

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## Feast of Christ the King

Year A

22nd November 2020

**As royal shepherd, Christ is leading us into the Kingdom of his Father**

Today's solemnity of Christ the King ends the Church's liturgical year on a high point. Perhaps, after the year we have had, we need, more than ever, its full title: 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'.

So that God '*may be all in all*' (**Second Reading**), Christ is, indeed, king over the whole universe.

Though we may have felt – and perhaps still feel – '*scattered, during the mist and darkness*' of 2020, God keeps the flock always in view (**First Reading**) and will show us where to rest. We are not abandoned.

Rather, the care of the one, true, kingly shepherd means we really shall want for nothing (**Psalms**).

The call of this Shepherd King is heard in the **Gospel**, inviting us to a share, both *in his service of others*, especially to the very least, and in his *very life*.

This week, let's try to be open to that call and respond with joyful and generous hearts.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

**Live Streaming of Mass:** We will be live streaming mass from St. Mary's at the following times:

**Sunday 10.00am**

**Monday 10.00am**

**Tuesday 10.00am**

You can be united in prayer at mass by making a spiritual communion and take part in the mass through the parish website. Alternatively search for St. Mary Mother of God Church Hornchurch on You Tube.

**November - Month of the Holy Souls:** We will pray for all loved ones who have died during November. There will be a candle lit in front of the altar at every mass to remember those who have died this year and may have not had the opportunity for a full funeral service.

**Finances:** Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

**Reception / Primary School Applications:** For those parents applying for their child at a Catholic Primary School and needing the **Certificate of Catholic Practice**, please email or call the parish leaving your name and telephone number and someone will contact you. **Parents will need their child's Baptismal Certificate and proof of address.**

**Christmas Masses:** IF the Church is open in time for Christmas, there will be a **Parish Reconciliation Service** with General Absolution on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm. Christmas masses will be as follows:

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	5.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	7.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	9.00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	8.00am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	9.30am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	11.30am
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Years Eve	9.00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Years Day	10.00am

Please remember that Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January is our Parish Feast of St. Mary Mother of God.

**At present, we are taking no bookings for Christmas masses. We will let you know when you can book.** More details to follow.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** & private prayer take place each Thursday 11.00am-1.00pm. We do ask that if people are able, they assist with sanitising the Church afterwards. **Please ensure you are wearing a face mask.**

**Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2021:** These are now available to purchase at the price of £4.00 for a ringbound copy or £2.80 for a standard copy. If you would like to purchase one please contact the Parish Office or some will be available at the back of the Church. Please put the money in the 'Newspapers' box.

**Please remember in your prayers** Joe Gilligan and Brian Spicer whose funerals take place this week. Please also pray for Scott Cheesman, Helen Ging & Mary Hatch who died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** For those that are interested in learning more about the **Catholic Faith**, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

**National Youth Sunday:** Today is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially honour and celebrate the place of young people. Last year Pope Francis wrote a letter to young people, *Christus Vivit*, where he said “Young people ... are meant to dream great things ... and to offer the best of themselves to the building of something better.” Covid has had particular effects on the young; since March our Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has offered online opportunities for prayer and service, in wonderful ways, and reaching thousands of people. To discover more – including a series of short videos where young people share their experience of the BCYS – go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, 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.**

### **Prayers**

God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

*Saint John Henry Newman  
Canonised 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

### **Memorae**

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Guardian Angel**

**Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Kenya Beister Int Holy Souls
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	All Parishioners Lucy Folorunsho Oladimeji Olaniyan RIP Holy Souls
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Companions	Glen Froget RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Holy Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <b>11.00-1.00</b>	Dennis Harrington RIP <b>Church open for Private Prayer</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Mr Gardner RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Holy Souls Eliza O'Shea RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> First Sunday of Advent	All Parishioners Holy Souls Mrs Harriss RIP

### **Daily Prayer**

The Bishops of England & Wales have asked us to pray each evening at 6.00pm for an end to this pandemic. Therefore I encourage you to come together as a family or individually so that we can be united in our prayer to the Lord.

### **Prayer for the Holy Souls**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

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