

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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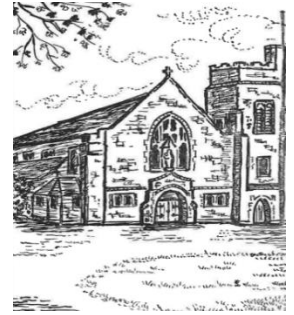
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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm – Wednesday closed.



Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – Page 71 10th September 2023

The Gospel for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A centers on resolving conflicts within the Christian community. It's one of the few instances where Jesus explicitly mentions the term "church" in Matthew's Gospel. We catch glimpses of the challenges faced by the early Christian believers.

So, in Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus tackles this common issue: disputes among church members. He provides a method to handle conflicts fairly. First, address the matter privately. If unresolved, involve a few witnesses. Only then should the larger community step in. And if necessary, there's a provision for exclusion from the community.

Notably, Jesus doesn't shy away from the reality of disagreement in the church. He acknowledges the presence of conflict and mistakes and offers a practical approach to manage them. Crucially, the passage concludes with a message of assurance: Jesus is present within the community, guiding its actions. Decisions rooted in prayer are backed by divine support. Through this teaching, a framework for addressing disputes is established, with an underlying message of unity and divine guidance.

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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: Please come along with your child on Monday 2nd October between 6pm & 8pm or on Monday 9th October between 6pm & 8pm, when Fr Mark will be issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice. If you have not been coming to Mass and do not have a full number of stamps in the card, he will not be able to sign it. Please bring with you the child's Baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate and Mass attendance form.

FATHER MARTIN'S FAREWELL MASS & SOCIAL EVENT: In response to many requests from Parishioners, the Parish council, together with the school are making preparations for a farewell Mass for Father Martin on Saturday 23rd September at 6.30pm followed by a Parish social get together in the school hall.

INDUCTION MASS FOR FATHER MARK: On Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm there will be an Induction Mass for Father Mark followed by tea and cakes (or something a little stronger) in the Parish Hall.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme with Fr Mark on Thursday 21st 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.

CHURCH CLEANING: If you are available to help clean the church on a Friday morning at 10.15am please pop along and lend a helping hand.

YOUTH CLUB: is reopening on Friday 22nd September from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Membership cards will be available to collect on arrival the first session onwards. For any new applications, please be aware, Youth Club is full, & a waiting list is in place.

THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH: The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20th September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. The event can also be viewed on line simply by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

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: Thursdays 7.30pm starting 21st September in the Parish Hall.

Rosary: After all weekday masses and on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in church. All welcome.

Pass it on!: First Saturday of every month 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 10.15am 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.

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 Roy Pook RIP, Mary Devlin RIP and Breda O’Sullivan 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, 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.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Ursuline Catholic Preparatory School, Ilford. Required from 1st January 2024 Ursuline L10 – L17 comparable to Group 1: (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 104.

The Governors of The Ursuline Preparatory School, Ilford are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. The Ursuline Prep is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic Ethos is central to all that we do. Our new Headteacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of The Ursuline Prep. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please speak with the School Business Manager Amina Ayankogbe. Further information and application packs are available online from the school website www.urspsi.org.uk or from HR at hr@urspsi.org.uk and completed applications should be sent to this address.

PROPERTY ASSISTANT – CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full job description is below. Hours: 35 hours per week – office-based. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to recruitment@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 15 September 2023.

CLEANER AT SACRED HEART REQUIRED: A part-time cleaner is required at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School. APTC Scale 1 Points 2 – 3, 52 weeks per annum, 20 hours per week 6 am – 8 am & 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm Monday to Friday, £12.87 to £13.08 per hour. Please contact Kerry Jones (Business Manager) kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk for further details. Closing date: Friday, 15th September 2023.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	9 th September	5.30-6pm	Confession
Vigil Mass		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday	10 th September	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Mark McDonagh RIP
Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Liam McSweeney RIP / Victor Correa RIP
Monday	11 th September	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Yoong Aibee Int
Tuesday	12 th September	9.15am	Rachel Miranda Int / Jeanette Ridley Int
Wednesday	13 th September	7.30pm	Tunde Onyeacholam RIP / Helen Thomson RIP
St John Chrysostom			
Thursday	14 th September	9.15am	Rev Fr Brian O'Higgins RIP / Helen Ging & Brothers RIP
Exaltation of the Holy Cross		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	15 th September	9.15am	Wally Ainscough RIP / Pat Read nee Woods Int
Our Lady of Sorrows			
Saturday	16 th September	9.15am	Holy Souls
Ss Cornelius and Cyprian		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
Vigil Mass		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	17 th September	8.00am	Evelyn O'Neil RIP / George & Joaquina de Souza RIP
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		9.30am	Seamus Carter RIP / Heather & Michael Simmons Int
		11.30am	Patrick O'Leary RIP / Robert & Joseph Suet Int

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark 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 let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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