

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF

Tel: 01708 447761

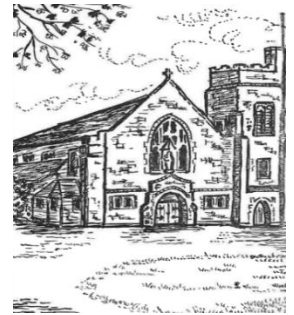
Email: hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Mark Reilly

Parish secretary: Laura Stevens / Assistant secretary: Charlie Taplin

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



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – Page 86

29th October 2023

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A emphasize the imperative to love and show compassion to others, especially those who are vulnerable or marginalized. In the Book of Exodus, God instructs the Israelites not to mistreat foreigners, widows, or orphans and to lend to those in need without interest. In the Gospel of St Matthew, Jesus sums up the law with the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor.

The laws which God gave to Israel were meant to protect the vulnerable: widows, orphans, foreigners. They were meant to alleviate suffering, and to remind the Israelites that they had also suffered and that God had rescued them. Jesus points out that the many laws were all contained in “Love God” and “Love your neighbor.” This is the point of these precepts. The word used for love is “agape” which is more than just a feeling of friendship or affection. It is a love committed to action.

Both passages remind us that our ethical and spiritual responsibilities are interconnected. Loving God is closely tied to how we treat others. So we are also called to love the marginalized in our world. And we must not just love them by thinking well of them. We too are called to action.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

The Feast of All Saints on 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation and there are 2 Masses here in the church at 9.15am and 7.30pm. November is the month of the Holy Souls – it begins with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on Thursday 2nd November with Masses at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. So, may we turn to our Lady of the Rosary as we look for her protection in our lives and in the lives of others.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WEDNESDAY AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (3):

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, the desire to share with others the joy of the Gospel, we now consider the calling of the twelve apostles, whom Jesus chose “to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the Good News” (*Mk 3:14*). Both aspects of that call are essential, for only by closeness to Jesus do we learn to proclaim him and not ourselves, his word and not our own. As Jesus sends the apostles forth on mission, he tells them to share the gift that they themselves received, the unmerited gift of God’s redeeming love. Their message must be his own: that the kingdom of God is at hand and requires only that we receive it with open hearts. Jesus also tells the apostles that they are sent forth like sheep among wolves, to propose the Gospel above all by their witness of meekness, innocence and personal conviction, proclaiming Christ more by their actions than by their words. The Church, as “apostolic”, is entirely missionary; each of us, in Baptism, is called by Jesus to live in closeness to him and to be sent forth, in union with all our brothers and sisters, to bear witness to his Gospel before the world.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS:

The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are now available at the back of the church ready for the month of November when we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and then place them in the envelope. Any money that you put in the envelope will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* who will ensure that Masses for the Holy Souls are said in different churches around the world who are struggling financially. The lists of your loved ones will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar during November. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office but please do not put them directly in the basket – as the money in them may be stolen.**

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.

90th ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL.

On Tuesday 31st October at 11:30am, Bishop Alan will be celebrating a special Mass with St Mary’s school in their 90th Anniversary year. The school would love for this occasion to be shared with the whole community. All are welcome to attend.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

Join us at St Mary’s Baby and Toddler Group each Tuesday 2pm in the Parish Hall (Please ring buzzer on school gate for entry.) Term time only. Free for all.

YEAR 5 CHILDREN- MASS ATTENDANCE:

A register is now in place, so can the children with their parents, present themselves to the designated person at the end of the Mass, who will then mark them as present at that Mass.

CONFIRMATION:

If your child is in Year 9 or above and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2024, please email the parish office to **register your interest by this Sunday 29th October at the latest**. After this date, a register will be in place for Mass attendance from the weekend of 4th/5th November. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Hall and the course will begin in January. Only those who sign up by 29th October and are present at weekly Mass from then will be eligible for the course. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is 90 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above.

When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates.

We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available.

PRAYER PARTNERS:

Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on Pentecost Sunday. With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our Confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their Confirmation which you would be invited to.

REPOSITORY SHOP:

We have lots of new bits such as Advent calendars & candles, Christmas cards, Christmas tree ornaments, children's Nativity sets and lots more – come and see!

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!:

We are looking to build a vibrant and diverse group of catechists that truly represent our Parish family to help our teenage Confirmation candidates grow in their faith, could this be for you? If so, please contact Jo Luxton on 07961037786

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:

St. Mary's Primary School will be holding their open evening on Tuesday 14th November 5.30pm-7pm for reception intake 2024.

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.

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 - no need to book!

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE - AN EXCERPT FROM THE BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY.

