

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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*Easter Sunday
Year C
21st April 2019*

*This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad*

Having journeyed with Jesus throughout Holy Week, I come with gratitude in my heart to pray the readings given to us for this glorious Easter day.

The **Gospel** (John 20: 1-9) narrates the beautiful story of the first Easter morning and reveals the growth of the disciples' faith in the resurrection.

Peter in the **First Reading** (Acts 10:34,37-43) offers his personal witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He has 'eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'. He now proclaims Jesus as Saviour.

Paul in the **Second Reading** (Colossians 3: 1-4) from his letter to the Colossians stresses this faith because we have died and 'been brought back to true life with Christ'. Our life is now 'hidden with Christ in God'.

Psalm 117 is a triumphant song linking all the readings - 'the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'. This is very much an Easter psalm and we will meet it again next Sunday.

The Collect - O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FR MARTIN WISHES EVERYONE A VERY
HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER.**

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.

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

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 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 or call the Parish office. More details to follow.

Refugee Community Support Group: A volunteer group is being set up here at St John Payne, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com for more information.

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, 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:

Holy Saturday	16 th April	8.00pm	Helen Thomson (nee Taylor) RIP / Edward Walsh RIP / Charlie Ginty RIP
Easter Sunday	17 th April	8.00am	Clive McDonagh RIP / Terry Inkersole RIP / Teresa Woods RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	William Elliott RIP / Vocation to Priesthood & Religious life – KSC Romford
Monday	18 th April	10.00am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mary Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	19 th April	9.15am	Eleanor Hennessy RIP / John Boylan RIP
Wednesday	20 th April		NO MASS
Thursday	21 st April	9.15am	Lisa Wastall RIP / Jim Carroll RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	22 nd April	9.15am	Danny Ferrari RIP / John Irwin RIP
Saturday	23 rd April	6.30pm	Holy Souls / James Kane RIP
Sunday <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	24 th April	8.00am	Sheila & Hector Brunton RIP / Charlie Ginty RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP / Eamon Commins 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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