

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

*The Spirit of God has made his home in you.*

Today marks the climax of the great Fifty Days of Eastertide. Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and with it, the birth of the Church, the Body of Christ here on earth.

Jesus promises his disciples at the Last Supper that both he and the Father will love those who love them and their ways: together they will make their home with us. Jesus also promises his followers the Holy Spirit, the ‘Advocate’, who will teach them everything and will be their comforter forever. (**Gospel** - John 14:15– 16.23–26)

The **First Reading** from Acts (Acts 2: 1–11) describes how the Spirit fills the timid disciples with courage and also removes barriers between peoples. The success of the apostles as they preach in different languages reflects Christ’s universal mission.

In the **Second Reading** (Romans 8: 8–17), Paul presents his understanding of the dynamic role of the Spirit of Christ. We now live in a new era, inhabited and dominated by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This week, let us celebrate and ask to feel a sense of Spirit-filled awareness and joy, as we pray that we may work with the Trinity and each other in the service of the Church. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

### Jubilee Prayer

*Gracious God, we give you thanks  
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,  
and for the example of loving and faithful service  
which she has shown among us.*

*Help us to follow her example of dedication  
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



**Confirmation:** Please keep in your prayers our young people of the Parish who will be Confirmed next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the 6.30pm Mass.

**Jane Tatam:** Jane will be stepping down as the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator after 12 years of wonderful, dedicated service to St. Mary's. We thank Jane for all the fantastic work she has done and pray the Lord will pour down many graces and blessings and his gift of peace on her now and in the future. Thank you and God bless you, Jane.

**First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass:** The Going Forth Mass for all of the children that made their First Holy Communion this year is next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at the 9.30am Mass.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July. 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.

**Exploring your Faith:** This is a new group where we meet monthly to talk about anything related to the Catholic faith. All are very welcome, if you are interested contact Liz Hill 07801708017 or Karen Gannon 07876 75302.

**Baby and Toddler Group:** Our baby and toddler group will be restarting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> July.** 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.

**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.

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

**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 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, 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, Bridget O'Sullivan, 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	4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Michael Lee RIP / Gerolamo Manzoni RIP / Lily & Anthony Dass RIP
Sunday <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8.00am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>9.30am</b>	Zackary Staples RIP / Jisma Joseph RIP
		<b>11:30am</b>	Bernard Lenehan Int / Iain McCrossan RIP
Monday <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Mr & Mrs Wright RIP / Grant Cambridge RIP
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>7.30pm</b>	John Scott RIP / Yvonne Ingham RIP
Thursday <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Maureen Sullivan RIP / Yvonne Ingham RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Suzanne & George Emery RIP / Rev Fr Kieran Dodd Int (60 Years ordained) / Rev Fr John McKeon Int (60 Years ordained)
		<b>1.00pm</b>	Funeral Yvonne Ingham RIP
Saturday <i>St Barnabas</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Len & Pat Mills RIP / Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Denis Omeara RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass</b> All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam Farrugia RIP / Mary Barrell 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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