

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 26th June 2022

This Sunday's readings focus on the commitment needed to respond to the Lord's call, a reminder that true faith comes from the heart. The Gospel (Luke 9: 51–62) tells of the wholehearted commitment required by Jesus of his followers – not coercion, as suggested by James and John. Jesus makes the three who come forward aware of what following him really means: it is not to be imagined as a part-time or 'easy' option. Jesus does not want his disciples to hesitate.

In the First Reading (1 Kings 19: 16, 19–21), Elisha responds quickly to being 'anointed' by Elijah. He shows his desire to serve the Lord by leaving his livelihood and home, empty-handedly following Elijah.

In the Second Reading (Galatians 5: 1, 13–18), St Paul emphasizes the importance of freedom. However, he warns us that this is not an excuse for self-indulgence. The Spirit will guide us so that we love our neighbours as ourselves. Living in freedom encourages us to take total responsibility for our own lives, rather than blame others for any personal difficulties.

If, like the Psalmist, we trust and follow the Lord's path of life, it will lead us to eternal joy. Let's pray this week for the grace of freedom in being able to accept unconditionally God's will for us. We also continue to pray for peace, especially for the people of Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul: Wednesday 29th June is the Feast Day of St Peter & St Paul and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be said at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

Healing Service Friday 1st July: There will be a service of healing on Friday 1st July beginning at 6pm with adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession, followed by Mass at 7pm with prayers and healing and anointing with Holy oils.

Youth Club: Looking ahead to the new academic year, there will be a REGISTRATION EVENING in the Parish Hall on Friday 1st July '22 for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2022, those in Year 6. One parent or carer can come anytime between 7:30 - 9:00 pm & be prepared to register the same evening ! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, you MUST bring along £3 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in current years 7,8,9 & above who wish to re-join *still need to be registered by a parent/carers, also on Friday 1st July '22, the same evening.* Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

St. Mary's Baby and Toddler Group has reopened!: Every Tuesday (term time only) 2pm to 3:10 in the Parish/School hall (ring buzzer on school gate for entry) First session free, then £2 each session. All welcome. Meet new friends and playmates. Age 0-4

Maria Adesgha RIP Mass: There will be a Mass said for Maria Adesgha on Sunday 10th July at 11.30am, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All who knew Maria are welcome.

Recently Baptised children: We welcome Noah Guzman, Aaliyah Nanton, Harry Lowe, Brea Schumann, Richard Adio, Elvis Adio & Arthur Goldspink who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

First Holy Communion: Application forms for our 2022-2023 First Holy Communion course are available to collect from the back of the Church. All application forms need to be handed in by 17th July.

Baptism: Our next Baptism course will take place on 5th & 12th 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.

St Mary's Parish Presents: Are looking for donations of raffle prizes for upcoming events in the parish. Items such as bottles of drink, gift sets, chocolates, all items must be new and in date. Please either bring to the church office or to mass with you.

BCCS Relay 100, 2022 – 2nd + 3rd Legs - Brian and Frances Rodgers are walking Relay 100 for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society supporting children's mental health in Essex and East London. "Last Wednesday, another hot and sunny day, we walked from St. Mary's to St. Edward's, Romford and then on to Christ, the Eternal High Priest church, Gidea Park (about 3 miles). Both churches were open and it was lovely to spend a few peaceful minutes in each of them. If you feel you can sponsor us or participate, please do so online via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100> (mentioning St. Mary's Parish) or via the Parish Office in an envelope addressed "BCCS Relay 100". Two more legs to go! We will keep you posted about our progress! Thank you for the £108 raised, so far."

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.

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.

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

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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 Maria Bain 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, Christine Harris, 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 <i>The Immaculate Heart Of Mary</i>	25 th June	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Pauline McGlade RIP / James Keating RIP
Sunday <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	26 th June	8.00am	Tony McDonagh RIP / Yvonne Ingham RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Bernard Lenehan Int / James Josie John Manning RIP
Monday	27 th June	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Barbara Jordan RIP
Tuesday <i>St Irenaeus</i>	28 th June	9.15am	Hugh O'Reilly & Family RIP / Eamon McNally RIP
Wednesday <i>St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation</i>	29 th June	9.15am	Joan & Paddy Dowding RIP / Grant Cambridge RIP
		7.30pm	Mary Hampshire RIP
Thursday	30 th June	9.15am	Yvonne Ingham RIP / Dora & Tom Duffy & Family RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	1 st July	8.15am	Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP / Rita Kyrrou RIP
		6pm	Healing Service & Confession - Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass at 7pm with anointing of the sick
Saturday	2 nd July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Richard Cullen Int
Sunday <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	3 rd July	8.00am	Grant Cambridge RIP / Betty Kennan Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Michael Hughes RIP

Hospital: If you are going into 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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