

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
17th July 2022

This Sunday's readings lead us to ponder the gift of hospitality; the giving and receiving we experience. May we learn to welcome our Lord who wishes to dwell with us.

In the **First Reading** (Genesis 18: 1–10), Abraham gives us the example of Bedouin hospitality. In welcoming three strangers, he welcomes his Lord and receives the good news that Sarah will conceive a son. In the Psalm it is we who are invited to come into the Lord's presence. And what are our dispositions?

In the **Second Reading** from Colossians (Col 1: 24-28), Paul speaks of sharing in the sufferings of Christ. It is our choice to receive this message – that of Christ among us, the hope of our glory.

In the **Gospel** (Luke 10:38-42), the story of Martha and Mary, we learn of the importance of presence to the other, of stillness, of attentive listening, and of hospitality. May we be aware this week of our attitude to others. Do we welcome them, do we listen ...?

We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

Columban Mission Appeal: Next weekend 23rd & 24th 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.

Parish Car Park: The Parish car park in front of the school will be out of use during the month of August, as it is being resurfaced. Thank you for your understanding.

Good luck to Year 6 children in St Mary's: We wish all of the children in Year 6 who are leaving St Mary's and going to their new school's in September good luck and hope you will be very happy and take lots of great memories of your time at St Mary's with you. You are all very much in our thoughts and prayers. You are valuable members of our Parish community.

Recently Baptised children: We welcome Zachary Avis, Rosie Tyler, Harry Beasant, Georgina Beasant, William Beasant, Olivia White, Olivia Berridge & Eneibibi Membere 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 this weekend.**

Baptism: Our next Baptism course will take place on 6th & 13th 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.

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 a 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. **The next meeting is Saturday 10th September.** If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196."

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.

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:

Saturday	16 th July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Dinkie Burke Int (90 th Birthday) Yvonne Ingham RIP
Sunday <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	17 th July	8.00am	Dennis Omeara RIP / Glenys Rogers RIP / Helen Ging RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Veronica O'Sullivan RIP / Michael Wigley & Veronica Whitworth Int / Peter Finn RIP
Monday	18 th July	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Annie McDermott-Roe RIP
Tuesday	19 th July	9.15am	Rev Sister Bernadette Hallinan RIP / Nina Martin Int
Wednesday	20 th July	7.30pm	Ann Harrington RIP / Terry Belcher RIP
Thursday	21 st July	9.15am	Grant Cambridge RIP / James Shanahan RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	22 nd July	9.15am	Martina Nallon RIP / Georgina Clarke RIP
Saturday <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	23 rd July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Rose & Steve Mersh Int (40 th Wedding anniversary) / Brian Donaghue RIP
Sunday <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	24 th July	8.00am	Thelma McDonagh RIP / Gerard Smyth RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Eamon McNally 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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