

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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30th October 2022

The readings this Sunday are full of encouragement. Our compassionate God loves us so much that he looks beyond our sins to see the people we can become. However unworthy we may seem, God seeks us out and calls us to him.

The First Reading (Wisdom 11: 22 – 12:2) celebrates God's compassion and mercy for the whole of creation. Everything belongs to him in love, and his desire to spare us helps us make amends for our misdeeds.

In the Second Reading (2 Thess. 1: 11–2: 2), the Thessalonians are encouraged to focus on their call in the here and now, rather than becoming distracted by rumours about the Second Coming. The author's constant prayer is that the name of Jesus might be glorified in them.

The familiar Gospel (Luke 19: 1–10) rejoices in salvation of the lost. Jesus actively seeks out the unpopular tax collector Zacchaeus, branded a sinner by others. Zacchaeus responds with joy to Jesus's urgent call, eagerly seeking to make amends for his former life.

This week, I pray to become ever more aware of God's compassionate gaze on me, a loved sinner, and to hear and respond to his call with a joyful heart.

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.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: 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 and proof of address. **Fr Martin will be available on Saturday 12th November 7.30-8.30pm, Monday 14th November 3.30-5pm and Wednesday 16th November 8-9pm.**

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.** If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196

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.

FOODBANK T CHALLENGE: Please donate food items beginning with T: Tuna, Tea, Tins (of meat, fruit or veg), Tomato and pasTa sauces and also Toilet rolls, Toiletries and anything else you wish to! Rainham Foodbank say Thank you.

BCCS CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Christmas Craft and Gift Fair is being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 6th November from 10.30am - 4pm. Come along and browse 40 local stalls with many unique items to offer and pick up an early Christmas present. Entrance is £1.50 and under 14's and enter for free.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023: Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023! Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

BCYS YOUTH MASS WITH DAVID WELLS: On Thursday 3rd November there will be pizza and refreshments at 6pm in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall, the BCYS are delighted to be joined by David Wells whose funny, witty and inspiring words have reached people all over the world. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

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, James Goldfinch, 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	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
Monday	31 st October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Frieda Sach RIP / Rev Sister Agnes Eucharia RIP
Tuesday	1 st November	9.15am	Helen Blackmore RIP / Mary Picton RIP / Richard Meckiff Int
<i>All Saints Holy Day of Obligation</i>		7.30pm	Holy Souls / Joan McGurk RIP / Christie Onyeacholam RIP
Wednesday	2 nd November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Kathy & Michael O’Dea Int
<i>All Souls</i>		7.30pm	All Holy Souls
Thursday	3 rd November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Susan O’Donnell RIP / Maudy May Hollanders RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	4 th November	9.15am	Nuala & Norman Salmon RIP / Fr Richard Rowe RIP
<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>			
Saturday	5 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Holy Souls / The Bray Family Int / Geanie Cleary RIP
Sunday	6 th November	8.00am	All Parishioners
<i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Holy Souls / Betty Barker RIP / Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		11.30am	Stephen Goggin RIP / Patrick Gilligan RIP Jack Hughes & Helen Ging 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