

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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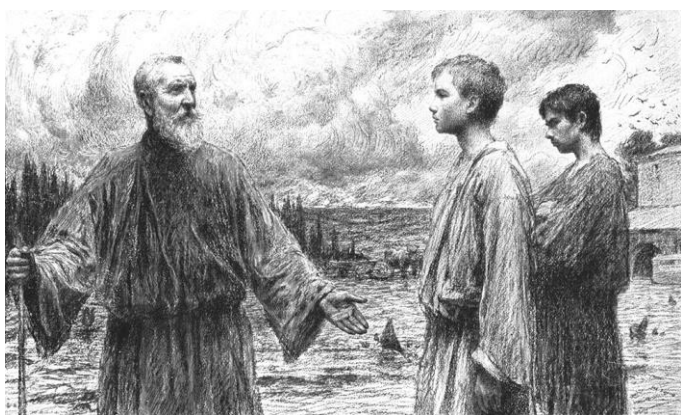
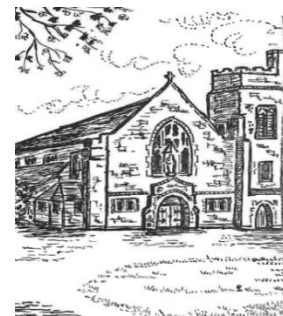
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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm – Wednesday closed.



**Twenty Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
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1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

In Philippians, the second reading for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we're urged to share in the spirit of Christ, embracing encouragement, love, and unity. By humbling ourselves and considering others more significant, we reflect the essence of Jesus' nature. He, though divine, humbled himself, becoming human and obedient even to death on a cross. In response, God exalted him, and all creation will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord.

In the Gospel parable, Jesus emphasizes that genuine transformation, not just words, leads to God's kingdom. Tax collectors and prostitutes, who initially disregarded John's righteousness, changed their hearts, while religious leaders did not.

These readings underscore humility and transformation. Like Christ's example, we're called to humbly serve and prioritize others. Authentic change, as seen in the repentant tax collectors and prostitutes, holds immense value in God's eyes. These readings invite us to adopt Christ's humble mindset and recognize that genuine transformation bears lasting fruit.

**Cafod 'Harvest Fast day'.**

Next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, is **Cafod 'Harvest Fast day'**, and there will be a second collection next weekend for Cafod. There are also some Cafod envelopes in the porch *if you want to take one*. Alternatively, give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**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 this weekend 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 6pm & 8pm or on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 pretty 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. **Just come into the church and Fr Mark will be in the Sacristy.**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> October 6pm. All Saints - 4<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30-6.30pm (booking required, see website).

**UPMINSTER PARISH MISSION:** St Joseph's Upminster is holding a parish mission led by the Sion Community from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:hr@brcdt.org) Closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



To donate £5



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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Vigil Mass	30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>6.30pm</b>	Alice Louro RIP / Michael Timilehin Olaniyan - Thanksgiving
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Trevor Magson RIP / Bridget O'Brien RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Patrick O'Leary RIP / Patrick Brady RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday The Holy Guardian Angels	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Rev Fritz O'Kelly RIP / Patrick Cremin RIP
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>11.00am</b>	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Arthur Peace RIP
Wednesday St Francis of Assisi	4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.00pm</b>	Rosary
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Teresia Shimali & Family RIP / Bridget O'Brien RIP / Luke Maguire Int
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Shaila John RIP / Terry Bland RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday Cafod 'Harvest Fast Day'	6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>11.30am</b>	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Mary Devlin RIP
Saturday Our Lady of the Rosary  Vigil Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		<b>9.45-11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	Confessions
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Vincent Browne RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Bridget O'Brien RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack Hughes RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP

***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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