

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time  
Year C  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

*Christ the Prophet*

Following Jesus's own use of words from the prophet of Isaiah in last week's Gospel, the readings for this Sunday bring us to consider the rejection faced by God's prophets. But we also receive words we can rely on, words of love and trust.

God's words to Jeremiah, in the First Reading (Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19), confirm him in his calling, and reassure him that despite trials he will never be abandoned.

The Psalmist (71) sings of God's help, justice, strength and dependency. From his youth God has never failed him.

The Second Reading (1 Cor. 12: 31–13: 13) is Paul's beautiful hymn to love in the letter to the Corinthians. Love is the only true way of life which sustains us whatever happens.

In the Gospel (Luke 4: 21–30), the people of Nazareth react to Jesus's challenging words with anger and some even try to kill him. Early on in Luke's Gospel we see Jesus reaching out to outsiders, and in his rejection the cross is already present.

Perhaps this week we may pray for the gift of trust in God's love that conquers all things.

*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:** This weekend there is 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.

**Sponsored Sleepout 2022:** Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of April 8<sup>th</sup> to the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup>, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout; Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout) or by emailing [sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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** John Boylan 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, 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	29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<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
Monday <i>St John Bosco</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / John & Brigid Cody RIP / Helen Bray Int
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Martin Keane RIP / Pat Mossman RIP
Wednesday <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>7.30pm</b>	John Wilkins RIP / Mary Brennan Int
Thursday <i>St Anne Line</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Patricia Pearce RIP / David Ruddiman RIP
		<b>9.45–12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.15am</b>	Mr. Harrington RIP / James & Moyra How RIP
Saturday <i>St Agatha</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.00am</b>	Gretta Loughnane RIP / Teresa Woods RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Christine Kennedy RIP / Ann Marie McNamara RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	John O'Shea RIP / Lynda Hills RIP

**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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