

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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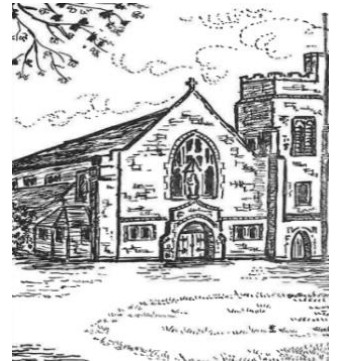
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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-2pm



## **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Jesus' way of teaching starkly contrasts with that of the scribes, as seen in the Gospel reading. The scribes, though knowledgeable, lacked the ability to connect deeply with the common people. Their teachings often hovered in the realm of theory, detached from the lived realities of those they were meant to guide. Jesus, on the other hand, spoke from real life. His authority was rooted not just in knowledge but in experience and empathy. He spoke of the Kingdom of God using parables and examples that resonated with the everyday experiences of His listeners. This approach made His teachings accessible and transformative. It wasn't about complicated theological arguments but about truth presented in a way that reached hearts and minds. In our own lives, when we share our faith with others, are we speaking from real life? Do we connect our understanding of God's word with the practical realities people face every day? Speaking from real life means making faith relevant and accessible, just as Jesus did.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

Today is Racial Justice Sunday when we pray in a special way for an end to any form of prejudice or racism that is present in our society.

God of our past, present and future,  
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,  
help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism  
lead us this day to walk with one another,  
pray with one another and work together,  
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,  
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

There is also a **Second Collection** today for Racial justice. The proceeds will be used to raise awareness of the responsibility of the church to eradicate racial discrimination in all its forms within the church and wider society.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** If you put your name down to be a prayer partner for the Confirmation candidates, there will be an envelope in the porch with your name on it, which will have inside a message from your chosen candidate. Please collect after Mass.

**CONFIRMATION COFFEE MORNING FOR PRAYER PARTNERS:** Prayer partners of the Confirmation candidates are invited to a coffee morning where you are able to come and meet the Confirmation candidate you will be praying for. Please join us on *next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall*. Please bring some change for teas and coffees and all money raised will go to a charity chosen by the Confirmation candidates.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** The crib will be taken down next week, so if you wish to donate, please do so this weekend. A reminder that the money will go to the BCCS.

**VOCATIONS:** The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 February at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Deacon Matúš Meleg who is training for the priesthood for our Diocese. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**LENTEN LECTURE:** On 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in St James’ Church, Spanish place, London, 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](mailto:info@guild-ransom.co.uk) for ticket.*

**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](mailto:info@bcys.net)

**HELPERS OF GOD PRECIOUS INFANTS:** Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street, W1W 6HS. We will begin with Mass at 10am, followed by a peaceful, prayerful procession to Marie Stopes abortion facility. There we will hold a vigil of prayer whilst trained counsellors offer help to women entering the clinic. Return procession around 1pm with prayers and hymns. Refreshments afterwards. Please see flyer on the noticeboard.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** We are a Group of ladies that meet, every Wednesday in the Social Club of St Joseph's, Upminster. (117 St Mary's Lane). Our aim is to encourage friendship and to raise funds for the CWL. We provide a two-course lunch, with tea or coffee etc for £6.00. Everyone is welcome.

**SVP MENS CLOTHES DONATIONS:** SVP are looking for donations of used, good condition, clean, warm mens clothing (all sizes)... T-Shirts, jumpers, joggers, jeans, trainers, jackets etc for men leaving prison, the majority being aged 20-40. Please bring any donations to the Van Meenan room at the weekend masses 10/11 February only. Many thanks

**PRO LIFE NEWS:** MPs in the United Kingdom Parliament: Dame Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy, have tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill; New Clause 1 and New Clause 2 respectively. Both amendments would decriminalise abortion, that is, remove it from the criminal law. These amendments are very dangerous for it removes all legal protect for the unborn babies and reduces further the wellbeing of the mother's mental and physical health. How can you make a difference and have your voice heard about this very important issue....write to your MP. It is vital that we all "lobby our MPs" to oppose these extreme and dangerous amendments. We expect that there will be a vote in Parliament next month. Please contact your MP, asking them to oppose these proposals.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Maria 'Connie' Farrugia RIP who has died recently. Please keep her family in your prayers. Her funeral will be here at St Mary's on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

**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.



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

**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

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> January	<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
<b>Monday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan & Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	John Geary & Family RIP / Bernard Lenehan Birthday Int
<b>Wednesday</b> St John Bosco	31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>7.15pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Evening Prayer</i> The Deacy Family Int
<b>Thursday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Joseph Ma RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> The Presentation of The Lord	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Emily & Ross Kersey Int
<b>Saturday</b> St Anne Line    Vigil Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Marie & Alby Edgley 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>	Franklin Hopp RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Fifth Sunday in ordinary time	4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.00am</b>	Bridget O'Loughlin RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia 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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### **NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:**

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