

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**  
**Year C**  
**6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

*“Put out into deep water”*

The readings for this Sunday speak of Christ’s call to us, and the mission given to each of us to follow him and to proclaim the Lord’s message.

The prophet Isaiah describes a vision of the Lord of Hosts (First Reading Isaiah 6: 1–8). Although overwhelmed by his own sinfulness, the prophet experiences the gift of forgiveness and answers the call to be the Lord’s messenger.

In the Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15: 1–11), St Paul tells the Corinthians that however unworthy his previous life has been, he has been given the grace to teach others. What he teaches has been handed down from the apostles and others who knew Jesus and witnessed his resurrection and is the source of our belief.

In the Gospel (Luke 5: 1–11) we read of Jesus’s calling of Simon, James and John. Having fished all night without success, the disciples respond to Jesus’s invitation to ‘put out into deep water’ and are rewarded with an enormous catch of fish. Assuring them they have nothing to fear, Jesus gives them their mission as fishers of people.

This week, we pray that as we hear Christ calling us to our own unique mission, we will have the courage to put aside our fears of unworthiness. We ask the Lord for the grace to place all our faith and trust in him, and for the generosity to play our part in building his kingdom here on earth.

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

**Our Bishop, Alan Williams, is making a Pastoral visit to our Parish this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. He will be visiting the school and at the 7pm evening Mass he will be Confirming some young people of our Parish.**

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

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

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for our First Holy Communion children and their families as they make their reconciliation (confession) this weekend & next.

**Food Bank:** A reminder to please donate non-perishable food in the basket in the porch of the Church and we will take it to Rainham food bank.

**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.

**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 24th 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, Gerolamo Manzoni RIP and Christopher Nye 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, Charles Ginty, 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 <i>St Agatha</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00am	Gretta Loughnane RIP / Teresa Woods RIP
		9.30am	Christine Kennedy RIP / Ann Marie McNamara RIP
		11.30am	John O'Shea RIP / Lynda Hills RIP
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Dr. Kapoor RIP
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Margaret Breen RIP
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00pm	Confirmation Candidates
Thursday <i>St Scholastica</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	George Bertie RIP
		9.45–12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15am	The Hanratty Family RIP
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Paul Carroll RIP / Thomas Carpenter Int
Sunday <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Betty Kennan Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Terry Doherty RIP / Rita Thompson 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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