

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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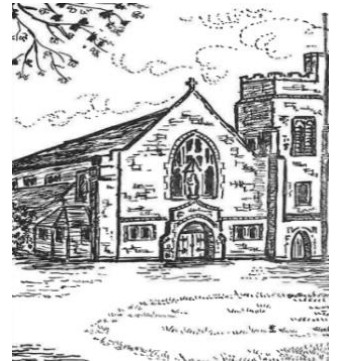
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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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In the gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B, Jesus speaks of his upcoming death and the necessity of it. He tells his followers that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Jesus is using this analogy to explain that his death will bear much fruit. His death will bring salvation to all who believe in him. But he is also telling his followers that following him requires sacrifice. We must be willing to let go of our own desires and wills and follow the will of God.

This can be a difficult and painful process, just as it was for Jesus on the cross. Jesus himself had to surrender his own will and desires to the will of the Father. He had to endure the pain and suffering of the cross to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation. But through this sacrifice, Jesus brought great glory to God. His death and resurrection brought salvation to all who believe in him. And his life and teachings continue to inspire and transform countless lives.

Through our own sacrifices, we too can bear much fruit and bring glory to God. Our sacrifice may not be as dramatic as that of Jesus, but it is still important. It may involve giving up our time, talents, or resources to serve others. It may involve forgiving someone who has hurt us. It may involve putting the needs of others before our own.

Whatever form our sacrifice takes, we can be assured that it will bear fruit. It will bring glory to God and help to build his kingdom on earth. So let us be willing to follow Jesus, even when it requires sacrifice. Let us be willing to let go of our own desires and wills, and follow the will of God.

**THE LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. This is a graced opportunity to experience the mercy and healing that only God can give us, especially during this season of Lent. There will be a number of priests to hear confessions.

**SVP COLLECTION:** The second collection for the Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP) last weekend raised £743.97. Money raised will go towards supporting them in their ongoing work within the Parish, that is, their outreach to those who are poor and in need. Thank you for your generosity.

## **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (20)**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of men and women of every time and place. Today we turn to Latin America and the example of Blessed José Gregorio Hernández. Born in Venezuela in 1864, José Gregorio was unable to pursue studies for the priesthood for reasons of health. Accepting this as God's will, he studied medicine and devoted his life to the care of those in need. Because of his deep devotion to Christ, expressed in charitable service to the least of our brothers and sisters, he became known as the "doctor of the poor". His apostolic zeal was born of a personal experience of God's mercy and daily union with the Lord in Holy Mass and personal prayer. At the outbreak of the First World War, he offered himself as a sacrificial victim in union with Christ, interceding for the dawn of peace, and died shortly after learning of the end of the war. The life of Blessed José Gregorio Hernández can inspire us, in the concrete circumstances of our own lives, to draw closer to the Lord in prayer, to serve him in the poor, and to work for the spread of his Gospel and the growth of his Kingdom of holiness, justice and peace.

**THE FUNERAL OF FR JOHN TAYLOR RIP:** The Requiem Mass of Fr John Taylor will be celebrated on Wednesday 20 March at 12 noon at the church of Our Lady of Light and St Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea. Father John's body will be received in the chapel at St Michael's Care Home on Tuesday 19 March at 3 p.m. and will repose there overnight.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** On Easter Sunday after the 9.30am Mass (weather permitting) we will be holding an Easter egg hunt for the children on the field behind the church.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Volunteers are needed to clean the church for Easter. If you can spare 30 minutes, please come along, and help on Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN:** We congratulate Malachi Alleyne D'Souza, Riley Hurrell, Emily Mehra, Theodore Wild, Gabriel Akpudje, Albie Defreitas & Mia Lewis who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS:** The Walk of Witness will take place on Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Meet outside St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch at 10.15 am and then walk as a group through Hornchurch and to the Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane for an open-air service. All are welcome to either join us on the walk or meet us at the Queen's Theatre for the service.

**FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION:** We have beautiful gifts and cards on display: pop into the Repository and have a look! But if you don't see what you want you can browse through our catalogue, and we can order it for you!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until mid June.

**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 leave your name & contact telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.**

**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 13th 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)

**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)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Philip Summerfield RIP who has died recently. Please keep his 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, 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

**EASTER MASS TIMES:**

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Last Supper Mass	8.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Good Friday</b> Ecumenical Walk of Witness (starting at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch) Children's Stations of the Cross Commemoration of the Lords' Passion Divine Mercy chaplet Stations of the Cross	10.15am 12.00pm 3.00pm 6.45pm 7.00pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8.00pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Eamon Commins RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of St Mary	19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Kevin O'Kelly RIP Followed by stations of the Cross
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Lent Reconciliation Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>1.00pm</b>	Funeral – Requiem Mass Philip James Summerfield RIP
		<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Eileen Grannell RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Terri Webb Int
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Thomas Sheridan RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Terry Thompson RIP
<b>Saturday</b>  Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Chris Murphy 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>	James Carroll RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Palm Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	Mark McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Rita Kyrou 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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