

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Honesty and humility seem to go hand in hand, and our readings this week show how essential these attitudes are to our prayer.

In our First Reading (Eccles. 35: 12–14, 16–19) we learn that God listens with special care to the humble. In his justice, he is no respecter of ‘personages’: those of undue importance or elevated status.

St Paul, in his letter to Timothy, faces the court alone (Second Reading 2 Tim. 4: 6–8, 16–18). But he knows the Lord is at his side, and it is the Lord who gives him power to proclaim the message. Paul is full of thanksgiving for God’s continuous care.

Our Gospel (Luke 18: 9–14) is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee is full of self-righteousness, but the humble tax collector, who acknowledges his sinfulness, goes home ‘at rights with God’.

This week, may we be confident – as we come to prayer in all our sinfulness – knowing that the Lord, in his mercy, will always hear us. We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER: World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! **There will also be a second collection at all Masses this weekend.**

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office will be open on Monday and Friday this coming week.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: St. Mary's Primary School will be holding their open evening on Thursday 10th November 5.30-7pm for reception intake 2023.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: The Feast of All Saints on 1st 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 2nd November with mass at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November. The book of remembrance is at the back of the Church for Parishioners to write the names of their deceased loved ones. The book will be placed on the altar during Masses throughout November.

REPOSITORY SHOP: We are looking for volunteers to help run the shop after weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish office or speak to Fr Martin if you can help. We also have lots of new bits such as Advent calendars & candles, Christmas cards, Christmas tree ornaments, children's Nativity sets and lots more – come and see!

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. **The next meeting is Saturday 5th November.** Please contact Joanne on 07985 496196 for all enquiries.

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 25th October at 8pm** in the Van Meenan room. All are very welcome, if you are interested contact Liz Hill 07801708017 or Karen Gannon 07876753029.

HAPPY BAG COLLECTION: There will be a happy bag collection for all of your preloved clothing items on **Sunday 30th October** in the front playground of St Mary's school between 8am-11.30am. Bags can also be dropped any time before then in to the green bin which is located at the far end gates of the playground.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL MUSICAL FIREWORKS: On **Sunday 6th November** St Mary's school will be holding a musical fireworks night. Doors open at 5pm, food and drink will be on sale, low noise fireworks start at 6pm followed by the musical fireworks at 6.30pm. Single ticket £6 and family tickets are £20. Tickets are on sale in the school playground or you can call Emma on 07713851903.

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.

CALAIS LIGHT: is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais. Age 18+. Nov 18-20 and Dec 9-11 Experienced Continental drivers are extra welcome. A promised weekend of fun and fulfilment is guaranteed. Volunteer & really help refugees. Full details and bookings at www.calaislight.com. Please donate at www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light

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 Maudy May Hollanders RIP and Marie Grant RIP who have 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	22 nd October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	23 rd October	8.00am	Rita Kyrou RIP / Kathy & Michael O'Dea Int Jackie Challis RIP
<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Clarence & Stella Miranda RIP / Maria Judge RIP
		11:30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Michael Tully RIP / Steven Hopkins RIP
Monday	24 th October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mrs Healy Int
Tuesday	25 th October	9.15am	Mrs Julia Higgins Int / Margaret Wilks Int
Wednesday	26 th October	7.30pm	Martha Sheridan RIP / Kathy & Michael O'Dea Int
<i>St Cedd</i>			
Thursday	27 th October	9.15am	Roy Swaby Int / In honour of St Anthony of Padua for favours received
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	28 th October	9.15am	Thanksgiving – special intentions / Michael Finen RIP
<i>SS Simon & Jude</i>			
Saturday	29 th October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Thanksgiving – Miranda family / Collette Dawson RIP
Sunday	30 th October	8.00am	All Parishioners
<i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Michael Kearns Int / Donna Greatorex Int
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP / Shea McGuirk RIP / Christine Patel 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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