

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*‘Listen to him ...!’* Lent is a season of seeking out and listening to the Lord. Every year we read an account of the Transfiguration: a transforming spiritual encounter linking

Jesus to the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. Here we see a foretaste of the glory of the Risen Christ: a vision of how our lives are transformed by the presence of Christ within us.

The First Reading (Genesis 15: 5–12,17–18) tells of a meeting between God and Abram. Through Abram’s faith, God makes an eternal covenant with the people of Israel.

In the letter to the Philippians (Second Reading Phil. 3: 17–4:1), we are entreated to be united in our faith. Christ will transfigure us.

In Luke’s Gospel (Luke 9: 28–36) account of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes his close companions with him to pray. Here Jesus is placed firmly in the context of the fulfilment of God’s Covenant to the people of Israel. There are echoes of the past, and glimpses of Jesus’s coming death in the weariness of the disciples praying with him. This short passage has a very clear message for us today: ‘Listen!’.

As we enter into prayer this week, let us remember we are never alone as we pray. Christ is our help and our stronghold. Listen to him.

**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:** This 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.

**Lenten Project:** This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project.

**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.”

**Volunteers needed:** We have an amazing group of volunteers who do so much for the Church already, but they need support and we need new people to come forward to volunteer, to help and to learn from them. For example we need Catechists for our First Holy Communion & Confirmation programmes, church cleaners, choir members for the 11.30am Mass, help with the children’s liturgy and choir at 9.30am Mass on Sunday and help in the repository shop. If you can help, please contact the Parish office or see Fr Martin after Mass.

**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.

**Check it out - Catholic Men’s rosary rally Warsaw:** [youtu.be/iJVIPHm1no](https://youtu.be/iJVIPHm1no)

**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 remember in your prayers** John Kielthy RIP and Roger Kidd 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, Ruth Carroll, 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 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."

### **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:

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Paul Carroll RIP / Mr & Mrs Dodkins RIP
Sunday <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP / George DeSouza RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Winifred Sullivan RIP / PJ Reilly RIP / Chris Murphy RIP
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Jackie Fisher RIP
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Ernie Peppiatt RIP / The Willson Family RIP / Joan Carroll RIP
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	Alan & Jackie Fisher RIP / Sean Finan RIP
Thursday <i>St Patrick</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	The Donovan Family RIP / Dave McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.45–12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.15am</b>	Rev Fr Robert CP RIP / Jim O'Connell RIP
		<b>7pm</b>	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
		<b>7.30pm</b>	The O'Neill Family RIP / The Lenehan Family RIP
Saturday <i>St Joseph, Husband Of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Joyce Rafferty RIP / Pauline McGlade RIP
Sunday <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	William & Gerard Curtin RIP / Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life KSC Romford
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Terry Thompson RIP / Jack Hughes RIP / Kay Conway 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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