

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter** **Year A** **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

The readings for this week are full of reminders of what Jesus's resurrection has brought for us. Joy, Glory, Praise, Hope and Faith are all woven through each reading, inviting us to share again in the Eastertide celebration.

In the First Reading (Acts 2: 14, 22–33), Peter reminds the crowd that, in spite of the terrible injustice done to Jesus, God has shown victory over death and raised Jesus to glory. With this comes the power of the Holy Spirit, now outpoured for us all.

In the Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17–21) we hear Peter again, speaking of how Jesus gave his life as a 'ransom' for our sins. Because of this, all who believe can have faith and hope in God.

We join two of Jesus's disciples in the Gospel (Luke 24: 13–35) on their journey to Emmaus, blind to the identity of the risen Lord as he walks with them. When Jesus reveals himself to them in the breaking of bread, they finally recognise him, just as he disappears from their sight. Unlike the disciples, we have never seen Jesus himself – but because of the faith we have been given, we can see and recognise him in the people and situations around us.

This week, let's pray for the wisdom and courage to respond wherever we see Jesus in the needs of others.

**COFFEE MORNING:** This 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.

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

**PARISH CHOIR:** Please come and join us at 11.30am mass, all are welcome.

**FLOWERS:** We are looking for some more volunteers to help with flower arranging for the church. Full training is given. Everyone welcome. Please contact Angela on 07974417007.

**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!

**RAINHAM FOODBANK:** – Please donate one item – a tin of meat, vegetables or fruit to the foodbank for Easter. Either put it in the box in the Church porch or any Supermarket. Thank you for your help.

**PASS IT ON!:** The next meeting is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The session will be a special Coronation party in honour of the Kings Coronation. 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. If you have any specific queries or require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, at 12pm. Banner bearers are invited to gather at St Bonaventure's Secondary School at 11:15am for refreshments and preparations ready for the banner procession at 12pm.

The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB with Bishop Alan Williams, sm as celebrant and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses.

**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)

**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!:** First Saturday of every month (closed in August) in the parish hall from 2-4pm. Free to all.

**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.

**Repository:** Beautiful gifts and cards available. Open after all weekend Masses.

**FINANCES:** 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 Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

**STANDING ORDERS:** It is becoming increasingly hard to bank cash. If at all possible, please support the work, running and mission of the parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking or by picking up a standing order form from the back of the church.

If you are part of the parish Gift Aid scheme, please quote your Gift Aid box number as a reference when making the payment.

The parish account details are listed at the top of this page. If you have any queries, please contact the parish office.

**CASHLESS DONATIONS:** You can also donate by scanning a QR code below on your phone. Open the camera on your smart phone, hold the camera over the QR code and click on the link that appears.



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

**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 Gilsenan RIP and Vince Janicki RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families 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.

**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.

# MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Bridie Maher RIP / Ann Maher RIP / Sheryl Gowan RIP
Sunday <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	8.00am	All Parishioners / Martin McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	James Kane RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP / Bridget Gilsenan Int
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP / Bing McCarthy RIP
Monday <i>St George's Day</i>	24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Bill Hillary RIP / Ken, Sheila, John & Terry Coy RIP / Andrew McEvoy Int
Tuesday <i>Saint Mark</i>	25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	All Parishioners / Joan Pincott RIP
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Grant Cambridge RIP / John Gregory Tucker RIP
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Margit Bahn RIP / David Jones RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15am	Ann Brady RIP / Kevin Chamber Int
Saturday <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Bridget McDonagh RIP / Dinkie Burke RIP
Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	30 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP / Kay Conway RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP / Patricia Saterlay 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. 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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