

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## **Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - Page 49 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

The readings this week focus on hospitality and welcome, as well as the rewards we receive when we welcome others ourselves.

In the First Reading (2 Kings 4: 8–11,14–16), Elisha, a ‘holy man of God’, is regularly offered bed and board. As a result he decides to reward his hosts with a much longed-for son and heir.

St Paul stresses to the Romans that in Baptism, we die to our old selves, and are reborn to a new life with Christ. (Second Reading Rom. 6: 3–4, 8–11)

In the Gospel (Matt. 10: 37–42), Jesus continues to instruct his disciples. Following him will not always be easy, but it will have its own rewards or blessings. Whether one welcomes a prophet, a holy person or the smallest ‘little one’, a good deed, even the simplest cup of water, will not go unnoticed. In welcoming others, we welcome Jesus himself.

This week we might want to reflect on the way each one of us, and society at large, welcomes those who must leave their own land for a variety of reasons. Perhaps we can ask for the grace of realising that ‘whatsoever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, that we do unto him’ (words adapted from the hymn by Willard F. Jabusch).

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a second collection for The Sick Clergy Fund.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:** If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2024, please email the parish office to register your interest. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available.

**YOUTH CLUB:** Registrations for the 2023-2024 are now closed. However, anybody still wishing to register can complete the registration forms in the parish office – office open 9am-1pm. You MUST bring along £5 membership fee & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster).

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm there will be altar server training in the church for children who are currently in Year 4 going in to Year 5 (they must have made their First Holy Communion).

**JUNE COLLECTIONS:** The average weekly collection in the month of June with loose and standing order was £2000 per week. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

**ST JOHNS RC SCHOOL WOODFORD BRIDGE FETE:** On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 12pm to 4pm. Please join us for all-inclusive fun for the family. Races for all to enjoy, as well as side stalls, BBQ, cream teas, cakes, tombola and much more.

**TALK ON THE OUR FATHER:** On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled 'The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking. The talk is available also by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN:** We welcome Emma Zorila, Eliana Tziggili – O'Sullivan, Alexander Tziggili – O'Sullivan, Autumn Anderson, Ruben Dixon & Micah Dixon, who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

**BCCS:** Is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading [freading@bccs.org.uk](mailto:freading@bccs.org.uk)

**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 7.30-9.30pm 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** Marie-Claire Greenan RIP & Paul Whelton 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 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."

**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	1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Tommy Smith RIP / Confirmation Prayer Sponsors Int
Sunday <small>Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	May Murphy RIP / Helen Ging RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Edith Thompson RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday <small>St Thomas</small>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>10.30am</b>	Funeral Marie Claire Greenan RIP
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Ernie Annesley RIP / Edna Sullivan RIP
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>7.30pm</b>	Shaila John RIP / Steve Sommerville RIP
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP / Barbara Stringfellow RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.15am</b>	Mr & Mrs Dicks RIP / Barbara Tormey RIP
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confession
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Mary Corrigan RIP
Sunday <small>Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time</small>	9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Year 3 Going Forth Mass</b> All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	R. Webb RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP

***7Hospital: 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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