

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Easter tide is nearly at an end. There is a sense that an important event is about to happen. As the readings this week seek to reassure us, we will not be left without comforting support.

In the First Reading (Acts 8: 5–8.14–17), we see how active the Apostles are in spreading the Good News. They are welcomed even in Samaria and the people receive the Holy Spirit.

But all was not plain sailing for these new communities. They often encountered persecution (Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 15–18). Peter tries to encourage them, reminding them of the sufferings of the innocent Jesus. They are to answer their accusers with courtesy and respect.

In the Gospel (John 14: 15–21), Jesus reassures his friends. He will not leave them without support, as ‘orphans’, but will ask his Father to send them help after he has left. The Spirit of truth will be with them.

In my prayer this week, I may want to reflect on Jesus’s promises and draw strength from them, so that I can speak to others about my beliefs with greater confidence. I continue to ask Father, Son and Spirit to inspire all peoples to work for peace.



**Prayer & Healing service at St Mary Mother of God,  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm-9pm.**



**CONFIRMATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:** Please note, next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm Mass there will be 45 young people being Confirmed during the mass. Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11.30am, 15 children will be making their First Holy Communion during the 11.30am Mass which means these masses will be busier than normal.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please pray for the children of our Parish as they celebrate their First Holy Communion.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please keep in your prayers our young people of the Parish who will be Confirmed next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the 6.30pm Mass.

**PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE:** St Mary's is hosting a service of prayer & healing on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 7-9pm. It will be led by a renowned Catholic lay Evangelist, Dr. D. Jayanand, from Bangalore, India. The evening includes praying, scripture teaching & a healing service. All are welcome.

**ST MARYS PARISH SCHOOL 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm, there will be a party to celebrate St Marys school turning 90!. Food, drink, music, inflatables and entertainment will all be available on the day. Everyone is welcome.

**Weather permitting, 6.30pm Mass on this day will be said outside in the back playground with all of the community.**

**NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:** The Parish has a new email address. Please contact us on [hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org](mailto:hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org)

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

**MONEY COUNTERS:** If you are available to help count the collection on Monday mornings, please speak to Fr Martin or the Parish office.

**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.

**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:** Please contact the Parish office for more information.

**Exploring Your Faith:** Last Tuesday of every month. 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. Please note Gift Aid cannot be used when donating through the QR codes.



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** Patricia Quinlan RIP who has died recently. Please keep her 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 Reid, 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."

# MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday <i>St Erconwald</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Christine Johnson RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b> Bone Alayne RIP / Margaret Baan RIP / Maria O'Donnell RIP
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Linda RIP / Joe Curtin Int
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ollie Gilsenan RIP / Bridget Gilsenan Int / Betty Kennan & Family Int
Thursday <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holy Day of obligation</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Gerry Kealy RIP / Florence Olanike Olaniyan Int
		<b>7.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.15am</b>	Savio Jude Abel RIP / Tom & Michael Duffy & families RIP
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confirmation</b> All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Nelson DeSouza RIP / John DeSouza RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Ollie Gilsenan RIP / Ann Cahill Int
		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b> Rev James Hawes RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP / Michael & Susanna O'Donnell 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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