

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

***God of compassion and love.***

In the scriptures this week, we read of God's self-revelation and of his relationship with his people. This relationship is one of great love, but also contains an awareness of our fragility. Hence we heard of God's warnings, his continuous forgiveness and patience, and his offers to us to start again.

The First Reading from Exodus (3: 1–8,13–15) recounts the call of Moses and the revelation of God's sacred name.

St Paul, in the Second Reading (1 Cor. 10:1–6,10–12), reminds us that, although we are baptized, we too can fall, as the chosen people did, despite being guided by Moses.

Jesus, in the Gospel (Luke 13: 1–9), calls us to repentance, but reminds us, in the parable of the fig tree, that God is slow to anger and rich in mercy.

We can therefore join with the Psalmist (Psalm 103) in praise and thanksgiving to the God of compassion and love.

Perhaps this week, we can allow our readings to remind us not to be complacent, but to listen to God's word and never forget his blessings.

**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 Second Collection:** Last week's second collection for The British Red Cross – Ukraine Crisis Appeal raised the amazing sum of £2,543.11. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Lent Reconciliation Service:** On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm there will be a Reconciliation Service.

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

**9.30 Mass:** We are looking for some adult volunteers to help supervise the children's choir during Mass. Please see Father Martin

**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.

**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.

**Small Acts of Love make Big Things Happen:** The Easter Eggs from the First Communion children have been delivered to the Rainham Foodbank. The lovely lady, who took them, was delighted, and said, "St. Mary's are very kind!" We also delivered the other donations from St. Mary's Parish. There was a big thank you for them too. The foodbank is short of toiletries at the moment - toilet rolls, shower gel, toothpaste, sanitary products etc.... so if anyone would like to donate some, they would be very grateful. There is a list in the Church Porch. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

**The Hornchurch Passion Play:** On the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm on the green by Queens Theatre, Hornchurch. A recreation of the Passion of our Lord. It will be a wonderful way to prepare for Holy week and to support the wider Christian Community in our local area.

**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.

**Easter Reception:** Please keep in your prayers those who are being prepared to be received into the Church at Easter

**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 <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
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mr & Mrs Trussell RIP
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Mrs Andrews RIP / The Churchlow Family RIP
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ron Edgson RIP / James & Josephine Emerokwam RIP
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Geoff Needham RIP / Margaret & John Harries RIP
		<b>9.45–12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.15am</b>	The Chubb Family RIP / Stephen Taylor RIP
		<b>7pm</b>	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
		<b>7.30pm</b>	The Graham-Page Family RIP / For Peace in Ukraine
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Teresa Woods RIP / Martin Bray Int / Frank Seaman Int
Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	Rita Kyrou RIP / Alyson Foley RIP / Patrick Brennan RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam Farrugia RIP / Eamon Commins RIP / 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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