

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

**Year C**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

***“Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life”***

On this ‘Sunday of the Word of God’, we are invited to deepen our relationship with the Lord through our devotion and dedication to reading and praying with scripture. In each reading, we hear how the Spirit of the Lord revives, liberates, sustains, unites and gives life.

The law of the Lord is read out by Ezra (First Reading Nehemiah. 8: 2–6, 8–10), and the people are taught to celebrate it. The joy of the Lord is their stronghold. Paul teaches that although the Christian community is very diverse, with different strengths and perspectives, we are all united in the Spirit of the Lord through our baptism (Second Reading 1 Cor 12: 12–30).

Jesus, filled with the spirit of the Lord, reads from the word of God and proclaims that Isaiah’s prophecy is embodied and fulfilled in him (Gospel Luke 1: 1–4; 4: 14–21). Jesus liberates, heals, transforms and brings good news.

As followers of Jesus who are united by the living Spirit of God, this is our calling too. With our lives centred on Scripture, the living word of God, we are not alone as we pray. We belong to a living, transforming community of believers united by our baptism. Let us pray that our lives will be a testament to the liberating, healing teachings that Jesus embodied.

***Year of St. Joseph  
Patron of the Universal Church***

**Face Masks in Church: We require everyone to wear a face covering in Church and to sanitize their hands as they come in.**

**Bishops Pastoral Visit:** Our Bishop, Alan Williams, is making a Pastoral visit to the Parish on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. At the 7pm evening Mass he will be Confirming some young people of our Parish.

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

**White flower appeal:** Next weekend (29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> January) there will be a second collection for the work of the society of the protection of unborn children (SPUC – White flower appeal)

**Rosary Thursday 7.30pm:** The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. All are welcome to come and join us.

**Private Prayer and Adoration:** Every Thursday after the 9.15am Mass until 12 noon.

**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.

**Repository:** We are now open after each Sunday morning Mass. Do come and have a browse through our selection of cards and gifts for all occasions, especially Confirmation and First Holy Communion, as well as Mass cards, sympathy cards, children's books, rosaries, crucifixes, etc.

**February Youth Mass:** Our next Youth Mass will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Brentwood Cathedral, Fr Paschal Uche will be presiding and Fr Michael Barwick will preach. The evening starts at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall, followed by a session run by Beth Warren from the charity Million Minutes. Mass will then be celebrated at 7.30pm. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 and above. For more information please see [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry:** The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to [bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**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.

**Please remember in your prayers** Teresa Woods RIP, Sean Finan RIP, and Clifford Poulley RIP who have 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, Ann Clarke, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Victor Guy, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, John Lostus, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Picton, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Elaine Sullivan, 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.**

**Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer**

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 St. Michael the Archangel**

"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. Amen."

# Mass Intentions:

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>6.30pm</b>	Kathleen Healy RIP / Paddy Mollaghan RIP
Sunday <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>8.00am</b>	Mr. Siciliano Luigi RIP / Edith Chambers RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11:30am</b>	Arthur Butcher RIP / Jack Hughes RIP
Monday <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mary & JJ Corbett RIP
Tuesday <i>The conversion of St Paul</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Terry Bland RIP / Denise & Colin Coelho RIP
Wednesday <i>SS Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>7.30pm</b>	Florrie O’Riordan RIP / Eileen Collier Int
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Rita Kyrou RIP / Corina Bolger Int
		<b>9.45–12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Funeral Teresa Woods RIP
		<b>12.45pm</b>	Funeral Sean Finan RIP
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>6.30pm</b>	Frank Coxon RIP / Patrick Toolis RIP / Andrew Shanahan RIP
Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>8.00am</b>	Delie Brennan Int / Gerard Lawlor RIP / Leo Naughton RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam Farrugia RIP / Buddy Mathews Int / Bernard Lenehan Int

**Hospital: If you are going in to hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.**

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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