

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year C
29th May 2022**

You indeed are the Lord

As the richness of Eastertide begins to draw to a close, I come to pray this Sunday's readings, glad perhaps to find time to pause, pray and reflect in this time between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Stephen in the First Reading (Acts 7:55-60) already sees his Ascended Lord 'standing at the right hand of God'.

And with Psalm 96 we too rejoice that the Lord is risen, glorious. All creation is united in acknowledging his reign of justice and right.

The Second Reading (Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17) also proclaims the risen Jesus as Lord—the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He promises that he will come again soon.

The Gospel, (John 17:20-26) from Jesus' discourse at the last Supper, draws us back to the passion. On the eve of his suffering Jesus prays for all his disciples: may their unity witness to him so that the world may believe. They will also see Jesus' glory given by the Father.

We continue to join with others in praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Mission Witness: 'Red Box' Thank You and Appeal: This weekend, 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 – Mission – 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

First Holy Communion: Application forms for our 2022-2023 First Holy Communion course are available to collect from the back of the Church.

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: Our baby and toddler group will be restarting on Tuesday 7th June in the Parish Hall from 2-3pm. First session is free (£2 per family thereafter). The baby and toddler group will run every Tuesday (term-time only). We look forward to seeing you all.

Exploring your Faith: This is a new group where we meet monthly to talk about anything related to the Catholic faith. The next meeting is Tuesday 31st May, in the Van Meenan room 8.00pm-9.30pm. All are very welcome, if you are interested contact Liz Hill 07801708017 or Karen Gannon 07876 75302.

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.

Queens Jubilee Picnic: Please join us to celebrate the Queens Jubilee on Friday 10th June 3.30 - 7pm on the Parish Field, we will have tombola's, games, plus food and drink to purchase.

Musical talent needed: If you can play the guitar / piano / keyboard and are willing to help, please speak to Fr Martin.

Fuel Bank Foundation: Helping families in the energy crisis. We are mindful of those in the parish community who, as large fuel bills hit, will be choosing between heating, and eating. We have been given information about the Fuel Bank Foundation who give families help, advice and breathing space to try to alleviate fuel poverty – if you are in fuel crisis then look at www.fuelbankfoundation.org

Rainham Foodbank Donations: Families continue to need all the basics, all the staple foods – tinned items, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, long life milk, cereals etc., plus toiletries, large size nappies (sizes 5 to 7) toilet rolls, sanitary products. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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.

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

Please remember in your prayers Yvonne Ingham RIP and Grant Cambridge 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 Gamba, 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, Bridget O'Sullivan, Mary Picton, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Reg Smith, 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	28 th May	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Michael Lee RIP / Gerolamo Manzoni RIP
Sunday <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	29 th May	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Julia Graham RIP / Kathleen Mollaghan RIP
		11:30am	Patrick Cahill RIP / Bruce Waskett RIP
Monday	30 th May	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Jimmy Sainsbury RIP / Edna Sullivan RIP / Special Intention
Tuesday <i>The Visitation of the Lord</i>	31 st May	2.00pm	Funeral Grant Cambridge
Wednesday <i>St Justin</i>	1 st June	7.30pm	Mr & Mrs Peter Sheehan RIP / Mavis & Cyril Browne RIP / Michael Hebron RIP
Thursday	2 nd June	9.15am	Mr & Mrs Smeaton RIP / Special Intention
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Charles Lwanga & Comps</i>	3 rd June	9.15am	Rev Fr Patrick Okoye RIP / Sheila Kennedy RIP / Reg Smith Int
Saturday	4 th June	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Rita Kyrou RIP / Lily & Anthony Dass RIP / Michael Hughes & children RIP
Sunday <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	5 th June	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Zackary Staples RIP / Jisma Joseph RIP
		11.30am	Bernard Lenehan Int / Iain McCrossan 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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