ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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The Most Holy Trinity Year A 4th June 2023

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity: one God in three persons. God is the Lover (Father, Creator), the Beloved (Son, Saviour), and the Love which flows between them (Holy Spirit, Counsellor). Our readings help us see who God is, and what God does for us.

Moses's obedience and humility are revealed as he calls on God from the top of Mount Sinai (**First Reading** Exodus 34: 4–6,8–9), pleading for the headstrong people of Israel. In responding, the Lord describes himself as 'a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness'.

In the **Gospel** (John 3: 16–18), Jesus tells Nicodemus of the overwhelming love God has for the world in sending his Son to be its Saviour. Through Jesus's death and resurrection, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's wish for the discordant Corinthians (**Second Reading** - 2 Cor. 13: 11–13) is peace, unity, fellowship and love. Paul encourages them (and us) to reveal the qualities of God seen in Jesus, gifted to us through the Holy Spirit, and gifted to others through our behaviour. Let's pray St Paul's blessing this week, that 'the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all'.

ST MARYS PARISH SCHOOL 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: On Saturday 10th 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, there will be a procession from the church at 6.30pm and Mass on this day will be said outside in the back playground of the school with all of the parish community. The statue of Our Lady will be crowned at the mass.

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 1st July at 6.30pm. Thank you once again for all the prayers and kindness you have shown the candidates during this time.

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

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

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We welcome Maeva Lyddiatt, Luna Sky Bodnar, Chester Bodnar & Riley Bodnar who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

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.

<u>CARITAS BRENTWOOD NETWORKING DAY:</u> Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost-of-Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? Come to the first Caritas Brentwood networking day, Saturday 10th June, 10am – 2.30pm, at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster (on C2C & District lines, close to M25 & A127). Hear national speaker Raymond Friel, OBE, Chief Executive of the Catholic Social Action network, share ideas, and hear about resources available. Details and Registration (free!) at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

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 7.30-9.30pm 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.

<u>STANDING ORDERS:</u> 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.

<u>CASHLESS DONATIONS:</u> 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.







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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 St Charles Lwanga & Comps	3 rd June	5.30-6pm	Confession
St Charles Ewanga & Comps		6.30pm	Bill Bridges & family RIP / Patrick Cantwell RIP
Sunday The Most Holy Trinity	4 th June	8.00am	Jisma Joseph RIP / Liam Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / James Josie John Manning RIP / Michael Hughes & children RIP
Monday St Boniface	5 th June	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Shaila John RIP
Tuesday	6 th June	9.15am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP / Wally Brown & Family RIP
Wednesday	7 th June	7.30pm	Selbie Tweedie RIP / Joseph Jeffers RIP
Thursday	8th June	9.15am	The Warren Family RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	9 th June	8.15am	Rita Tumininu Olaniyan Int / Christopher Patrick Kennedy Int
Saturday	10 th June	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	PROCESSION FROM THE CHURCH (weather permitting) MASS WILL BE SAID IN THE BACK PLAYGROUND OF THE SCHOOL Anthony, Paula & Josephine Camilleri RIP / Colin Reid & Family Int
Sunday The Body & Blood of Christ	11 th June	8.00am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Len & Pat Mills RIP / Catherine Lennon RIP / Michael Hughes & Children RIP

<u>Hospital:</u> 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