

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – Page 46 25th June 2023

Because we live in anxious, troubling times, where so many people around the world are suffering intolerably, today's readings can speak especially to us.

Jeremiah, in the First Reading (Jeremiah 20: 1–13), reflects on how his preaching has brought him suffering and isolation. Yet 'the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.'

The Psalmist (Psalm 69) cries out in anguish, but like Jeremiah, trusts that the Lord will answer with 'help that never fails.'

St Paul considers how sin and death hold sway in the world, but Christ has gained for us the abundant free gift of divine grace. (Second Reading - Romans 5: 12–15)

In the Gospel (Matthew 10: 26–33), Jesus twice tells his disciples, 'Do not be afraid'. Suffering will come their way, but the Father will always care tenderly for them. Our lives, and those of our loved ones too, can be weighed down by fears, concerns or pain. May we strive this week to place our trust in the Lord, who is the 'strength of his people'.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please pray for the children of our parish as they celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend.

YOUTH CLUB: Looking ahead to the new academic year, there will be a REGISTRATION EVENING in the Parish Hall on **Friday 23rd / 30th June** for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2023, those in Year 6. One parent or carer ONLY can come anytime between 8 – 9.15pm & be prepared to register the same evening! This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival. To register on time, you MUST bring along £5 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in years 7,8,9 & above who wish to rejoin still need to be registered by a parent/carer, also on Friday 23rd / 30th June - NOTE Youth Club at normal time for current members. (Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed)

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: For the admission of boys (in current Year 5) in September 2024 will be held at the school this coming Thursday, 29th June 2023 from 4.30 pm to 7 pm.

BCCS RELAY 100, 2023: **BCCS RELAY 100, 2023** Frances + Brian Rodgers completed their walk from St Edward's, Romford to St. Alban's, Elm Park via St. Mary's last Monday, "We intended to walk it in one go on Sunday evening but it rained! So, having started in Romford, we walked home and resumed on Monday morning when the rain had stopped and the sun was shining! Thank you for your generous encouragement! We will walk from English Martyrs to La Salette later this month". BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health and emotional wellbeing services in schools across Essex and East London. Please support us and BCCS Relay 100 with a prayer and, if you can, a penny or two via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bccs-relay100> (naming our Parish) or via the Parish Office.

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

TALK ON THE OUR FATHER: On Wednesday 12th 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

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We welcome Maeva Lyddiatt, Luna Bodnar, Riley Bodnar, Chester Bodnar, Shem Ibekwe, Emma Zorila, Eliana Tziggili – O'Sullivan, Alexander Tziggili – O'Sullivan and Autumn Anderson who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

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 2nd and 4th 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 John Marlor RIP, Margaret Mee RIP & Marie-Claire Greenan 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 Nativity of St John the Baptist	24 th June	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Confirmation Going Forth Mass John & Pauline McGlade RIP / Matthew Ward RIP / The Bray Family Int
Sunday Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time	25 th June	8.00am	First Holy Communion Lilian Taylor RIP / Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	First Holy Communion All Parishioners
		11.30am	First Holy Communion Eamon Commins RIP / Rita Kyrou RIP / Suresh Salian RIP
Monday	26 th June	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Zbigniew Zebroski RIP
Tuesday	27 th June	11.15am	Funeral John David Marlor RIP
Wednesday St Irenaeus	28 th June	7.30pm	Grant Cambridge RIP / Sue Springet Int / Brian Maguire Int
Thursday SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of obligation	29 th June	9.15am	Mr & Mrs Hall RIP / Jeanette Ridley Int
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		7.30pm	All Parishioners
Friday	30 th June	8.15am	Bill & Mrs Hayes RIP / Prince Harry Int
Saturday	1 st July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Tommy Smith RIP / Confirmation Prayer Sponsors Int
Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time	2 nd July	8.00am	May Murphy RIP / Helen Ging RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Edith Thompson RIP / Sam Farrugia 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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