Divorce is not in itself a bar to receiving Holy Communion and the Church accepts that in some circumstances Catholics may need to initiate divorce proceedings to protect their rights in civil law. However, the Church presumes that all marriages are valid and bind until death, unless and until nullity is proven, or a dissolution of the bond on the grounds of non-consummation, or in favour of the Faith is granted (where one or both parties was not baptised). A Catholic who marries outside the Church, without permission from the Bishop (dispensation from the canonical form of marriage), is still free in the eyes of the Church, because the Church's law has not been observed, but the appropriate documents must be produced to show this. However, Register Office marriage does bind non-Catholics (apart from Eastern Orthodox Christians). A priest cannot book a marriage when one of the parties has been divorced without proof that he or she is now canonically free.

Equally the Church cannot bless a marriage which she regards as invalid, and those who are in a marriage the Church considers irregular are not free to receive Holy Communion or absolution. A recent letter from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith states: 'In fidelity to the words of Jesus Christ, the Church, affirms that a new union cannot be recognised as valid if the preceding marriage was valid. If the divorced are remarried civilly they can find themselves in a situation that objectively contravenes God's law. Consequently, they cannot receive Holy Communion as long as this situation persists.' The letter also recognises that this is a heavy burden, one that needs the support of the Catholic community including personal contact with one's parish priest. Anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic, wishing to enquire about the possibility of a declaration of nullity, or dissolution with regard to a former marriage, should initially contact the Brentwood Diocesan Tribunal Office for further information and help – 01277 265283.

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.

FLOWER ARRANGING:

If you are able to help with the flower arranging for the Church, please contact Angela on 07974417007. The flowers are normally done on a Friday morning/afternoon.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

Every Sunday at 9.30am Mass for children in Years 1 and 2 to learn and understand the Gospel through activities.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DISABILITY NETWORK:

Each Saturday morning, in the Parish Hall, we hold a social gathering for people with special needs. Where necessary we arrange transport for those attending. We have a rota of drivers who kindly offer to pick up or return individuals, all of whom live locally. We are looking to supplement our pool of drivers, if you can help kindly contact Helen Wilson on 07368316716 or email wilsonhdp12@gmail.com

If you know anyone with special needs who would like to join us each Saturday morning, please contact us, as above, all are very welcome.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY (BCCS) CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR:

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30am - 4pm. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. BCCS will have its own stall selling donated gifts, crafts, books, puzzles and sweets and there will be a fundraising raffle during the event.

UNITED SINGERS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CONCERT:

On Sunday 12th November at 7.30pm, United Singers Remembrance Sunday music concert will be held at Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, Upminster, RM14 1AE. Tickets are £12 for adults, concessions £10 and under 16s are free.

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, Marie Edgley, Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Eileen McCaffery, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, 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 OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE PRAYER

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection 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."

PRAYER FOR PEACE:

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the people of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your people and protect them.

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

BCCS TREE OF ANGELS:

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual Tree of Angels which will allow you to light up a symbolic angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Damian ddillon@bccs.org.uk.

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

GIFT AID:

Gift Aid is a tremendous way for any taxpayer (including pensioners who pay tax) to support the parish. It is simple: you complete just one form (located at the back of the church), and after that 25% of whatever you give is added to your donation.

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. FREE

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, and Saturday from 9.45am – 11.15am.

Foodbank: Donation box is located in the porch of the church. All donations go to Rainham foodbank.

Church cleaning: Every Friday morning at 9.45am during term time. Helpers needed.

Repository: Beautiful gifts and cards available. Open after all weekend Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS:

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Saturday Vigil Mass | 28th October | 6.30pm | Marie Lynskey RIP / Thomas Fay RIP |
| Sunday 30th Sunday in ordinary time | 29 th October | 8.00am | Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP / Mary Devlin RIP |
| | | 9.30am | All Parishioners |
| | | 11.30am | Eamon Commins RIP |
| | | 5.00pm | Holy hour with Rosary and Benediction |
| Monday | 30 th October | 9.15am | Norah Lenehan RIP / |
| Tuesday | 31 st October | 11.30am | St Mary's School 90 th Anniversary Mass <i>Dr Kapoor & Family RIP</i> |
| Wednesday All Saints | 1 st November | 9.15am 7.30pm | John Fells 80th Birthday Intention Chris Murphy RIP |
| Thursday All Souls | 2 nd November | 9.15am | John O'Shea & Family RIP |
| | | 9.45-12noon | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 7.30pm | All Holy Souls |
| Friday | 3 rd November | 9.15am | Marie Tweedie RIP |
| Saturday St Charles Borromeo Vigil Mass | 4 th November | 9.15am | All Holy Souls |
| | | 9.45-11.15am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 10.30- 11.15am | Confessions |
| | | 5.30-6pm | Confessions |
| | | 6.30pm | Roy Pook RIP |
| Sunday Thirty-first Sunday in ordinary time | 5 th November | 8.00am | Sam Farrugia RIP / Cecilia Hope RIP |
| | | 9.30am | All Parishioners |
| | | 11.30am | Jack Hughes RIP / Helen Ging RIP / Shaila John 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.

Registered Charity No. 234092 Private circulation only.

The editors accept no responsibility for factual inaccuracies. Please note the location of the fire exits.