

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Year C

6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

As we begin this journey through Lent, we trust in the call of the Spirit who beckons us out into the wilderness, to see more clearly, to love more dearly, and to follow, more nearly, the Lord of Life.

The First Reading (Deuteronomy 26: 4–10) shows that faith in the Lord leads to deliverance into life and fullness. It anticipates something of the saving power of Christ which brings fullness of life.

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans (Second Reading - Romans 10: 8–13), reminds us that this salvation is very near, because the Word is alive and active in our hearts and on our lips.

The Psalm (91) speaks of the Lord who is with us in all our distress, and in whom we can trust – while the Gospel (Luke 4: 1–13) sees Jesus himself putting his trust in the Father. Overcoming his testing, he continues to walk in the way of love.

Let's pray, this week, that we stay close to Jesus as we journey with him toward his Passion in Holy Week.

*Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from every kind of evil. Amen.*

*Year of St Joseph  
Patron of the Universal Church*

**Fridays in Lent – Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Mass.**

**Stations of the Cross:** During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7pm followed by Mass.

**Ukraine – Special Collection:** Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Ukraine Crisis. All money raised will be sent to The British Red Cross – Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

**Welcome to Fr Royston Price CSSR:** Fr Royston will be with us this weekend and will speak at all the Masses. Father is a member of the Redemptorist Religious order.

**Lenten Project:** This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project. Collection envelopes are available to collect at the back of the Church.

**Pope Francis says the following regarding the keeping of Lent:**

“Let us ask God to give us –  
The patient perseverance of  
The Farmer and to persevere  
in doing good, one step at a time.  
The soil is prepared by fasting  
Watered by prayer  
Enriched by charity  
Let us not grow tired of doing good,  
For in due time we shall reap our harvest,  
If we do not give up.”

**Childrens Liturgy:** We are looking for volunteers to help with the Children’s Liturgy which will be taking place during 9.30am Mass every Sunday (term time only). We are hoping to start ASAP for children in Year 3. The start date will be confirmed in the next few weeks. If you can help, please contact Jo on 07961037786.

**Confirmation helpers:** We are looking for volunteers to help assist in the running of the Confirmation programme which begins very soon. If you can help please contact the Parish office or see Fr Martin after Mass.

**Youth Club:** Will re-start on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Membership cards will be given out on arrival.

**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. Everyone welcome.

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

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Bishop Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) For further information, please phone Cathy O’Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

**Handel’s Messiah:** Havering Singers are performing Handel’s Messiah on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 pm. Conducted by Jonathan Rathbone with The Meridian Sinfonia. Venue: St Peter’s Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. Tickets cost £15.00. Children under 17 - £6.00. Ticket Hotline: 01708 341265. Online - [www.haveringsingers.org.uk](http://www.haveringsingers.org.uk)

**Eucharistic ministers & readers:** All Eucharistic ministers and readers of the Parish are invited to renew their commitment to their ministry at the Mass of The Last Supper on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.

**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.

**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 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, Victor Guy, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes,  
Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge,  
Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, John Loftus, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Picton,  
Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Elaine Sullivan, Paddy 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 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."

**A Prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace,  
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us  
To love our neighbour as ourselves,  
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine,  
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world,  
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –  
Peace that will transform,  
Peace that will heal,  
Peace that will last,  
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ,  
The Prince of Peace,  
Amen.

# Mass Intentions:

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|--|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Saturday                               | 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>5.30-6pm</b>     | Confession   |
|  |                        | <b>6.30pm</b>       | Roy Grimes RIP /<br>Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren RIP  |
| Sunday<br><i>First Sunday of Lent</i>  | 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>8.00am</b>       | The Cornish Family RIP / Eileen Stone RIP                      |
|  |                        | <b>9.30am</b>       | Wally Ainscough & Family RIP /<br>Mr. Raimondo & Family RIP    |
|  |                        | <b>11:30am</b>      | All Parishioners   |
| Monday                                 | 7 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>9.15am</b>       | Norah Lenehan RIP / Ron Edgson RIP                             |
| Tuesday                                | 8 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>9.15am</b>       | Ray Grant RIP / The Pelay Family RIP                           |
| Wednesday                              | 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>7.30pm</b>       | Dennis Jefferies RIP / Nicholas Chinnon Int                    |
| Thursday                               | 10 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>9.15am</b>       | Roy Congdon RIP / Alfie Butler & Family RIP                    |
|  |                        | <b>9.45–12 noon</b> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                            |
| Friday                                 | 11 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>8.15am</b>       | John Dawson Int / The Lockwood Family RIP                      |
|  |                        | <b>7pm</b>          | Stations of the Cross followed by Mass                         |
|  |                        | <b>7.30pm</b>       | Ollie Gilsenan Int / Mary McSweeney RIP                        |
| Saturday                               | 12 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>5.30-6pm</b>     | Confession   |
|  |                        | <b>6.30pm</b>       | Paul Carroll RIP / Mr & Mrs Dodkins RIP                        |
| Sunday<br><i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> | 13 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>8.00am</b>       | Mary McCarthy RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP /<br>George DeSouza RIP |
|  |                        | <b>9.30am</b>       | All Parishioners   |
|  |                        | <b>11.30am</b>      | Winifred Sullivan RIP / PJ Reilly RIP /<br>Chris Murphy 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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