

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – Page 51 9th July 2023

Praise to God and joy in God's merciful love, justice and peace are themes which run through the readings for this Sunday.

The First Reading from Zechariah (9: 9–10) describes how God will defeat his enemies and establish himself as king – not through war and aggression, but with humility and peace.

In the Second Reading, Paul reminds the Romans (Rom. 8: 9, 11–13), and ourselves, of what the suffering and death of Jesus has achieved for us. He speaks of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 11: 25–30), through his own prayer to his Father in heaven, Jesus reminds us that he is the one who will reveal God to us. Humility and gentleness are the virtues he emphasises; rest and freedom from burdens are the gifts he promises.

This week we pray anew for the people whose lives are burdened by war and violence, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and other troubled areas of the world. With the help of our prayers, may they know the love and peace of Christ.

PRIESTS ON THE MOVE!: Bishop Alan has made the following appointments in our Diocese which come into effect in September: Fr Martin Fletcher to Epping, Fr Mark Reilly to St Marys Hornchurch, Fr John Harvey to Cathedral, Fr Martin Boland to Wanstead, Fr Adrian Lowe to Loughton, Fr Britto to Wickford, Fr Linu Thankachan to English Martyrs, Fr Clement Orango to Stansted.

Please keep our priests in your prayers as they take up their new assignments.

Fr Mark will celebrate his first Mass here on Tuesday 5th September at 6pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday).

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SICK CLERGY: Last weekend, the second collection for the sick clergy raised £1500. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme with Fr Mark on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one or just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org.

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 style photos. You will be added to the waiting list.

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.

RAINHAM FOODBANK: Thanks St. Mary's for your generous donations! They are short of tins of fish, tomatoes and meat so will be very grateful if you can donate a tin or two, please. They also ran out of toiletries and toilet paper last week. Anything you can give helps families in need. Thank you.

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We welcome Autumn Anderson, Ruben Dixon & Micah Dixon, Monroe Young, Natalie Margate, Olive Brennan & George Smith 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.

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: For people with special needs Saturdays 9-12pm in the parish hall new members welcome

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 Paul Whelton RIP who has died recently. Please keep his family 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	8 th July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP / Mary Corrigan RIP
Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time	9 th July	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP
		9.30am	Year 3 Going Forth Mass All Parishioners
		11.30am	R. Webb RIP / Ollie Gilsenan RIP / Bernadette Grogan RIP
Monday	10 th July	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Michael Lee RIP / Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St Benedict	11 th July	9.15am	Breffni O'Brien RIP / Josie Keane RIP
Wednesday	12 th July	7.30pm	Rev Bro John Mary Watters CP RIP / Michael Feeney RIP / Dennis Gray RIP
Thursday	13 th July	9.15am	Pamela & Gordon Tocher RIP / Mrs Oddy & Ron Oddy RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	14 th July	11.30am	Funeral Paul Whelton RIP
Saturday St Bonaventure	15 th July	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Veronica O'Sullivan RIP / Catherine Lennon RIP
Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time	16 th July	8.00am	Thelma McDonagh RIP / The Sacred Heart
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Iain McCrossan RIP / Ollie Gilsenan 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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