

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

11th July 2021

This week's readings tell of people who receive a mission. It has always been God's plan from the beginning to choose ordinary people like us to help spread the Good News. Jesus asks us to listen, and really come to know him. All we need do is trust him, and we will be blessed with all we need to follow his way.

Amos, a shepherd, has simply listened and responded with courage and faith to God's call. He has spoken up for the poor of Bethel. Today, the royal priest tells Amos to mind his own business and leave. (**First Reading** - Amos 7: 12–15).

Paul's letter to the Ephesians begins with a long prayer of praise and blessing to God. We have always been part of God's plan: 'Before the world was made, God chose us.' Through the gifts of Christ and our faith, we are God's loved and forgiven sons and daughters. (**Second Reading** - Ephesians 1: 3–14)

In the **Gospel** (Mark 6: 7–13), Jesus sends out the apostles in pairs to support one another, teaching others the message of love and repentance they have seen and learnt from him. They are to carry nothing other than their staff, but to trust in God's love and rely on the hospitality of others. If they are not welcomed, they are not to make a scene, but simply 'shake off the dust from under their feet', then move on.

Let's pray this week that we show Jesus's message in our love for those we encounter each day. We ask to be witnesses to the joy of our faith in the way in which we live our lives.

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 15th 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.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for 2 volunteers on a Tuesday morning to help for about an hour in the Parish. Your own transport would be helpful. Please contact the Parish office or speak to Father Martin.

Altar Servers: As a result of the pandemic, we have less active Altar Servers at present. Anyone young or old that would like to help serve at Mass please speak to Father Martin.

Memorial Mass – Fr Tom Jordan, RIP: Marking one year since Fr Tom's death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford, on Thursday 5th August, at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

BCCS RELAY 100: BCCS are looking for 100 volunteers to complete the 'legs' of the relay and to deliver an important message: "We are here for you and for as long as you need us". Frances + Brian have volunteered to do 4 'legs' of the relay in our deanery: *"Last Wednesday, we walked our first 'leg' from St. Mary's to St. Edward's and got there in time for 12.15 Mass. We said a prayer for all involved with BCCS. Thank you for supporting us! Our next walk will be from St. Mary's to St. Alban's, Elm Park."* If you would like to find out more about RELAY 100, or make a small donation to encourage us to walk, please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Relay100> (please mention Frances + Brian, St. Mary's). Otherwise, pop a penny or two in an envelope addressed 'RELAY100' and post it in the presbytery. 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 Leonard Wallington 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, Susan Squires, 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	10 th July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Michael Lee RIP / Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday	11 th July	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Staff at Derham House Int
<i>Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Eamon Commins RIP / Eileen O’Kane RIP / Breffni O’Brien RIP
Monday	12 th July	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Patrick Lenehan RIP / Vivian Johnson RIP
Tuesday	13 th July	9.15am	Mary Lenehan RIP
Wednesday	14 th July	7.30pm	Margaret Newman RIP / Michael Fabb RIP
Thursday	15 th July	11 – 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>St Bonaventure</i>			
Friday	16 th July	9.15am	Maria Adesegha RIP / Sharon & Clare Int
Saturday	17 th July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	John Coughlan RIP / Nell Colgan & Grace Warren RIP / Dan Falvey RIP
Sunday	18 th July	8.00am	Andrew Shanahan RIP / Joe & Kathleen Mahoney Int / Nora Gallagher RIP
<i>Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Joan Carroll RIP / Seamus Carter RIP / Eileen & Tom Swan RIP
		11:30am	All Parishioners

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