

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm – Wednesday closed.



**Easter Sunday**  
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**9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

*This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad*



May the wonder and Glory of our  
Risen Lord fill our hearts with  
Hope & Joy this Easter Day.

Fr Martin wishes you and your loved ones the Peace & Blessings  
of the Risen Christ this Easter.

**EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU!:** Fr Martin would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare the church for Easter. You have all done a fantastic job!

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** If anyone would like to be an altar server, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish office.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Sunday 23rd April the Confirmation children are hosting a coffee morning after the 9.30am mass to raise funds for their chosen charity, Cancer research. We would like to invite everyone in the parish to come along but especially their prayer partners who have been praying for the Confirmation children throughout their journey.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA – GOOD FRIDAY – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

The Divine Mercy Novena will be said each day from Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Divine Mercy Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April after morning Mass. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION:** We have beautiful gifts and cards on display: pop into the Repository and have a look! But if you don't see what you want you can browse through our catalogue, and we can order it for you!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes](http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes) Of course, you may wish to make your own travel/hotel arrangements for Lourdes, while still participating fully in the Diocesan pilgrimage. Just inform me if this is your plan. What matters most is this opportunity to make this pilgrimage as a diocese with our Bishop.

**BISHOP CHRISTOPHER BUDD RIP:** Born in Romford & a parishioner of St. Joseph's parish, Upminster, Bishop Budd was educated at St. Mary's primary school, Hornchurch. He later became a priest of our Diocese. He became Bishop of Plymouth in 1986 and retired in 2013. His cousin, Father Basil Peason is a priest of our Diocese. Please keep Bishop Christopher Budd RIP and his family in your prayers.

**CHURCH EVENTS:** For more information on any of the events listed below please contact the Parish office.

**Children's Liturgy:** Sundays in term time for children in Years 1 & 2 at the 9.30am Mass.

**Baptism course:** Our next course will be on 1st & 9th of May.

**Exploring Your Faith:** Tuesday 25th April 8-9.30pm in The Van Meenen Room. All welcome.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** Mondays at 7.30pm in The Van Meenan Room. See Fr Martin.

**Rosary:** After all weekday masses and on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in Church. All welcome.

**Confession:** Saturday evenings at 5.30-6pm in the Church.

**Pass it on!:** Saturday 6th May in the Parish Hall from 2-4pm. All welcome.

**Parent & toddler group:** Tuesdays during term time in the Parish Hall 2 – 3pm.

**Coffee morning:** After 9.30am mass during term time in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**Youth Club:** Friday evenings 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. (Members only).

**Children's choir:** During 9.30am mass – meet in the choir loft. All children welcome.

**Adult choir:** Please come and join us during 11.30am mass. All welcome.

**Catholic fellowship:** Saturdays 9-1pm in the Parish Hall. (Members only).

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in The Van Meenen Room.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Thursday 9.45am -12 noon in church.

**Foodbank:** Donation box is located in the porch of the church. All donations go to Rainham foodbank.

**Church cleaning:** Every Friday morning at 9am during term time. Helpers needed.

**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:** Gift Aid is a tremendous way for any taxpayer (including pensioners who pay tax) to support the parish. It is 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Ollie Gilsean RIP who has died recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially:

Ashley Baptist, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, Mary Devlin, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, 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 ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard 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.

**Divine Mercy 3pm prayer**

You expired, O Jesus,  
but the source of life gushed forth for souls  
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.  
O Fount of Life,  
unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelop the whole world  
and empty Yourself out upon us.  
O Blood and Water,  
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us,  
I trust in You.  
Amen.



God our Father, by raising your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

# MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Holy Saturday</b> <i>Easter Vigil</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Nicky Bayley RIP / Helen Thomson RIP
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Rev Bro Benignus McKechnie CP RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Bina McCarthy RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP Helen Ging & brother Chris RIP
<b>Monday</b> <i>Within the Octave of Easter</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>10.00am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Bridget O'Connell RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Within the Octave of Easter</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Maureen Crow RIP / Sonny O'Connell RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Within the Octave of Easter</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	John Dennehy RIP / Ann Liddell RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Within the Octave of Easter</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Anne Humphrays RIP / Joe Curtin Int
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> <i>Within the Octave of Easter</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Rita Thompson RIP / Richard Delahunty RIP
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Within the Octave of Easter</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	William Elliott RIP / Josephine Mojirola Babaoye Int (thanksgiving)
<b>Sunday</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>9.30am</b>	Joe Geary RIP / Michael Olaniyan Int (thanksgiving)
		<b>11.30am</b>	Patrick Hanbury RIP / KSC Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life

***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. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890***

***The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses.***

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