

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year C
15th May 2022

Love one another just as I have loved you.

As Eastertide continues, we are invited to live as part of God's glorious plan to bring about a new creation. Jesus's new commandment to 'love one another just as I have loved you' is the key to transforming our world. (Gospel John 13: 31–35)

The First Reading (Acts 14: 21–27) continues the story of the mission of Paul and Barnabas. Just as they encouraged the new Christian disciples to persevere in faith, we too can be encouraged to see what can be achieved when we allow God to work within and among us.

The Psalm (145) calls us to sing of God's goodness with the whole of creation, proclaiming God's compassion, love and glory to all.

The vision of the heavenly Jerusalem in the Second Reading (Apocalypse 21: 1–5) promises a new heaven and a new earth – a new creation where God lives among God's people, becoming God-with-us.

This week I might pray to love others more and more as Jesus loves us, so that I can help play my own part in making all things new. I remember those parts of the world where hatred and destruction are evident, asking that love and mercy may prevail. I continue to join with others in praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Retiring Collection: There is a retiring collection to support the promotion of vocations at this weekend's Masses.

Gift Aid: If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the Parish office.

First Holy Communion: Please pray for the children of our Parish as they celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend and next.

Application forms for our 2022-2023 First Holy Communion course will be available to collect from the back of the Church next weekend.

CAFOD boxes: We are now collecting the CAFOD Lenten appeal boxes. Please leave them at the back of the church on the table near the repository after weekend Masses or pop them into the Parish office.

Baptism: Our next Baptism course will take place on 7th & 14th June. If you would like to attend this course, please fill in a Baptism form which is located at the back of the church and hand it in to the Parish office.

Baby and Toddler Group: The Baby and Toddler Group has been running in the Parish Hall for over 30 years and now lockdown is over we would like to open up again. However, without volunteers this will not happen. We need any adult, with or without young children, to help put out the toys and equipment before the group starts and to tidy up and put away after the group finishes. This involves coming at 1.30 every Tuesday during school term and leaving just as the school finishes at 3.10 which fits in very nicely to pick up older children. Also, we need one person to make tea for the adults during the session, preferably with no young children.

Please support this group and let the legacy started by Sister Teresa continue into the future. Give your name and phone number into the Parish office or ring Brenda on 07958 605039.

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 4th June and it is a special Jubilee party!** If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196."

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. All are welcome to come and join us.

Mission Witness: 'Red Box' Thank You and Appeal: The weekend of 28th & 29th May we welcome Fr Paul Boagey MHM to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all the parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at mission.org.uk/about-apf

Recently Baptised children: We welcome Avery Dawson, Eniola Oladimeji, Omoleriayo Johnson, Oliver Akyaw, Olivia Fraser-Joseph, Mia Fraser-Joseph, Olivia Elsayed, Dylan Elsayed and Connor Elsayed who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

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 Yvonne Ingham RIP, Grant Cambridge RIP, Brenda Bailey RIP and Josephine Fahy 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, Ruth Carroll, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Victor Guy, Fr Bob Hamill, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, 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 Matthias</i>	14 th May	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Grant Cambridge RIP / Edward Walsh RIP
Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	15 th May	8.00am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / John Prior RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Bernard Lenehan Int / Helen Ging RIP
Monday	16 th May	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mary Finch Int
Tuesday	17 th May	9.15am	Mr & Mrs Hutson & Family RIP / Peter & Sarah Finch Int
Wednesday	18 th May	7.30pm	Mark Louis RIP / Gerry Kealy RIP / David Blair & Family RIP
Thursday	19 th May	11.00am	Funeral Josephine Fahy RIP
Friday	20 th May	8.15am	Mr. Carroll RIP / Yvonne Ingham RIP / Anna Gawlik Int
Saturday	21 st May	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Angela Barrett RIP / Stephen Newman RIP
Sunday <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	22 nd May	8.00am	Nelson DeSouza RIP / Denis Omeara RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins / Len Rice 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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