

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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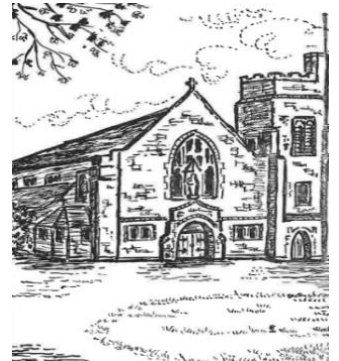
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## **Second Sunday in Lent**

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Similar to how the binding of Isaac prefigures the crucifixion of Jesus in the first reading today, the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B anticipates His resurrection. It is a pivotal moment that bridges His earthly ministry with the glory of His resurrection. It serves as a divine affirmation of Jesus' sonship and His messianic fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by the figures of Moses and Elijah. This event is not only a foretaste of the resurrected life but also a call to recognize Jesus as the culmination of God's salvific plan.

The Transfiguration invites the faithful to contemplate the Paschal Mystery, where the suffering and death of Jesus find their ultimate meaning in the glory of the resurrection. It challenges believers to look beyond the trials and tribulations of the present, anchoring their hope in the promise of eternal life that Jesus' glorification points towards.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope (located at the back of the Church) or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 25TH MAY 2024:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact the Parish office.

## **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (17)**

In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the example of those men and women of every time and place who devoted their lives to the spread of the Gospel. Today we turn to the distant continent of Oceania and the witness of Saint Mary MacKillop, a great educator and the foundress of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The daughter of Scottish immigrants, Mary discerned the great need for schooling among the children of the poverty-stricken rural communities of Australia. Together with the Sisters of her Congregation, she founded numerous schools throughout the country to care for spiritual and human formation of the young. Mary's great trust in God's providence and the power of the cross sustained her amid the inevitable trials she faced in her growing apostolate. As we give thanks for the enduring fruitfulness of her zeal for the Gospel, let us pray that her creative response to the needs of the Church of her time will inspire the efforts of today's parents, catechists and educators, as they strive to introduce young people to the beauty of friendship with Jesus and prepare them to be a leaven of the Gospel in today's rapidly changing society.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** will recommence next weekend and is now open to children in School years 1, 2 and 3 during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

**VOLUNTEERS AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP,** from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August, help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)

**CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP:** Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024. The fundraising concert is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk/events](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk/events)

**ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION AMENDMENT:** Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 12-14 April in Brentwood; for further details please contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**RETRouvaille** is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together and helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is a virtual programme coming up very soon (8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Feb) and an in-person programme later in the year. Visit <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/> for more information.

**APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS.** Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 9th March at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. We will begin with Mass at 10am, followed by a peaceful, prayerful procession to the BPAS centre. There we will hold a vigil of prayer whilst trained counsellors offer help to women entering the clinic. Return procession around 12 noon with prayers and hymns. Refreshments afterwards. Please see flyer on noticeboard.

**SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE:** As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. For more info please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

**BCCS:** Will be hosting a special Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024** at 1pm for service at 1.30pm. They are delighted that Bishop Alan, BCCS President, will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets for the event are £34 per person and should be purchased before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April directly from their event webpage: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events). Once you have purchased your tickets, please advise Julie of any special dietary requirements or seating requests by contacting her by email [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or call her on 07912 277413.

**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, 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, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, Hannah Haughey 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.



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>6.30pm</b>	Muriel Gargano RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Second Sunday of Lent	25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.00am</b>	Pat & Ann Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Leslie Brewster RIP
<b>Monday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Paddy Mollaghan RIP Followed by stations of the Cross
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Mike Simmons RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Joseph Ma RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> St David	1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Patricia Pearce RIP Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Nancy Hayes RIP
<b>Saturday</b>    Vigil Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Lyndsey McCauley Int
		<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>	Dympna Bowes RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Third Sunday of Lent	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>9.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary & 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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