

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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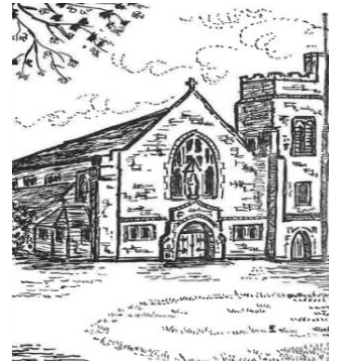
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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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On this Divine Mercy Sunday Year B, we are called to reflect on the profound message of forgiveness and reconciliation that the resurrected Jesus brings to his disciples. The resurrected Jesus seems to suddenly appear out of nowhere, even though the doors are locked. He is not the same as he was, but he is also not a ghost. He does not dwell on their abandonment and betrayal, but instead focuses on calming their fears and commissioning them to continue his mission of forgiveness and reconciliation. He calms their fears.

It is striking to note that Jesus does not simply offer forgiveness and reconciliation as an abstract concept or an individual spiritual experience. Instead, he calls his disciples to live in community and to work for right relationships within that community and beyond. The restoration of all creation must include God, all people, and even the natural world.

For us today, this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation must start within our own communities. We must strive to live in harmony with one another, to overcome division and conflict, and to work towards the common good. This is not always an easy task, as we are all flawed and prone to sin. However, we can draw inspiration and strength from the example of the early Church, which was able to live in remarkable unity despite the challenges it faced.

As Catholics, we are also called to extend this message of forgiveness and reconciliation to the wider world. We are called to be agents of healing in a broken world, to work towards justice and peace, and to bring the light of Christ to all those we encounter.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday Year B, let us pray for the grace to live out this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in our own lives and in the world around us. May we be instruments of God's mercy and love, bringing healing and hope to all those we meet.

**A BIG THANK YOU!:** Fr Mark and Fr Jerold would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare for Easter – church cleaners, ushers, altar servers, musicians, flower ladies, ministers, readers and the list goes on. Also, a big thank you to everyone for their most generous Easter offerings. God bless you.

## **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (22)**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our 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 once more to Africa and to the powerful witness of Saint Josephine Bakhita. Born in Darfur in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. Despite the violence and terrible sufferings she endured, she never despaired. In the cross of Christ, she discovered the source of a merciful love that affirms our innate dignity as God's children, brings true freedom and enables us to forgive and indeed love those who wrong us. The experience of God's mercy and forgiveness inspired Josephine to devote herself to Christ as a religious and to serve others humbly and selflessly in Italy, her new country. The life of Saint Josephine Bakhita reveals the power of God's grace to transform lives, to resolve conflicts and to bring about the justice, reconciliation and peace so greatly needed in our time. Let us entrust ourselves to her prayers and ask especially for the gift of peace for our brothers and sisters in war-torn Sudan and in so many other parts of our world.

**LAURA STEVENS:** We are happy to announce that we have succeeded in twisting Laura's arm, and she is staying with us as Parish Manager. Therefore, there is no longer a vacancy for the position of Parish Administrator at St Mary's.

**PARISH HALL CLEANER VACANCY:** St Mary's requires a part time cleaner to clean the Parish Hall and linked Parish rooms in term time only on a Saturday morning 8am - 10am, rate of pay £13 per hour. For more information or to express an interest please contact the Parish office.

**GIFT AID BOXES:** This year's new gift aid boxes are now available for you to collect at the back of the Church. If you pay online, your box will only include second collection envelopes.

**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. Details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** English Martyrs are arranging a trip to Aylesford in Kent on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The coach will be leaving English Martyrs at 9am and will return at 7pm – the cost of this will be £18 per person. For more information, please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 3rd April, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:** Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 20th April at Holy Trinity school, Sydney Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0TB. We will begin with mass at 10am, followed by a peaceful, prayerful procession to Marie Stopes abortion centre. 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 noticeboard.

**YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY:** Come and See. Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

**REQUIEM MASS FOR LAR FENNESSY RIP:** Who passed away recently, will take place in St Alban's Church, Elm Park on Tuesday 9 April at 6pm before his body is flown back to Ireland for the funeral. 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, Danny McCarthy, 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

## SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>6.30pm</b>	Teresa & Tony Woods RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Second Sunday of Easter	7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b>	Jack Louro RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		<b>3.00pm</b>	Divine Mercy chaplet / Holy Hour
<b>Monday</b> The Annunciation of The Lord	8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Philip Norman Brandon RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>7.15pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i> Deceased members of the Farrell family
<b>Thursday</b> St Stanislaus	11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Maureen Crow RIP
		<b>9.45am-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Selby Tweedie RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Bridget & Sonny O’Connell RIP
<b>Saturday</b>    Vigil Mass	13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Fr Joseph Farrell 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>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Third Sunday of Easter	14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b>	Martin McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Denis O’Meara 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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