

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm – Wednesday closed

**The Parish office is closed until 11<sup>th</sup> August.**



**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

*Ask and it will be given to you.*

The readings for this Sunday remind us again of the boundless love God offers to those who believe. Our faith in God will be rewarded more than we can imagine, if we but ask in prayer.

God's mercy for the sinful people of Sodom and Gomorrah is revealed in the First Reading (Genesis 18: 20–32). Abraham pleads with the Lord not to destroy them, even though few good people remain there. Abraham's persistence and belief in God are an example for us of the power of prayer.

In the Second Reading (Colossians 2: 12–14), Paul reminds the community in the city of Colossae – and ourselves – that Christ's sacrifice on the cross has brought everlasting life and forgiveness for all our sins.

As Jesus teaches the disciples in the Gospel (Luke 11: 1–13) how to pray to the Father, he also encourages us to believe that we can ask God for anything, and that our faith will be rewarded simply because of the immensity of God's love.

In the week ahead, we might renew our efforts to take every opportunity to show our faith and trust by placing the needs of those who are suffering before the God who loves us all.

We particularly remember those who are suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

**Columban Mission Appeal:** This weekend 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.

**First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 from September 2022:** We are aware that many of you are concerned that following Covid closures, the First Holy Communion Program is running a year later than we would normally run it in the Parish. We are anxious to remedy this and resume a program of catechesis for the children that will be in Year 3 from September 2022. Application forms for the Year 3 First Holy Communion course are available to collect from the back of the Church.

Please note this will be separate from the Year 4 course.

**All application forms need to be handed in by 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

**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 schools 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.

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**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.

**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.

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

**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. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the Van Meenan room. 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 remember in your prayers** Cathy Lennon RIP & Mary Corcoran RIP who have died recently.

-The requiem Mass for Mary Corcoran RIP is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.

-The requiem Mass for Cathy Lennon RIP is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am.

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 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, 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	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinkie Burke Int (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) / Yvonne Ingham RIP
Sunday <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Dennis Omeara RIP / Glenys Rogers RIP / Helen Ging RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11:30am</b>	Veronica O'Sullivan RIP / Michael Wigley & Veronica Int
Monday <i>St James</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Annie McDermott-Roe RIP
Tuesday <i>SS Joachim &amp; Anne Parents of the BVM</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Rev Sister Bernadette Hallinan RIP / Nina Martin Int
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ann Harrington RIP / Terry Belcher RIP
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Grant Cambridge RIP / James Shanahan RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>SS Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Martina Nallon RIP / Georgina Clarke RIP
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Rose & Steve Mersh Int (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary) / Brian Donaghue RIP
Sunday <i>Eighteenth Sunday in</i>	31 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Thelma McDonagh RIP / Gerard Smyth RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	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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