

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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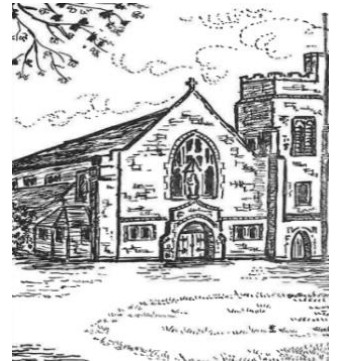
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## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B introduces us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Following John's arrest, Jesus proclaims the good news of God's kingdom, calling people to repentance and belief in the Gospel. The immediacy with which Simon, Andrew, James, and John respond to Jesus' call is striking. They leave their nets, their father, and their livelihoods to follow Him. This scene captures the compelling nature of Jesus' invitation, an invitation extended to each of us today.

Jesus' call to become "fishers of men" is not just an invitation to discipleship but a radical reorientation of life's purpose. For the disciples, it meant abandoning their careers and family ties to embark on an uncertain journey. For us, it might mean different sacrifices or changes – perhaps a change in lifestyle, priorities, or attitudes. The call to follow Jesus is both personal and transformative, demanding a response that is as immediate and decisive as that of the first disciples.

This Gospel passage also speaks to us about the nature of Christian vocation. Each call is unique and tailored to the individual's life and circumstances. The immediacy of the disciples' response underscores the urgency and relevance of the Gospel in our lives. It invites us to discern how Jesus is calling us in our current situations and to respond with openness and trust.

## **SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

The Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 and is observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people. Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (Aperuit Illis 2)

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th to 25th January 2024**

A wonderful opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian Unity personally, in our village, town or county as well as engage with what happens at a National level. Resources to encourage reflection are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources>

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI:** We raised a total amount of £375.94 for Pax Christi last weekend. Thank you for your generous support.

**RACIAL JUSTICE:** Next weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** A reminder that the money will go to the BCCS.

**VOCATIONS:** The next vocations evening will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at Brentwood Cathedral. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org – for more information.

**SVP:** Thank you for the generous donations to the SVP during the Christmas period, gifts received will benefit those in need from our parish.

**TODDLER GROUP:** Will re-open next Tuesday in the Parish Hall from 2-3pm. Free for all.

**CALLING EX-ST EDWARD'S PUPILS FROM UPTON PARK:** On 5<sup>th</sup> February 1973, Bobby Moore, Captain of England and West Ham United, had this photograph taken with 99 pupils of St Edward's Roman Catholic Primary School. If you were one of the children in the photograph on that historic day, 51 years ago, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Paul Underwood, Head Teacher, St Edward's, at info@st-edwards.newham.sch.uk

**LENTEN LECTURE ST JAMES' CHURCH, SPANISH PLACE, LONDON**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2024 7.00PM:** Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary (Bismark, North Dakota) and co-author of From Christendom to Apostolic Mission will deliver our Lenten Lecture on effective strategies to engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A, and then refreshments will be available. *Please email info@guild-ransom.co.uk for ticket.*

**PA TO HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School Upminster are looking to appoint a personal assistant to the Headteacher. For more information, please contact admin@mary.havering.sch.uk The closing date for applications is 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**BCYS YOUTH MASS** – *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral*

Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a speaker from the SVP joining us to help prepare for the start of Lent. 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

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE** – *Last week of July 2024*

Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

Serve the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assist the elderly and infirm, with times of retreat, reconciliation, visit the baths, take part in the beautiful Processions, as well as 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). All details and applications can be found on the website [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Maria ‘Connie’ Farrugia RIP who has died recently. Please keep her family 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, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O’Sullivan, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

**FINANCES:**

You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

All payments are gratefully received.



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**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

**CHURCH EVENTS:**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Van Meenen room.

**Foodbank:** Donation box is in the porch of the church. 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:** Contact Angela on 07974417007. The flowers are normally done on a Friday.

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>6.30pm</b>	Chris & Ted O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>8.00am</b>	Scott Taylor Int
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack Hughes RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy hour with Rosary & Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan & Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	George Bertie RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> St Francis de Sales	24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>7.15pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Evening Prayer</i> Vyagulam Antonial Fernandez RIP
<b>Thursday</b> The Conversion of St Paul	25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Pat O'Shea RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> Ss Timothy & Titus	26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Bridget McDonagh RIP
<b>Saturday</b>    Vigil Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Gero Manzoni 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>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri and Alfred Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>8.00am</b>	Andrew Shanahan RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Martin Doherty 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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