

# 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



**Trinity Sunday**

**Year B**

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

*Our spirit and God's Spirit are united as we call  
God "Abba, Father"*

The readings of today's feast of the most holy Trinity reveal the great gift being offered to us – communion with God. We are offered a share in the very life of the divine community that is God: Father, Son and Spirit.

In the **First Reading** (Deuteronomy 4: 32–34, 39–40), Moses kindles in the people a realisation that God is so close as to be heard. His voice is one that chooses and calls the people to fullness of life.

The **Psalms** (33) echoes this theme. We are the Lord's own chosen people – this is what fills us with hope.

The **Second Reading** (Romans 8: 14–17) explains how such a gift comes about. Only by the power of the Spirit, as children of God, are we able to cry 'Abba, Father'.

Finally, the **Gospel** (Matthew 28: 16–20) shows what this gift means – we are not to rest easy as heirs of God, but to go out to every nation, sharing the gift by inviting others into the same communion with God.

Let's ask, this week, for a greater sense of being called into the very life of the Trinity so that, filled with grateful joy, we might go out and invite others as well.

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection **this weekend** for the Society of the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

**St. Mary's Summer Fayre** will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00pm-4.00pm. **Grand Draw** tickets will be available after every mass.

**Donations:** Donations we urgently need for the summer fayre are bottles, (alcoholic beverages – wine, beer, spirits and some soft drinks), **NEW** toys, games and books (please not second-hand toys this year), Chocolate and Sweets. Please leave your donations in the church porch or during school time in the donations trolley in the playground. Thank you very much for everything you are able to donate, without such donations so many stalls cannot happen.

**Volunteers:** We also urgently need volunteers to help on the day to run the stalls. If you think you can help, please pick up a flyer from the back of the church or see Fr Martin or enquire at the Parish office.

**May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass** will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. That weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only). There will be refreshments after the mass in the parish hall – please do come along and join us!

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Parish Hall. It is an opportunity for you to comment on how the parish is doing, make suggestions and voice concerns. We also need more parishioners to step forward to join the Parish Council, which is elected at this meeting. It is not difficult, with only 6 meetings a year, but we need fresh viewpoints, so don't be shy! **REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS** – please submit your reports to the parish office by Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

**Edna Sullivan:** Edna's body will be received into the church on Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5.00pm and her funeral will take place on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10.00am, followed by a cremation at Upminster.

**Maureen Harrington:** Maureen's body will be received into the church on Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm and her funeral will take place on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am, followed by a burial at Upminster.

Please pray for Edna & Maureen and their families. May they Rest In Peace.

**Sending Greetings to Fr Ticão:** Fr Ticão, parish priest of our twin parish, São Francisco de Assis, São Paulo, Brazil, celebrates 40yrs of Priesthood on 8<sup>th</sup> July. In 2000, Fr Ticão and 12 parishioners visited St Mary's. Do you remember? We would like to send our congratulations to Fr Ticão. This week, you can write your messages on sheets of paper at the back of the church. These will be put in a display book which Lily will take to the celebration in Brazil.

**ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT OUR CONNECTION WITH BRAZIL IS ABOUT?** Pick up the leaflet in the church porch to find out! Thank you.

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Each first Friday of the month Jesus is exposed on the altar until 7pm.

Each Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm we are invited to spend silent time with him.

Each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm he invites us to 'come'.

This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenan Room. 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.

**Afternoon tea for our senior parishioners:** St Mary's Presents would like to invite you to a free afternoon tea and social on Saturday 2nd June 2pm-5pm in the parish hall. To reserve a space or if you have any queries please call Brenda on 01708 452442. If anyone is able to help at this event from 1pm-5pm, please also contact Brenda.

**Save the Date – Let’s Celebrate!!** Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Stewards of the Gospel: Up-Date on the Process:** Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to us all and it is now available on the diocesan website by clicking anywhere on the Home page.

**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.

**Sacred Heart of Mary Girls’ School, Upminster:** We wish to warmly invite you to a pupils & staff Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7th 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! To purchase a ticket please telephone the school on 01708 222660.

**Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Come this summer on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Monday 23 - Saturday 28 July. For further information, please telephone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. If you are bringing your own parish group at the same time as the diocesan pilgrimage, please inform the pilgrimage's administrator Cathy O'Connor, so that we can plan well: [cathy\\_oconnor83@hotmail.com](mailto:cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com). We would ask for a donation of £10 per pilgrim for which you will receive a diocesan lanyard, liturgy booklet and pilgrimage booklet.

#### **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, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, 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, 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.**

## **WEEKEND 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat.	6.30pm	Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull
	Sun	8.00am	Nicola Stacey / Susan Squire
		9.30am	Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
		11.30am	Matthew Leigh / John Hawes

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers

**Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 6

**Offerings 20.05.18:** Envs: £932.07

**Church Cleaning:** Group 1

Loose: £1,711.84      Total: £2,643.91

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>12.00pm</b>	Joan Carroll RIP / Sarah Bergin & Paul Smith Int
		<b>6.30pm</b>	John McGlade RIP /
Sunday The Most Holy Trinity	27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	All Parishioners / Susan Brady RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Annette Chandler RIP / Maria Luz Alcedo Ramos RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Bridget McDonagh Int
Monday St Matthias	28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.00am</b>	Mr Lama RIP / Kathleen Mollaghan RIP
		<b>12.30pm</b>	Wedding – Dean Stanley & Jennifer Harley
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.00am</b>	Deceased of the Long Family
Wednesday The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7.30pm</b>	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>9.00am</b>	Tony Savory RIP / Sonney Condon RIP
		<b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Reception of Body - Edna Sullivan RIP
Friday St Justin	1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	Requiem Mass: Edna Sullivan
		<b>11.30-7.00pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>12.00pm</b>	John Riordan RIP
		<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners / Jisma Joseph RIP
Sunday The Body & Blood of Christ	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>8.00am</b>	Bill Higgins RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Josie, James & John Manning RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam Farrugia RIP / Alvaro Lopes 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.***

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