

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Today's readings celebrate the nearness of the Lord to us. Created through God and for God, we are drawn ever closer by peace and reconciliation. Not only that. We are also called to become like the Lord in our service to all.

The **First Reading** (Deuteronomy 30: 10–14) commands us to love and gives us the means to do it. The law, or word, is not beyond our reach but is as close to us as our very hearts. And the help and compassion of the Lord for the poor and needy can be seen by our service. It is through this that, hearts will revive (Psalm 69).

The **Second Reading** (Colossians 1: 15–20) makes clear that all is possible by Christ and his cross. He holds everything in being from the beginning and, even now, is drawing us together in deeper unity.

Finally, the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Gospel** Luke 10: 25–37) gives us a concrete example of what this service, this command to love, this deeper unity without bias or prejudice, looks like.

Let's pray, this week, that we might have renewed confidence, trust, and hope in the Lord, so that God's desires for all people might be seen by our loving response. We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer from conflict and violent attack.

**Columban Mission Appeal:** On the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July, Fr Tom Ryan will be joining us for an appeal on behalf of the Columban Mission Appeal. The Society of St Columban is an international Catholic missionary organisation founded in Ireland in 1916 and the Columban Fathers, Religious Sisters and lay missionaries work in several countries in the far east including the Philippines, China, Japan, Korea and Pakistan and also in Peru and Chile. I know you will make Fr Tom feel very welcome and I ask you to be as generous as you can with the retiring collection which is for the good work of the Columban Missionaries.

**Priests on the move!:** Bishop Alan has made the following appointments in our Diocese which come into effect in September: Fr Matthew Bemand-Qureshi to Upminster, Fr Martin Hardy to Chelmsford, Fr Liam Hayes to Stansted, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie to Holy Family Dagenham, Fr Stephen Myers to Holy Family Grays, Fr Damien Wade Newly Ordained to Chelmsford, Fr Tibor Borovsky to Waltham Abbey, Fr David Pearce to Newbury Park, Fr Celestine Onwuekwe to Great Bardfield, Fr Oliver Tham to Chelmsford & Fr Jigo George to Chingford.

Please keep our priests in your prayers as they take up their new assignments.

**Maria Adesegha RIP Mass:** There will be a Mass said for Maria Adesegha this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All who knew Maria are welcome.

**Recently Baptised children:** We welcome Zachary Avis, Rosie Tyler, Harry Beasant, Georgina Beasant, William Beasant & Olivia White 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 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Baptism:** Our next Baptism course will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September. 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 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

**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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Leg!** Just a short, damp walk this week – one mile from St. Joseph's to English Martyrs. We, and the gardens, enjoyed the rain! If you feel you can support the work of bccs by sponsoring our walks, 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 very much for the £185 you have kindly donated, so far. Frances and Brian.

**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 07876753029.

**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.

**Rainham Foodbank:** Thank you St. Mary's for your donations. They have listed some urgently needed items. If you feel you can donate, please put your item in the basket the porch. Urgent items include long-life milk, jam, tinned fruit and tinned meat as well as non-food items like toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, personal care items, nappies and toilet rolls. Thank you for your 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 pray for the sick in our Parish** at home and in hospital, especially:

Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Betty Gemba, Victor Guy, Christine Harris, Fr Bob Hamill, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Bridget O'Sullivan, Mary Picton, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Anne 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:

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| Saturday                                 | 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | <b>5.30-6pm</b>     | Confession  |
|  |                       | <b>6.30pm</b>       | All Parishioners  |
| Sunday                                   | 10 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>8.00am</b>       | Mary McCarthy RIP / Grant Cambridge RIP                                   |
| <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i> |                       | <b>9.30am</b>       | Michael Lee RIP / Richard Cullen Int                                      |
|  |                       | <b>11:30am</b>      | Paddy Lenehan RIP / Maria Adesegha RIP / Sue Chinyanga RIP                |
| Monday                                   | 11 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>9.15am</b>       | Norah Lenehan RIP / Breffni O'Brien RIP                                   |
| <i>St Benedict</i>                       |                       |                     |   |
| Tuesday                                  | 12 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>9.15am</b>       | Vivian Johnson RIP /<br>Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP                          |
| Wednesday                                | 13 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>7.30pm</b>       | Phillip Sopher RIP / Yvonne Ingham RIP                                    |
| Thursday                                 | 14 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>9.15am</b>       | Mr & Mrs Fitch RIP /<br>Joan & Paddy Dowding RIP                          |
|  |                       | <b>9.45-12 noon</b> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                                       |
| Friday                                   | 15 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>8.15am</b>       | Nellie & Patsy Clarke RIP /<br>Rev Fr Leslie Knight Int (50 yrs Ordained) |
| <i>St Bonaventure</i>                    |                       |                     |   |
| Saturday                                 | 16 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>5.30-6pm</b>     | Confession  |
|  |                       | <b>6.30pm</b>       | Dinkie Burke Int (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)<br>Yvonne Ingham RIP         |
| Sunday                                   | 17 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>8.00am</b>       | Dennis Omeara RIP / Glenys Rogers RIP /<br>Helen Ging RIP                 |
| <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i> |                       | <b>9.30am</b>       | All Parishioners  |
|  |                       | <b>11.30am</b>      | Veronica O'Sullivan RIP /<br>Michael Wigley & Veronica Int                |

**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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