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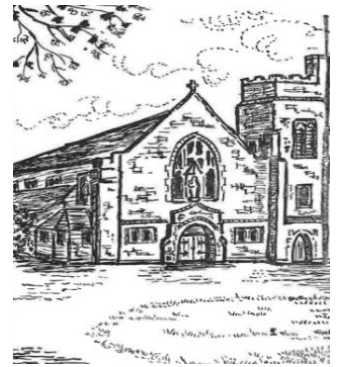
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The readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B show us God's power and our need to trust Him. In the first reading, God reminds Job of His control over the sea. He set boundaries for the waters and commands the waves.

This shows God's authority over creation. Even the mighty sea, which can be so powerful and frightening, obeys God's commands. We can trust that God is in control of everything in our lives too.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus calming the storm. The disciples are afraid, but Jesus shows His power over the wind and sea. He asks them why they are afraid and questions their faith.

When we feel afraid or lost, we can turn to God in prayer. Just as the disciples cried out to Jesus, we can cry out to Him too. He hears us and will help us.

Jesus is always with us, even in the stormiest moments. He is our peace and our strength. By trusting in Him, we find the courage to face any challenge.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please pray for the children of our parish as they celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend and next.

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops remind us: *"We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead."* The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

FR MARK wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers following the death of his father. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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 late September and there are now no Saturday evening or Sunday masses available for the rest of the year.

POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 1

Dear brothers and sisters: Today we begin a series of catecheses on the virtues and the vices opposed to them. The very first pages of the Bible present us with the drama of original goodness, temptation and sin. The Tempter, in the form of a serpent, is subtle, instilling doubt about God's wisdom and intentions, and playing on our ambition and pride. Just as love is its own reward, so evil is its own punishment; only after sinning do we truly appreciate the wrong we have done. The Scriptures and the masters of the spiritual life urge us to recognize and reject evil at its root, to be alert to the wiles of the devil, and above all, to keep watch over our hearts, lest the first stirrings of sin threaten our closeness to the Lord and our obedience to his loving plan for our lives.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK - DAY FOR LIFE: Last weekend's second collection for Day For Life raised £353.52. The money raised will help contribute to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre. Thank you for your generosity.

THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

As you know, the UK general election is fast-approaching and those standing will want our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics, to ensure that parties commit to tackling issues such as upholding the sanctity of life for the most vulnerable in our society. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to them. The Pro-life Charity, SPUC has created a simplified process to equip Catholics to contact their parliamentary candidates. Please see <https://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote> for more information. You just enter your postcode to find out who your candidates are, and a template email appears for you to send to them. The threat of decriminalising abortion was averted in this Parliament but will soon return in the next. There is also expected to be a big push to legalise assisted suicide as well. It is vital for us as Catholics to use our vote to stand up for the most vulnerable in our society and to elect pro-life MPs.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm *here at St Mary Mother of God*. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers.

Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: The Campion School would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on Wednesday, 26th June from 4.30pm to 7pm. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5pm and repeated at 6.30pm. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

YOUTH CLUB: Looking ahead to the new academic year, there will be a second REGISTRATION EVENING in the Parish Hall on Friday 28th June for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2024, those in Year 6 and also for current members to renew their registrations. One parent or carer can come without the youngster anytime between 7.45 - 9:00 pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, you MUST bring along £5 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in years 7,8,9 & above who wish to rejoin still need to be registered by a parent/carers, also on Friday 28th June. Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

IONA FAMILY SOCIAL CLUB: The Iona family social club are open for new members. Lots of social events and all major sports events are shown. All are welcome.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS: 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

FOODBANK: Please don't forget we have a donation box which is located in the porch of the church for any donations. All donations go to Rainham foodbank and are vitally needed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Hannah Brennan, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, 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, 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



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	22 nd June	6.30pm	Confirmation prayer partners Int
Sunday Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time	23 rd June	8.00am	John Dennehy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
Monday Nativity of St John The Baptist	24 th June	9.15am	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP & Michael Reilly RIP
Tuesday	25 th June	9.15am	Sarah Patterson RIP
Wednesday	26 th June	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Theresa West RIP
Thursday	27 th June	9.15am	Horace Fink & Family RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Irenaeus	28 th June	9.15am	Pauline McGlade RIP
		7.00pm	Bridget Hayes RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgi Mary Vigil Mass	29 th June	9.15am	Tessy Onwuka Int
		9.45-11.15am	<i>No Adoration today</i>
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Ida Irene D'Souza RIP
Sunday SS Peter & Paul	30 th June	8.00am	Les Payne RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	John 'Jack' O'Connell RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and 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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