

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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6th November 2022

As we move towards the end of the liturgical year, the readings invite us to think about endings: not in a fearful way, but with an invitation to hope and trust in the God of resurrection and life.

The **First Reading** (2 Macc. 7: 1–2, 9–14) tells of a valiant mother who, strong in her hope of the resurrection, encourages her faith-filled sons to suffer martyrdom rather than prove unfaithful to God.

Jesus, answering the sly question posed by the Sadducees (**Gospel** Luke 20: 27–38), demonstrates that they have not even begun to understand the transformation of life that will take place after the resurrection. Heaven is about union with the God who is Lord of life and the living.

Paul prays that our Lord and Father may strengthen the young Christian community of Thessalonica with the grace of strength, comfort and hope (**Second Reading** 2 Thess. 2:16–3:5). He also warns them to be alert to ‘the interference of bigoted and evil people’, who would prevent the Lord’s message of love spreading quickly throughout the world.

This week, we pray for all innocent people in our own times who suffer imprisonment, torture and death. We also pray that Christ Jesus’s message of love and compassion for the whole of life may spread quickly throughout the world.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: In July Fr Tom Ryan made an appeal for the Columban Missionaries. We raised an amazing £1000. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.**

FR KEIRAN DODD RIP: The Requiem Mass for Fr Keiran Dodd, a Priest in our Diocese, will be celebrated at SS Peter & Paul, Ilford at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday 10 November. His body will be received into the church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 9 November.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!: We are looking to build a vibrant and diverse group of catechists that truly represent our Parish family to help our teenage Confirmation candidates grow in their faith, could this be for you? If so, please contact Jo Luxton on 07961037786

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 3rd December.** If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196

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

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 Fr Keiran Dodd RIP, Marie Grant RIP and Barbara Gomes 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	5 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Holy Souls / The Bray Family Int / Geanie Cleary RIP
Sunday <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	6 th November	8.00am	All Parishioners
		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
Monday	7 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	8 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Paddy Shanahan RIP
Wednesday <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9 th November	7.30pm	Holy Souls / Brian Spicer RIP
Thursday <i>St Leo the Great</i>	10 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Scott Cheesman RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	11 th November	8.15am	Holy Souls / Anastasia Mace RIP
Saturday <i>St Josaphat</i>	12 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Thomas Fay RIP / Brian Spicer RIP
Sunday <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	13 th November	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Clive McDonagh RIP / Kathleen McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners / All who have died in World Wars
		11.30am	Holy Souls / Members of KSC Romford 224 / Kathy & Michael O'Dea 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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