

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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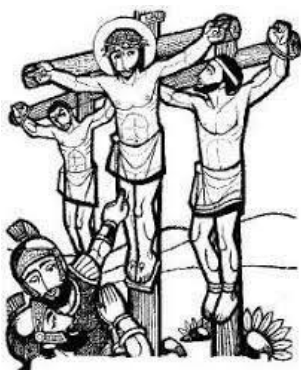
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This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As we prepare to crown a new King for the United Kingdom, we pray to learn what being ‘King’ means for Jesus. We may be surprised!

The **First Reading** (2 Samuel 5: 1–3) describes the anointing of David as King of Israel. His people describe him as ‘one of us’, a person who has led and shepherded them.

The **Gospel** (Luke 23: 35–43) describes the reactions of people to the crucifixion of Jesus. We witness the humility of the thief who recognises his poverty and wrongdoing, and quietly asks Jesus to remember him.

St Paul speaks of the grace and joy that has come to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Christ, we gain our freedom through the forgiveness of our sin (**Second Reading** Colossians 1: 2–20).

Today I pray to know from the depths of my heart that I am a loved and forgiven sinner, welcomed by God into the light of his glory and joy.

We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: This weekend there will be a second collection for National Youth Sunday.

CONFIRMATION 2023: Application forms for our 2023 Confirmation programme are now available at the back of the church. There will be a meeting for all young people of our Parish, in Year 10 or above, along with their parents/guardians who wish to enroll on the course on **Wednesday 7th December at 8pm** in the Parish Hall. A list of what you need to bring with you to this meeting is in the application pack.

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

GIFT AID: As a Parish we have raised an amazing total of **£16,387.50** through gift aid in the 2021/2022 financial year. Thank you to all of you who donate through gift aid. Gift Aid is a tremendous way for any taxpayer (including pensioners who pay tax) to support the parish. It is really simple: you complete just one form (located at the back of the church), and after that 25% of whatever you give is added to your donation. It is like free money, from your taxes, directly to the parish. So, you give £1, and the tax office give 25p, and so your donation is £1.25.

No extra cost to you – but a massive extra benefit to the parish.

If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, there are forms available at the back of the church or you can contact the Parish office.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place every Friday morning, 9am-10am. We could really do with a couple more people to help with this. If you think you could help, please speak to Fr Martin or the Parish office.

TODDLER GROUP NEEDS YOU: We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with the set-up of our wonderful toddler group. St Mary's toddler group has been running for over 30 years and it's a wonderful way to meet new parents and for your child to make wonderful friends who they may continue to go in to school with.

Are you available on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30-3.10?

Would you like to help our community grow?

Are you a new parent looking to make new friends?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please get in touch.

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.

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.

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.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Laura Spicer RIP who has died recently. Please keep her family 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.

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 Josaphat</i>	19 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King / National Youth Sunday</i>	20 th November	8.00am	Rita Kyrou RIP / Bridget McLean RIP / Andy Int
		9.30am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Anthony Gummett RIP
		11:30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Thomas O'Connell RIP / Shay McGuirk RIP
Monday <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	21 st November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday <i>St Cecilia</i>	22 nd November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Josie & Jim McCardle RIP
Wednesday	23 rd November	7.30pm	Holy Souls / Nicholas Chinnon Int
Thursday <i>St Andrew Dung- Lac</i>	24 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls / Mary McCarthy RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	25 th November	8.15am	Holy Souls / Stanley & Annie Crowe RIP
Saturday	26 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Tom Millar RIP / Kevin Rogers RIP
Sunday <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	27 th November	8.00am	Kathy & Michael O'Dea Int / Peter & Sarah Finch Int
		9.30am	Holy Souls / All Parishioners
		11.30am	Fredrick Jervis RIP / Eamon Commins 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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