

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

*Come ... rest for a while in his presence ...'*

The readings this week offer a welcome invitation to spend more time with our loving Lord who is our shepherd, and in whom we find nourishment, shelter, and peace for our minds and bodies.

In the **First Reading** (Jeremiah 23: 1–6), the prophet Jeremiah introduces the image of the Shepherd-King, who gathers, nourishes, and sets us free from fear.

The **Second Reading** (Ephesians 2: 13–18) reinforces the image of a people being gathered in and restored to a peaceful relationship with and through Christ Jesus. Through this relationship we are all united in the Spirit with the Father.

The **Gospel** (Mark 6: 30–34) scene is a perfect example of the Spirit at work in Jesus. Jesus recognises his followers need to be refreshed and restored in the stillness of his presence, and the need to respond with compassion to those who feel lost and are in need of his guidance.

Perhaps we can recognise this same dynamic in the expression of our own faith, as we ourselves need to make time to be still with the Lord yet are also called to be active participants in his ongoing mission.

Let us pray for each other. May we have the wisdom to spend our time in a sustaining balance of both contemplation and action as we live out our faith, trusting that Jesus the Good Shepherd will be our guide.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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	17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	John Coughlan RIP / Nell Colgan & Grace Warren RIP / Dan Falvey RIP
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Andrew Shanahan RIP / Joe & Kathleen Mahoney Int / Nora Gallagher RIP
<i>Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		<b>9.30am</b>	Joan Carroll RIP / Seamus Carter RIP / Eileen & Tom Swan RIP
		<b>11:30am</b>	All Parishioners
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Helen Murphy RIP / Aidan Donovan RIP / Mrs Doran RIP
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ann Harrington RIP / Victor Adams RIP / Dennis Murphy RIP
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>11 – 1pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>			
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary & Vincent Finan RIP / Roger Burnage RIP
<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>			
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6:30pm</b>	Margaret Newman RIP / John Coughlan RIP
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Thelma McDonagh RIP / Mike Yeo Int
<i>Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time</i>		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11:30am</b>	McSweeney Family RIP / Pat Mossman RIP / Charmalie Lankatilleke RIP

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