

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The scripture readings this week highlight the importance of gratitude. It is shown to be that perfect response to the Lord's constant goodness to us. Whatever cleansing we are seeking or hardships we are bearing (First Reading 2 Kings 5: 14–17), the Lord has been, is, and will work for our good. He will do this on our behalf through his right hand and holy arm (Psalm 98).

And however, wavering our own stance to God might be, God is always faithful to us (Second Reading 2 Timothy 2: 8–13).

For St Ignatius, ingratitude was 'the most abominable of all sins' and in the Gospel (Luke 17: 11–19) we see it is the 'foreigner' – a Samaritan – who turns back to give thanks for his healing. Jesus appreciates this and encourages him in his faith, something the other nine miss.

This coming week, I might quietly reflect upon the ways my gratitude can be seen to be simply an echo of grace – my response to what God has already given. We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – World Food Crisis Appeal:** Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. Donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD or you can donate at [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

**YEAR 5 MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:** Father Martin will be handing out Mass attendance cards to children in Year 5. Please see him after Mass.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS:** If your child and your family are known to Fr Martin and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly, please come and see him along with your child during the dates and times below where he will issue a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Please bring with you the child's Baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate, Mass attendance form and proof of address.

**Fr Martin will be available on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7.30-8.30pm, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 8-9pm.** The dates for Primary School forms will follow in due course.

**YEAR 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:** The first parents meeting for the year 3 First Holy Communion course will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the church. It is important that all parents attend this meeting.

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:** The Feast of All Saints on 1<sup>st</sup> November is a Holy Day of Obligation and there are 2 Masses here in the church at 9.15am and 7.30pm. November is the month of the Holy Souls – it begins with the commemoration of all of the faithful departed on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November with mass at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

**ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS:** The Envelopes for the Holy Souls will be available at the back of the Church from next weekend for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

**VISIT OF RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES:** The relics will be at Brentwood Cathedral from 11am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon. Those wishing to attend should register through the tour website in order to manage numbers safely, the website to do this is <https://stbernadette.org.uk>

**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 5<sup>th</sup> November.** If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196

**TODDLER GROUP:** Toddler Group in the Parish Hall is from 2pm – 3.10pm term time only. We are urgently looking for helpers to help put out and put away toys at the start and end of each weekly session, if you could help please contact Jo on 07961037786

**BAPTISM COURSE:** Our next Baptism course will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November – parents need to attend both sessions. 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.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN:** We welcome Emmie-Grace Thomas, Ethan Curtis & Jacob Wyke-Joseph who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

**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 FOOD BANK:** All donations are welcome and gratefully received. Thank you.

**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** Joan McGurk RIP, Susanna O'Donnell RIP, Irene Rogers RIP and James McGuirk RIP who have all died recently.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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, Pauline Joyce Bertha Samuels, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Bridget O'Sullivan, 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 <i>St Osyth</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Tom Millar RIP / Trevor Magson RIP / George & Joaquina DeSouza RIP
		<b>11:30am</b>	Francis Bransdon RIP / Chris Murphy RIP / Helen Ging RIP
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>11.30am</b>	FUNERAL Susanna O'Donnell RIP
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Mr McGloine RIP / John Gormily RIP / Roy Swaby Int
Wednesday <i>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.30pm</b>	Jacky Keane RIP / Mick Delahuntry RIP
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	The Miranda Family Int / Thanksgiving Mass to St Rita / Mick Harrington RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Reception of body – Joan McGurk RIP
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.00am</b>	FUNERAL Joan McGurk RIP
Saturday <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Olga Bilyk RIP
Sunday <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Frieda Sach RIP / Andy Int / Jackie Challis RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Sandro Pelay 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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