

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## Pentecost Sunday Year A - Page 22 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

‘Peace be with you!’ With these words the Risen Lord stood amongst his fear-filled followers (**Gospel** John 20: 19–23). He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. With their hearts filled with joy, Jesus sent them out to bring the fire of his love to all.

With the Holy Spirit transforming their lives, the disciples began speaking in many different languages (**First Reading** Acts 2: 1–11). Christ was calling them to share the Gospel to the whole world. We too are baptised in this same Spirit.

Each of us has been given a unique gift, so that together as a community we become the risen Christ, bringing love and goodness to all people (**Second Reading** 1 Cor. 12: 3–7.12–13). Filled with the Holy Spirit we become a new creation in the Lord.

The **Psalms** 104 joyfully proclaims a time of rejuvenation as the spirit of the Lord moves over the earth.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask for a spirit of renewal for the whole Christian community. We pray that we may overcome any fear, doubt or differences, and be united in giving expression to the joy of Resurrection, each of us doing so in our own unique way, whilst rooted in the same spirit of transforming love.

**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. There will be a procession from the church in to the school playground at 6.30pm and during the mass there will be the crowning of the statue.**

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** 45 of our young people received the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend and they would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to their prayer partners, who they know have been praying for them during their time of preparation. In a appreciation of your prayers and support the Confirmation candidates have arranged with Fr Martin to have a Mass to be said for your intentions and this will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.30pm. Thank you once again for all the prayers and kindness you have shown the candidates during this time.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish office will only be open on Tuesday & Friday next week.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** If you are available on a Friday morning, please come and help clean the church from 9am – 9.30am. More hands make light work.

**THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:** For the admission of boys (in current Year 5) in September 2024 will be held at the school on Thursday, 29th June 2023 from 4.30 pm to 7 pm. Talks from the Headteacher will be at 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm. Admissions forms, including The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

**'THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT:** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early to avoid disappointment. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

**RAINHAM FOODBANK:** – Please donate any items such as a tin of meat, vegetables or fruit to the foodbank. Please remember only food items can be donated.

**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 take a Baptism form from the back of the church.

**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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Patricia Quinlan RIP and Frances (Vera) Coughlan 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, Angelina Bush, 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 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 St Augustine of Canterbury	27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5.30-6pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Confession Neil O'Shea RIP / John Farrell RIP
Sunday Pentecost Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP / Kathleen Mollaghan RIP / Evelyn & Andy Int All Parishioners Eamon Commins RIP / Michael Lee RIP / Mary Barrell RIP
Monday Mary, Mother of the Church	29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10.00am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Bridie McDonagh RIP Andrew McEvoy Int
Tuesday The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	The Hooper Family RIP / Mary Healy & Family RIP
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>11.30am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	FUNERAL Patricia Quinlan RIP Grant Cambridge RIP / Vincent Janicki RIP
Thursday Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.45-12noon</b> <b>2.00pm</b>	Rev Fr Bonaventure Wilson CP RIP / Bill Gregory & family RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament FUNERAL Frances (Vera) Coughlan RIP
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	The O'Neil Family RIP / Jisma Joseph RIP
Saturday St Charles Lwanga & Comps	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>5.30-6pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Confession Bill Bridges & family RIP / Patrick Cantwell RIP
Sunday The Most Holy Trinity	4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Jisma Joseph RIP / Liam Int All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP / James Josie John Manning RIP / Michael Hughes & children 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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