone has passed away recently, please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) before 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Joe De Abreu, Joe Gilligan, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Brian Sticer, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, 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.**

### **Prayers**

God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

*Saint John Henry Newman  
Canonised 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

### **Memorae**

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9.30am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	John Roche RIP Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Terry Thompson RIP All Parishioners Chris Murphy RIP / Vivian Johnson RIP
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP
St. Cedd			
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9.15am</b>	Charles Ferry RIP
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>7.30pm</b>	Richard Webb Int
SS Simon and Jude			
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Intention <b>11.00-1.00</b>	Edna Sullivan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>7.00pm</b>	Patrick & Margaret Farrell RIP
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>10.30am</b> <i>First Holy Communion Only</i> <b>6.30pm</b>	Holy Souls Paddy & Mary Harrington
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Jim Shanahan RIP Holy Souls / All Parishioners Jack Hughes RIP
All Saints			
Holy Day of Obligation			

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