

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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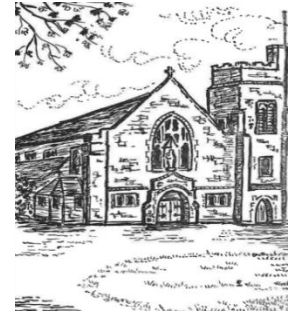
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – Page 75 24th September 2023

The first reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Isaiah 55:6-9, calls us to seek the Lord while He is near and to forsake our wicked ways. It reminds us that God's thoughts and ways transcend our own, just as the heavens are higher than the earth. This passage invites humility and a recognition of our limited perspective before the divine wisdom.

In the context of the gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Matthew 20:1-16A, these verses resonate deeply. The parable illustrates God's unfathomable generosity, where all workers, regardless of when they arrive, receive the same reward. Isaiah's message of God's transcendent thoughts finds its echo here. Just as the landowner's ways surpassed the laborers' expectations, God's mercy exceeds our understanding. The parable emphasizes that even those who come to faith later in life are equally deserving of God's grace. This message encourages us not to resent their inclusion, but to celebrate the boundless mercy that God extends to all. It's a reminder that God's compassion exceeds our expectations, inviting us to find joy in this truth.

Both passages invite us to release our rigid notions of fairness and instead embrace God's vast, compassionate perspective. Just as the heavens dwarf the earth, God's grace surpasses human comprehension. This calls for a shift in our attitudes, from judgment to rejoicing in God's abundant love.

As we ponder Isaiah's words and the parable's message, we're called to humility and trust. We're urged to seek God earnestly and to relinquish our self-centered viewpoints. The divine economy of grace challenges us to let go of our limited sense of justice and instead embrace the boundless generosity of our Creator.

YEAR 5 CHILDREN- MASS ATTENDANCE: Last year we had an Mass Attendance Card system for Year 5 children to assist with the fair signing of Certificates of Practice for Secondary school Applications. That system is still in place for those children who have now entered Year 6 (and who are now awaiting Certificates of Practice), but for those children who have now gone into Year 5, we will be adopting a new Register system. So, current Year 5 children together with their Parents are asked to present themselves to Fr Mark over the next 2 weekends at the end of Mass. Fr Mark will take their names which will then be added to a Register. Then, the idea is that, each week at the end of Mass, the children with their parents will present themselves to a designated person at the Mass they attend that weekend, who will then mark them as present at that Mass. Please do not hesitate to contact the office, if you have any queries about this.

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS: Father Mark will be signing Certificate of Practice for Primary school applications at the beginning of January- dates to be advised. Please ensure you are coming to Mass and saying hello to Father Mark, so he knows who you are and so as to avoid disappointment.

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. We would be grateful for any volunteers who can help with the reception.

MASS INTENTIONS: *Please note* –the Diocese has reminded us that there should be only one parishioner's intentions per Mass. All previously booked Masses will be honoured, however new Mass bookings will adopt the new approach. If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until January.

PARISH FINANCE TEAM: We are looking for people to join the Parish Finance team in various roles including data entry, cash counting, and as members of the finance committee. No role requires more than 4 hours per week of your time and we are hoping that many hands will make light work. If you are interested or want to know more about the requirements, please contact the Parish office or speak to Fr Mark directly.

HAPPY BAGS: Happy School bag is a scheme which allows the School to easily raise funds through collecting your unwanted clothing. Bags are available at the back of the Church. Please leave donations in Happy Bag marked green bins in the front car park. The bags will be collected on Monday 2nd October at 9am.

CHURCH CLEANING: If you are available to help clean the church on a Friday morning at 9.45am please pop along and lend a helping hand.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS: Sacred Heart – 5th October 6pm. All Saints - 4th October from 4.30-6.30pm (booking required, see website). Brentwood Ursuline 28th September 6.30-9pm.

UPMINSTER PARISH MISSION: St Joseph's Upminster is holding a parish mission led by the Sion Community from 30th September to 8th October, coinciding with the centenary of the parish. The programme for each weekday includes Mass at 6.15pm followed by a free supper and a talk or service from 7.45pm. All welcome. For more information visit stjosephschurchupminster.com

BCYS YOUTH MASS: takes place on the first Thursday of every month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford, are looking for a Parish Administrator for 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday. Contact hr@brcdt.org Closing date is 13th October 2023.

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.

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.



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To donate £10



To donate £20

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Sean (John) O’Sullivan RIP, Mary Devlin RIP, Breda O’Sullivan RIP, Arthur Peace RIP and Patricia Church 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.

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 at 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 10-12pm 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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday St Pius of Pietrelcina Vigil Mass	23 rd September	6.30pm	Father Martin Fletcher Int
Sunday 25 th Sunday in Ordinary time	24 th September	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP / Michael Maguire Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP / Frank & Bernie Nash 40 th wedding anniversary
Monday	25 th September	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Denzil Ryan RIP
Tuesday	26 th September	9.15am	John Shottle & Family RIP / Mary Abel RIP
Wednesday	27 th September	7.00pm	Rosary
		7.30pm	Grant Cambridge RIP / Alfred Franklin RIP
Thursday	28 th September	9.15am	Jack & Nancy Allan RIP / Grace Abel RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	29 th September	9.15am	Horace Fink & Family RIP / Angela Costa-Bir RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	30 th September	9.15am	Patricia Church RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Alice Louro RIP / Michael Timilehin Olaniyan - Thanksgiving
Sunday 26 th Sunday in Ordinary time	1 st October	8.00am	Trevor Magson RIP / Bridget O'Brien RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Patrick O'Leary RIP / Patrick Brady RIP
		5pm	Holy hour with Rosary and Benediction

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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