

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

29th April 2018

The one who lives in me,
and I in them
will bear much fruit

Today's readings remind us of the amazing intimacy that God offers us. Jesus himself invites us to make our home within him – for if we can allow him to live within our hearts, God will make us truly fruitful.

St John's **Gospel** (John 15: 1–8) shows us this closeness through the wonderful image of the vine and branches. Only when we remain connected to Jesus, the vine, can we bear fruit; cut off from him, we can do nothing at all. As 'branches', we may sometimes need pruning – but that process can help us produce more plentiful fruit.

St John similarly reminds us in the **Second Reading** (1 John 3: 18–24) that God dwells within us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, and we dwell in him. We are urged to be real and active in our loving, for our goal is quite simple: to believe in Jesus and try to love one other as he taught us.

As I ponder the relationship God yearns to have with me, and the fruit he enables me to bear, perhaps I can pray with St Ignatius: *'Lord, I want and I choose whatever better deepens your life within me.'*

Lenten Project – StreetInvest: Please now return your boxes to the Parish Office or the school.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 4th May from 9.00am until 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass will be on Sunday 10th June at 10.30am. That weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 9th June and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 10th June. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only).

Confirmation Meeting: There will be confirmation meeting this Wednesday, 2nd May, starting with mass at 7.30pm in the Church.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you have not done so already, please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the Church.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Please pray for our young people who will be making their First Holy Communion in May and for those will be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

St. Mary's Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th June.

Holy Communion Programme 2018/19: Please collect application forms from the Van Meenen Room on the 5th May after 6.30pm mass or on 6th May after the 9.30am mass. The pack will explain what paperwork is needed and when and how to return it. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jane.

Nicola Bayley: Nicola's funeral will take place on Monday 30th April at 10.00am in the chapel in the Cemetery at Upminster.

Gladys Elphinstone: Gladys' funeral will take place on Monday 30th April at 1.00pm at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster.

Please keep Nicola, Gladys and their families in your prayers. May they Rest In Peace.

Gym – Rodwell House: It appears that the proposed gym for Rodwell House, next door to the Church, has been approved, unfortunately. Thank you to all those who voiced their support in opposition of the gym.

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

Please welcome our Brownies to the 9.30am mass.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet on ***Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm*** in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Happy School Bag Collection: The Happy School Bag collection is coming around again. It is the same principle as Cash for Clothes but run by the PTA. Donations are to be dropped outside the Van Meenan Room (without blocking the side door to the church) at all masses on Sunday 29th April 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

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 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Memorial Plaques Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708 452442. £200 per plaque.

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.

BRASIL: On the 29th April after the 9.30am mass there will be a display in the hall during the coffee morning. It will be information, photos and correspondence from St. Mary's sister parish in Sao Paulo including memories of the special relationship and the visit in 2000. It would be lovely to see you so come and have a chat.

St Joseph's Pentecost Praise and Worship Celebration, Sunday 20th May, 4pm: All are welcome to come and join our parish celebration of Pentecost at St Joseph's Church followed by tea and cake in our Social Centre, around the corner on St Mary's Lane. This is part of THY KINGDOM COME 2018, a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Pledge to pray at: www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter

Walsingham House at Abbotswick –Fundraising & Official Opening: Over £320,000 has been raised, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners' donations. **Thank you.** There is £200,000 left to raise! **Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all.** Contact Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations to make an online donation. We love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick. The date of the "official opening" is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

Deanery Vocations Holy Hour: Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm, St. Edward the Confessor, Romford. All are welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those that are. This event will include a vocations testimony from Fr Graham Smith, the Vocations Director of the Diocese.

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, Sajj 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, Edna 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 5th / 6th May 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Peter Amey / Pat Martin
	Sun	8.00am	Brian Rodgers / Seb Hough
		9.30am	Michael Olaniyan / Amanda Thompson
		11.30am	Maureen Boorman / Maria Adesegeha

Bidding Prayers: Pat How

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 3

Offerings 22.04.18: Envs: £1,130.99

Church Cleaning: Group 1

Loose: £801.46

Total: £1,932.45

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	28 th April	12.00pm 6.30pm	Brid Daly RIP All Parishioners / John McCarthy RIP
Sunday	29 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Padraig & Carmel Garbey RIP Christine Summers RIP Derry Lydon RIP / Jack Hughes RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter			
Monday	30 th April	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	1 st May	8.30am	Molly Horne RIP
Wednesday	2 nd May	7.30pm	Jisma Joseph RIP
St Athanasius			
Thursday	3 rd May	8.30am 2.30-5.30pm	Noel Fosbery RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
SS Philip & James			
Friday	4 th May	8.30am 9.00-7.00pm	Int of the Donovan Family / Norah Lenehan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
The English Martyrs			
Saturday	5 th May	12.00pm 6.30pm	Brid Daly RIP Michael McDonagh RIP
Sunday	6 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners / Donald McDiarmid RIP Christine Summers RIP Sam Farrugia RIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter			

***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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