

# 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



## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year C

27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

“The law of the Lord is perfect.”

As we step further into our New Year, this Sunday’s texts provide us with solid teaching to build up ourselves, our communities, our church, and our society in the light of God’s word, and in the clear direction of Jesus’s mission. And we are urged to do this with joy and conviction.

Ezra the priest, in the **First Reading** (Neh 8: 2–6, 8–10), reads to the people from the Book of the Law. They are newly returned from exile to rebuild the city walls and the Temple. Moved to tears, they are told, ‘Do not be sad; the joy of the Lord is your stronghold’. **Psalm** 18 (19) is a hymn of praise to God’s law. His words give spirit and life.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading** (1 Cor 12: 12–30), tells us that through baptism, we have all become members of one body, with Christ as our head. We are dependent on each other, sharing our gifts and our sorrows.

The **Gospel** (Luke 1: 1–4; 4:14–21) passage begins with St Luke’s opening preface, then moves on to show us Jesus, newly returned from the desert after his baptism. In the synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah – this is Jesus’s own ‘mission statement’.

As we ponder the essential place of God’s word in our texts, may we also pray for a deeper appreciation and reverence for it.

**Parish Council:** The next Parish Council meeting will be this Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**Confirmation Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, beginning with Mass in the Church at 7.30pm.

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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Margaret Cadden:** Margaret's requiem mass will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am.

**John Patrick O'Callaghan:** John's body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm and his requiem mass will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 1.00pm.

**David (Eddy) Evans** peacefully passed away on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Many of you will know Eddy as he spent 15 years at St Marys School in the capacity of caretaker and was in attendance at our parish Summer and Christmas bazaars. David's body will be received into the Church on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 5.00pm and his requiem mass will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 11.15am.

**Mary Moorby:** Mary's requiem mass will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.45am. Please pray for Margaret, John, David, Mary and their families. May they Rest in Peace.

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

**Prayer in the Home:** The next meeting will take place this Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm-8.30pm at 25 Grosvenor Drive. Do come along – all are welcome. 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.

**Youth Club:** Youth Club will restart again this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Quiz Night:** The Youth Club will be holding a quiz night on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall to raise funds for the young people going to Lourdes. More details to follow – all are welcome!

**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.

**Sponsored Sleepout:** This winter, Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

**The Annual Lourdes Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at 3.00pm on Sunday 10 February at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be lovely to see all those of you who have a particular devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

**BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019:** Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) or for any queries, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Assistant Manager:** Start Mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat.	6.30pm	Kathleen Brooker / Maureen O'Brien
	Sun	8.00am	Susan Squire / Angela Joseph
		9.30am	Paul Chappel / Albert Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Donna Coy / Ray John

**Bidding Prayers:** Susan Squire    **Church Cleaning:** Group 4    **Coffee Morning:** Team 5

**Offerings 21.01.19:**    Envs: £973.82    Loose: £1,019.34    Total: £1,993.16

**Pax Christi:** £448.31

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>12.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Mary & Emma Lowe RIP /Kate Merrigan RIP Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP / Marattuklam Cherian RIP
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP/Learco Fermi RIP Mary McCarthy RIP/Bernadette Gilligan RIP All Parishioners Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Leo Naughton RIP
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	Andrew Almeida RIP / Nancy Osborne RIP
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>11.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Requiem Mass:</b> Margaret Cadan RIP <b>Reception of Body:</b> John O'Callaghan RIP NO MASS
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>8.30am</b> <b>1.00pm</b> <b>2.30-5.00pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Miss Donovan RIP / Frank Bettin RIP <b>Requiem Mass:</b> John O'Callaghan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Reception of Body:</b> David Evans RIP
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	NO MASS <b>Requiem Mass:</b> David Evans RIP
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>12.00pm</b>  <b>6.30pm</b>	Mr & Mrs Eynice Oganwu RIP / Ena Caden RIP All Parishioners
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00-4.00pm</b>	Jisma Joseph RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Gregory Gallagher RIP / Gerard Curtin RIP Sam Farrugia RIP / Veronica O'Sullivan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (VMR)

***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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