

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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His
grace
is enough

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4th July 2021

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Today's readings provide us with valuable lessons in discipleship and humble faith. The calling of Ezekiel and Paul brings them into challenging situations. But they draw strength and endurance from their relationship with God, as does Jesus himself from the Father.

Ezekiel lived through turbulent times. Despite the opposition he experienced as God's messenger, he was not deterred from sharing God's message with the rebellious Israelites. (**First Reading** Ezekiel 2: 2–5)

As well as facing opposition and challenges from community members, Paul is also experiencing unwelcome personal suffering. However, through his 'thorn in the flesh', the Lord has helped him grow in understanding. He is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ's power. Divine grace works best through vulnerability and humility. (**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 12: 7–10)

Jesus, too, has to cope with opposition and rejection. The people of Nazareth struggle to believe in him because they earlier knew him as one of their local community. They are convinced that he could not be anyone special. This amazes and hurts Jesus. (**Gospel** Mark 6: 1–6)

This week, I may want to pray for divine comfort and solace, as we as a society face life's desolations and trials. I also pray for my sisters and brothers across the world who are living through times of great loss and fear.

Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church

Mass bookings: Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you. Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask.

Thursday: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm this Thursday 8th July. Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. All are welcome to come and join us.

Confirmation 2021 - 2022: Application forms are available in the porch for those young people who would like to be Confirmed in our Parish. You will need to be in Year 11 and above in September 2021. We hope to run a preparation course for those who will be in Year 10 from September in the spring term of 2022. More details on this and application forms will be given out at a later date.

We are looking for volunteers to help us run the Confirmation programme in our Parish this year, either as a Catechist or in some other way. Please contact the Parish office or speak to Father Martin.

Repository / Piety Shop:

Due to current restrictions we are still unable to open the shop, but we can offer a “phone & collect” service. The shop is managed by Pat Edwards, so If you need a particular item just ring Pat – if it’s not in stock she will endeavour to get it for you.

Pat Edwards – 07743180877

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society. RELAY 100: Frances + Brian Rodgers have volunteered to support BCCS by taking part in “RELAY 100” and wondered if anyone else would like to volunteer too! Or perhaps you could encourage our efforts by sponsoring us? RELAY 100 involves 100 walks, cycles or runs visiting every Church and Mass Centre in the Diocese over the summer. 500 miles altogether! BCCS are looking for 100 volunteers to complete the ‘legs’ of the relay and to deliver an important message to all parishes: “We are here for you and for as long as you need us”. Frances + Brian have volunteered to do 4 ‘legs’ in our deanery, starting with St. Edward’s to St. Mary’s. If you would like to take part in, or to find out more about, RELAY 100, please visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> . If you would like to make a small donation, you can do it via the BCCS website (please mention Frances + Brian, St. Mary’s) or through the parish office (addressed RELAY 100). Thank you.

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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers Tony Galcius RIP who has 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, 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.**

Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift. Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good. Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday <i>St Thomas</i>	3 rd July	5.30-6pm 6.30pm	Confession John Dennehy RIP / Terry Inkersole RIP / Pat Mills RIP
Sunday <i>Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	4 th July	8.00am 9.30am 11:30am	Alayne Bone RIP / Pat Mossman RIP All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP / James Driver RIP / Mary Anne Whitney Int
Monday	5 th July	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / The Booth Family RIP
Tuesday	6 th July	9.15am	George Finlayson RIP / Marie & Peter Sheehan RIP / Richard Webb RIP
Wednesday	7 th July	7.30pm	Maureen Cowell RIP / Agnes Szempruch RIP /
Thursday	8 th July	11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	9 th July	9.15am	Maria Adesegha RIP / St. Jude in Thanksgiving
Saturday	10 th July	5.30-6pm 6:30pm	Confession Michael Lee RIP / Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP /
Sunday <i>Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time</i>	11 th July	8.00am 9.30am 11:30am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Staff at Derham House Int All Parishioners Eamon Commins RIP / Eileen O’Kane RIP / Breffni O’Brien RIP