

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Palm Sunday
Year C
10th April 2022

“Into your hands I commit my spirit”

This Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the Church’s liturgical year. We read two passages from the **Gospels** (Luke 19: 28–40 and Lk 22:14–23:56), relating how the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, accompanied by crowds who acclaim him as Saviour and King, gave way to his betrayal and death, alone and abandoned by all. The other readings help us understand the meaning of these events of the Passion.

The **First Reading** (Isaiah 50: 3–7) is one of the passages about the suffering servant of God from the book of Isaiah. As Christians, we read this as showing how Jesus lived out his patient trust in God. It can help and enable us to bear our trials and difficulties.

St Paul’s text is a hymn to Jesus’s life and death (**Second Reading** Phil. 2: 6–11;). Christ’s humility in becoming a human being was even more profound when he accepted to die a shameful death on a cross. But, as Paul writes, God raised him from death and gave him the highest name of all, so that all beings should bend the knee to Jesus and ‘acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.’

This week we accompany Jesus; we pray for the grace of an awareness of our sinfulness, and for sorrow and true contrition in the face of the sufferings of Jesus. We also continue to pray for peace across the world, especially in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Easter Offertory Collection: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Gift Aid: The Gift Aid envelopes (for use from April 10th, 2022) will be available for collection from the tables in the porch of the Church after weekend Masses for 1 more week. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the Parish office.

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 14th April at 8pm.

Clare McGill RIP: The McGill family will be holding a celebration of Clare's life on Saturday 30th April. The Mass will be at 3.30pm. We would be delighted to see any of Clare's friends who would like to join us. If you wish to get in touch with the family, please call Nicola on 07731945644.

Pass it On!: This is a multigenerational social group, bringing older and younger people together. The group meets monthly in St Mary's Parish hall, Hornchurch on a Saturday 2pm - 4pm. This is free group, open to all and refreshments are provided. If you've never been before, come along and try it, it's a great opportunity for the children to socialise with the older people in our community while taking part in a range of fun activities. Also, if you have an older friend, relative or neighbour that might want to try something different on a Saturday afternoon, then please tell them about the group. The next meeting is Saturday 7th May, but if you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196."

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

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

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: There will be no Rosary this week as Mass is being said at 8pm.

Private Prayer and Adoration: There will be no Adoration this Thursday.

The Hornchurch Passion Play: On the 15th, 16th and 17th 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.

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 For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham: A Parish Pilgrimage to our National Catholic Shrine in Walsingham is being arranged for Friday 13th May 2022. We will be travelling by coach. For anyone that is interested please write your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the Church. More details to follow.

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 Tom Carpenter 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, 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	9 th April	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Terry Inkersole RIP / Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP
Palm Sunday <i>of the Passion of the Lord</i>	10 th April	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / John Dennehy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	<i>(Begins in Parish Hall with blessing of the palms)</i> Bridget O'Connell Int / Jennifer-Anne Cuthill RIP
Monday <i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	11 th April	9.15am	Maureen Crowe RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	12 th April	9.15am	Sonny O'Connell RIP / Tom Downes RIP / Hector Brunton RIP
		5.00pm	Reception of the body Tom Carpenter RIP
Wednesday <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	13 th April	10.00am	Funeral Tom Carpenter RIP
		11.00am	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral
Maundy Thursday	14 th April	8.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper Followed by watching until Midnight Mr. McSweeney RIP / Laurie & Peg Murphy RIP
Good Friday	15 th April	12 noon	Children's Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lords' Passion
Holy Saturday	16 th April	8.00pm	Helen Thomson (nee Taylor) RIP / Edward Walsh RIP
Easter Sunday	17 th April	8.00am	Clive McDonagh RIP / Terry Inkersole RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	William Elliott RIP / Vocation to Priesthood & Religious life – KSC Romford

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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