

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, Fri 9.15am-2.30pm



Feast of Our Lord Universal King

Year B

25th November 2018

Mine is not a kingdom if this world.

The last Sunday of the Church's year is celebrated as the Feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King. We celebrate the resurrection victory of Jesus over suffering and death, a moment in historical time that has everlasting meaning, and look forward to the end of time when we will know fully the glory, holiness and peace of God's kingdom.

The readings all bear witness to the glory of Christ Jesus. The **First Reading** (Daniel 7: 13–14) is a prophecy from Daniel that can be seen to foretell the coming of Jesus, when people of all nations and languages will become his faithful servants.

The **Second Reading** (Apocalypse 1: 5–8) describes the love of Jesus for each one of us; a love that makes us not simply servants but fills us with his glory even as we mourn his death. We can trust all that Jesus has done and said; his majesty, power and holiness are unchanged to the end of time (**Psalm 92**).

The **Gospel** (John 18: 33–37) recounts the dialogue between Pilate and Jesus in the hours before the crucifixion. Jesus tells us that his kingdom has values that are not of this world. If we seek the truth, we will listen carefully to his voice and live by his words.

This week, we pray that we may learn to know him more fully in our prayer and follow him more faithfully in our lives.

National Youth Sunday – celebrating our young people: Today we pray for our young people, and hear about the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House. You will receive a leaflet, and there is much more on the website, www.bcys.net. The recent Synod (meeting of Bishops and Cardinals, with Pope Francis) focussed on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment concluded with these words: “The Church and the world urgently need your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor, and those wounded by life your travelling companions. You are the present; be a brighter future.” Today’s second collection supports the work of the BCYS including training young leaders, buying resources, and helping to assist young people in financial hardship to attend events and pilgrimages – please be as generous as you can.

St. Mary’s Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 8th December 1.00pm-4.00pm. **We are in desperate need of donations** of bottles, toiletries, **new** toys & gifts, cakes, sweets, chocolate, crackers and books, and also volunteers to help the evening before and on the day. We also need more people to help on the day! Please contact the school or the Parish Office if you think you can help. Donations should be left in the church porch (bottles to the office) or in the trolley in the school playground. Please come along to join the fun!

Grand Draw Tickets will be on sale after every mass this weekend!

Remembrance Book and Envelopes for the Holy Souls: This will be available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

Confirmation Meeting: The next meeting for the confirmation candidates will take place this Wednesday, 28th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Also a reminder that **all candidates should be signing in every weekend**. Please keep in prayer those confirmation candidates who will be on retreat this weekend at Abbotswick. On Wednesday 5th December, the Confermandi will be attending the Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. The coach will leave St. Mary’s at 7.00pm and will return around 10.00pm.

Help Needed in the Parish:

Musicians needed for some Sunday masses. Please see Fr Martin if you can help.

Composing Bidding Prayers: We need more people willing to learn how to write our Bidding Prayers and to go on the rota. If interested, please call Brian on 07790 321845.

Children’s Choir – 9.30am Mass: Children are invited to join the newly formed children’s choir at the 9.30am mass. Please come and sit at the front of the Church. You will be most welcome.

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

Brentwood Diocesan Directories are now available at the back of the Church, priced £2.75.

Cleaners please collect your new rota from the back of the Church.

Prayer in the Home: The next meeting will take place Tuesday 4th December, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 18 Fairfield Close. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends, neighbours and indeed all are welcome. The evening consists of the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady will be brought to the home to remind us that Our Lady, Mary, is the Mother of the Home.

When buying Christmas Stamps please ask for Religious ones or they will be discontinued if there is not enough demand.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

Catholic Fellowship are in urgent need of drivers to help on Saturdays. Please contact Paul if you think you can help on 01708 222008.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje 2019: Tuesday 28th May-Tuesday 4th June. Our group flight will be booked before Christmas to keep the cost as low as possible. Anyone interested will need to pay a deposit of £45 before the end of November, which will be non-refundable once the flight is booked. Contact Kathy O’Dea for more details on 07932 762608.

The Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted items of clothing and shoes in black bin bags to the Van Meenan Room on **Sunday 25th November** - all masses until 12.30 pm. Collection is Monday 26th at 9.00am. Please be mindful not to block the side access door to the church. All items are weighed and the school receives money in exchange.

St Mary’s Toddler Group: Every Tuesday 2-3.10, £2.50 per session, 1st session FREE. Tea, coffee, biscuits and juice all included in the price. For more details call Jo Challis on 07985496196.

Social, Digital and Print media designer for the BCYS and Caritas: We are recruiting for this new role, which also includes updating and refreshing our websites (familiarity with Wordpress is essential). Part time (12 hours/week), £14/hour. Full details at www.bcys.net/vacancy-media - deadline for applications is 30th November 2018.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November: Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer on **Thursday 29th November at 6.00pm**. The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277373959 if you have any questions; otherwise, simply turn up on the evening.

Sacred Heart Girls’ School’s ‘Very Merry Christmas Party!’ 1st December from 8pm. Tickets £20 including live music and DJ, festive buffet and Champagne raffle. All proceeds to school’s minibus appeal. Contact Mary Redmond on 07926 746401 for tickets!

Campion School’s Quiz Night: 30th November from 7 10pm. Come along with a team of 4-13 people with live music, raffles and mini games to accompany. Entry is £5 per person! Hope to see you there! (Contact rpearl@thecampionschool.org for more information).

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

WEEKEND 1st / 2nd December 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Peter Amey / Pat Martin
	Sun	8.00am	Susan Squire / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Feny William / Keith O'Brien
		11.30am	John Hawes / Matthew Leigh

Bidding Prayers: Gail Pitchley

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Coffee Morning: Team 10

Offerings 18.11.18: Envs: £1,220.14 Loose: £997.20 Total: £2,217.34

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	24 th Nov	12.00pm	Eileen Jonas Int / Holy Souls
Ss Andrew Dung Lac and companions		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	25 th Nov	8.00am	Jim Shanahan RIP / Pat O'Donoghue RIP
Our Lord Jesus Christ The King		9.30am	Olaniyan Thanksgiving / Danny McAuley RIP
		11.30am	Pat Killgallon RIP / Frederik Jervis RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)
Monday	26 th Nov	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Holy Souls
Tuesday	27 th Nov	8.30am	Jack Hughes RIP / Matt Ward RIP / Holy Souls
Wednesday	28 th Nov	7.30pm	Rita Riggs RIP / Ted McKenzie RIP
Thursday	29 th Nov	8.30am	Rev Fr Robert CP / Dan Doody RIP / Holy Souls
		2.30-5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	30 th Nov	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Joe Fanning RIP
St Andrew			
Saturday	1 st Dec	12.00pm	Private Int / Joe Hughes Int / Holy Souls
		6.30pm	Thanksgiving to Our Lady / Sam Farrugia RIP
Sunday	2 nd Dec	8.00am	Jisma Joseph RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
First Sunday of Advent		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP / John Power RIP
		3.00-4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Van Meenen Room)

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

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