

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year C

26th May 2019

My peace I give unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid

As we progress through Eastertide, the readings turn towards the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the **First Reading** (Acts 15: 1–2, 22–29) we see its influence on the discussions to resolve the conflict between the early Christians during the Council of Jerusalem.

The **Second Reading** from the Book of Revelation (Apoc. 21: 10–14, 22–23) describes the heavenly Jerusalem with the Lord and the Lamb in its midst, fulfilling all the hopes of Israel.

The **Psalms** (66) is a song of thanksgiving for the blessings the Lord has given us.

In the **Gospel** (John 14: 23–29), Jesus promises that he, together with the Father, will come to dwell in all those who keep his word, and announces the coming of the Spirit. He bestows on us his gift of peace, bringing us comfort and reassurance.

This week, we might want to pray for all those who do not accept the Word of God, or who do not know it in all its forms in their life. We may also ask that the love we feel for the Lord shows itself in loving deeds in our everyday life.

Promotion of Vocations: There will be a second collection **next weekend** for the Promotion of Vocations.

Parish Mission: Thank you very much for coming out in great number. I know it was a great grace for many in the Parish. Myself and Helena loved being with you this week. If you would like to keep in contact with the Redemptorists, or perhaps make a donation to our Mission Fund, please see our Parish Mission website <http://www.redemptorists.co.uk/parish-missions.html>. Alternatively, you can contact me at Fr Kieran Brady, Erdington Abbey, 32 Sutton Road, Birmingham B23 6QL.

Helena Connolly: Helena, who was with Fr Kieran for our Parish Mission, has a new book called 'Prayerful Ireland'. If you wish to buy a copy please see helenaconnolly.com.

Feast of The Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation: There will be a vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, Mass on Thursday morning will be at 9.00am.

Parish Partnership: Representatives of our three parishes have now met several times and they have looked for ways in which we may work together for the benefit of all our parishioners and enhance our spiritual lives. We are in the process of sending a request to the diocese asking for clarification on certain issues and also to proffer suggestions of our own. As soon as we receive a reply we will share this with you all. The **next meeting** will be on Wednesday 29th May at 8.00pm in the presbytery to discuss Community Events & Communication. All are welcome.

Saturday Midday Mass: please note there will be no midday mass on Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th June due to First Holy Communion.

May Queen Procession with Sunday mass will be on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am. That weekend, masses will be at 6.30pm on Saturday 22nd June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 23rd June. Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated on that Sunday only.

Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June, 8pm in the Parish Hall and everyone is welcome. Parish Groups should please submit their reports to the office by Sunday 16th June.

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our young people who will be making their First Holy Communion in June.

Parish Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 13th July, 1-4pm. If you can help run a stall or help with the set up on the Friday afternoon / evening and / or Saturday morning, please contact the parish office or the school.

Parish Summer Fair Sponsorship: If you would like to aid the fundraising for our community there are sponsorship opportunities to advertise your business via a banner / poster or on a stall at this year's summer fayre. All proceeds go to the Parish and School Community. Please contact Emma Naguib on 07713 851903.

Flowers: During our Lady's month of May we welcome cut flowers – there are vases available so please do not leave flowers in tinfoil. If you ask at the office we can get them in water for you. Unfortunately we cannot accept pot plants.

Forsythia: Can anybody in the Parish help with forsythia from their gardens for the two First Holy Communion masses? Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

Catholic Faith: Interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about your faith? Please see Father Martin or Eileen Jonas or contact the parish office.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Father Martin with a group of parishioners and others will be in Medjugorje from this Tuesday, 28th May for a week. If you have any intentions you would like Fr Martin to take with him, please give them to him directly or leave them at the Parish office.

Catechists: Would you like to be a catechist in our parish or know more about the role of a catechist, then please speak to Fr Martin or Jane Tatam.

James Murphy RIP: James sadly passed away on the 6th May. His requiem mass will be on Tuesday 11th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at South Essex Crematorium.

Happy School Bag Collection: Please bring any unwanted clothes, shoes and soft toys in bin bags on the morning of Sunday 2nd June to be dropped at the Van Meenan Room, from 8.00am until 12.45 pm. Collection will be on Monday morning just after 9am. Please DO NOT block the side access door to the church or leave bags anywhere else other than at the Van Meenan Room.

St Mary's Presents together with the **Pass it on!** group would like to invite the over 65's (and their carers) to a free afternoon tea with entertainment, on Saturday 1st June in the parish hall from 2.00pm-4.00pm. Enjoy a fun afternoon with good food, good company and entertainment! Please book your place with Brenda on 01708 452442 before Monday 27th May. If you can help on the day please do let Brenda know!

Ordination of Gary Dench: Gary will be ordained as a Priest for the Diocese at Corpus Christi in Collier Row on Saturday 22nd June at 11.30am. Please keep Gary in your prayers.

The Ursuline Sisters in Brentwood require a Care Supervisor to manage the day-to-day provision of care for Sisters resident in the Grange. Applicants should have General Nursing qualifications, experience with staff management and a driving licence. Approximately 25 hours per week with some flexibility. Some weekend, evening and on-call work will be required. Salary dependent on candidate. Vacancy begins in June/July. Please telephone 01277 260156 by for application form.

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

May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership

WEEKEND 1st / 2nd June 2019:

Readers:	Sat	6.30pm	Sharon Flevin / Warren James
	Sun	8.00am	Brian Rodgers / Susan Squire
		9.30am	Alan Sabu Mathew / Paul Chappel
		11.30am	Maria Adesegha / Jason Sunshine

Bidding Prayers: Pat How **Church Cleaning:** Group 1 **Coffee Morning:** Team 6
Offerings 19.05.19: Envs: £1,040.65 Loose: £919.93 Total: £1,960.58

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	25 th May	12.00pm 6.30pm	Pauline McGlade RIP / Shelagh Szulc RIP Eileen Heneghan RUP / Maureen & Michael Harrington RIP
Sunday	26 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Thanksgiving Oganwu Family / Pauline McGlade RIP All Parishioners Michael Lee RIP / Willie Cunningham RIP
Monday	27 th May	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Denis O'Connell RIP
Tuesday	28 th May	9.00am	Deceased of Davin Family / Pauline McGlade RIP
Wednesday	29 th May	7.30pm	Annette Chandler RIP / Phylis Spence
Thursday	30 th May	9.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Helen Murphy RIP NO EXPOSITION
Friday	31 st May	9.00am	Norah Gallagher RIP / Veronica Mullane RIP
Saturday	1 st June	12.00pm 6.30pm	J. Durkin RIP / Bernadette Sullivan RIP All Parishioners
Sunday	2 nd June	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jisma Joseph RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Michael O'Brien RIP / Pauline McGlade RIP Sam Farrugia RIP / Mamie Connolly Int

***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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