

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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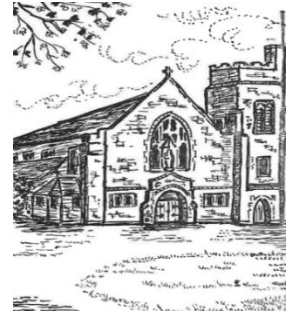
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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The common theme from the readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is the importance of wisdom and preparedness in our spiritual lives.

In the first reading, wisdom is described as something that doesn't fade and is found by those who seek it. Being wise in our choices and actions allows us to live a life more aligned with God's will. Wisdom is not just knowledge, but the ability to apply it in a way that brings peace and freedom from worry.

The second reading focuses on the hope we should have regarding the afterlife. It says not to grieve without hope for the departed, for they too will rise again. This is where wisdom comes into play again; a wise person doesn't just focus on the present but prepares for the future, including the afterlife.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins to emphasize the need to be prepared and vigilant. The wise virgins brought extra oil, symbolizing their readiness to meet God. Like them, we must also prepare for the time when we will meet God, either at the end of our lives or at the Second Coming.

To sum it up, these readings urge us to seek wisdom and be prepared in our spiritual journey. Being wise and prepared helps us live a life in tune with God's plan and assures us a place in the heavenly feast.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:**

Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

### **PRAYER:**

*O God, merciful and strong,  
who crush wars and cast down the proud,  
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst  
and to wipe away all tears,  
so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children.*

### **THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:**

November is the month when we remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Catechism teaches: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030). So, November is an ideal time to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory through prayer and acts of love and charity. Our prayers will assist them on their journey to heaven, where they will assuredly pray us on our journey to God as well. November is also a good time to remember that we are sinners and that by God’s grace we must strengthen our own souls so that we too may enter heaven.

### **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.**

### **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS’ WEDNESDAY AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (6):**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we now consider the ecclesial aspect of evangelization. The proclamation of the Gospel is not the task of isolated individuals, but a communal service to the Church’s apostolic faith, which must be passed down in its integrity to every generation. Zeal for the spread of the Gospel is inseparable from this ecclesial dimension, which protects the Christian message from distortion and from accommodation to worldly interests and ways of thinking. The Vatican II Decree on the Church’s Missionary Activity presents all evangelization as having its source in the immense love of God our Father, poured out on the world through the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and prolonged in the Church’s mission of proclaiming this saving love to all the ends of the earth. As “missionary disciples”, all the baptized are called to imitate the self-sacrificing love of Christ by bearing creative and convincing witness to the truth of his word and its reconciling power, not only for individuals, but for the life of our entire human family.

### **DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DEANERY MASS:**

A Mass will be said for deceased clergy of the Deanery on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 at La Salette, Rainham.

## **MASS REGISTERS – YEAR 5, HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:**

There are registers in place for Year 5 children, Holy Communion children and Confirmation candidates. Please can the children along with their parents (in respect of Year 5 and First Holy Communion) present themselves to the designated person at the end of Mass who will then mark them as present at that Mass, and the young people for Confirmation present themselves to their designated person also.

## **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS MESSAGE ON 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR (A):**

Pope Francis focused on two dimensions to the Sunday Gospel reading that recounts when Jesus spoke about the duplicity in religious leaders of the time who "preach, but do not practice" and "do all their deeds to be seen by others." The gap between "saying and doing" and the emphasis on "the exterior over the interior" are aspects we need to look at in our own lives also, the Pope said in his reflections ahead of the Angelus prayer on Sunday.

### ***Credible witnesses***

Recalling how Jesus contested the duplicity of the lives of the religious leaders of his time, the Pope said this is something we also need to look at - the distance between saying and doing, preaching one thing but doing something else. He said we need to be on guard against this "duplicity of heart that puts at risk the authenticity of our witness and our credibility as persons and as Christians."

### ***Practice what you preach***

Given our own weaknesses, practicing what we preach is not always easy, the Pope acknowledged. And this is especially true when we hold a role of responsibility in life, the society or the Church. "To be teachers who are respected," he added, "we first need to be credible witnesses, as Saint Paul VI reminded us."

### ***Looking good vs. being good***

The second aspect follows as a consequence, he noted, the primary focus on the exterior rather than the interior. Pope Francis noted that many people seek to appear righteous, to "save face" by manifesting a beautiful exterior to hide the filth inside. "This is an awful sickness, especially for us Christians – when the exterior prevails over the interior," he said. "At times, even in the Church, we are tempted to save face, when we should be concerned about the interior so as to be consistent and credible Christians."

***In conclusion***, the Pope urged Christians to ask ourselves several questions about our own attitudes. "Do we try to practice what we preach, or do we live duplicitously? Are we concerned only about showing how impeccable we are on the outside, or do we also cultivate our interior life in sincerity of heart?"

## **ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:**

St. Mary's Primary School will be holding their open evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:**

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

### **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. Help badly needed to help put out toys and pack away or to make teas etc. Ring Brenda on 01708 452442 and leave a message and contact details.

### **RAINHAM FOODBANK:**

We will be distributing Christmas items with our food parcels during December. If you are able to donate items such as Christmas cake, mince pies, Christmas sauces, crackers, gravy granules, Christmas biscuits and chocolates. Please leave your donations in the box at the back of the Church.

### **CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL:**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers

### **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.

### **ADVENT TALK ON THE PROPHET ISAIAH:**

In preparation for the beginning of Advent Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and Scripture scholar, will be giving a talk on the Prophet Isaiah at 7 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is free and is in person, and it will also be live-streamed on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). No booking necessary. A recording of the talk will be made available subsequently on the same website.

### **BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral:**

Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, and an Advent Reconciliation service in the Cathedral before Mass.

Youth Mass will then be 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, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net)

### **CALAIS LIGHT:**

This will be the 25th time a volunteer convoy has been organised by Mary Stretch, who founded the charity over seven years ago. "We've asked each volunteer for this milestone trip to ask family, friends and colleagues to sponsor them with donations via GoFundMe on the Calais Light website. It all takes cash and effort – and we really need people to show their faith in this work." If you would like to donate to the charity, please go to [www.calais.light.com](http://www.calais.light.com)

## **BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – July 2024 (exact dates TBC)**

Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. The week is spent serving the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assisting the elderly and infirm, alongside times of retreat, reconciliation, visiting the baths, taking part in the beautiful Processions, an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend) [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24)

## **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, and any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing the BCYS to continue running events, such as the monthly Youth Masses, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more. You will also see posters around the church with details on how you can get involved or donate online, and please pray for all our young people and those who work with them.

To find out more about the work of the BCYS, please visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Marie Edgley RIP, Pat O'Shea RIP and Sylvia Harris 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, Fr Francis Coveney, John Dawson, David Donovan, 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 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.

### **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 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, 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.

**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.

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday Vigil Mass	11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP Ndidi Wood Int
Sunday Thirty Second Sunday in ordinary time  Remembrance Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP / Mia Int
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Fr Maurice Gordon Int
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Kathleen McDonagh RIP
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Ken, Sheila, John & Terry Coy RIP
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>7.30pm</b>	Joe Hollis & Family RIP
Thursday St Edmund of Abingdon	16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Tom Swan RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	The Hanratty Family RIP
Saturday    Vigil Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Helen Ging & Brothers 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>	Lucy Folorunsho Olaniyan RIP
Sunday Thirty Third Sunday in ordinary time	19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Thelma Alayne & Clive McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Deceased members of the KSC Romford Council
		<b>5.00pm</b>	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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