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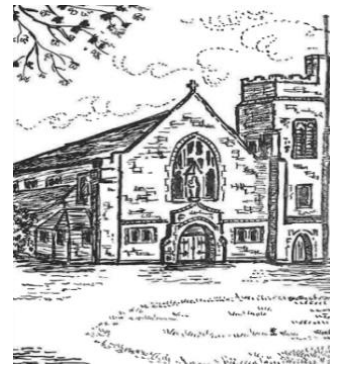
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Gospel reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B shows Jesus visiting His hometown of Nazareth. Despite His wisdom and miracles, the people reject Him because they see Him as just a carpenter's son. This lack of faith amazes Jesus.

Jesus' experience in Nazareth shows us how important faith is. Even though He had the power to perform miracles, the people's unbelief limited what He could do. This teaches us that our faith plays a crucial role in receiving God's blessings.

Jesus challenges the people with a new way of thinking, and it is just too much for them. God is indeed a person, but perhaps we are more comfortable with the idea of God than an actual encounter with him. When we encounter God, we know we might be pushed beyond our current way of thinking, and that can be challenging.

We are reminded to have faith in Jesus, even when others doubt or reject Him. Our belief in His power can open the door to His healing and new ways of thinking.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS effective from beginning of September

PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Tony Grant From Canning Town to Manor Park

Fr Gary Dench From Cathedral to Hutton

Fr Jerold Savio Terrance From Hornchurch, St Mary to Maldon/Burnham

Fr John Britto Michael to Great Dunmow

Fr Jon Ravensdale (Ord) From Greenstead to Harlow, The Assumption of Our Lady

Fr Alex Garner (Ord) to Greenstead

Fr Timothy Ezet (Ord) to Chingford, CTK

Fr Paul Makita SCA From Barking, St Thomas More to Barking, St Mary & St Ethelburga

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Paschal Uche Chelmsford to Grays

Fr Matúš Meleg From Grays to Cathedral

Fr Frank Westcott *Newly Ordained* to Hornchurch, St Mary

Fr Saji Thomas RCJ Basildon to East Ham

Fr Grzegorz Borski to Clacton

Fr Albert Kollemkudy RCJ to Basildon

POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 2

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices opposed to them, we have seen that the Christian life involves a constant struggle to resist sin and to grow in holiness. Jesus, himself sinless, submitted to baptism by John and was tempted in the desert, in order to teach us the need for spiritual rebirth, conversion of mind and heart, and unfailing trust in God's mercy and sustaining grace. May our weekly reflections on the virtues and vices help us to imitate the Lord's example, to grow in wisdom and self-understanding, and to discern between good and evil. As we advance in the knowledge and practice of the virtues, may we come to experience the joy of closeness to God, the source of all good, authentic happiness and the fullness of eternal life.

SECOND COLLECTION – STELLA MARIS (SEA SUNDAY): Next weekend there will be a second collection for Stella Maris.

CONFIRMATION 2024/2025: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to register your interest by Sunday 22nd September 2024 at the latest. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28th September. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is currently 50 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. We are also happy to announce that the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25: If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please email the Parish Office to register your interest by **1st August 2024** at the latest. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the first meeting for parents will take place on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7pm in the church; the first special focus Mass will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 15th September and the first children's session will be on Saturday 21st September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be a training session on 7th September at 1.30pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

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

PETER'S PENCE: Last weekend's second collection for Peter's Pence raised £374.83. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH CLUB: Registrations for the 2024-2025 year are now closed. However, anybody still wishing to register can complete the registration forms in the parish office – office open 9am-3pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday. You MUST bring along £5 membership fee & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size)

HAVERING SINGERS CONCERT: On Saturday 20th July, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. £15 adults, children free. All welcome. Ticket hotline: 07342883211 or www.haveringsingers.org.uk.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 27th July starting with Holy Mass at 10 am at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street, W1 6HS. We will then begin a peaceful, prayerful procession to Marie Stopes abortion centre for our vigil of prayer, whilst trained counsellors will offer help to women entering the clinic. Afterwards, return procession with prayers and hymns back to the church for refreshments.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Hannah Brennan RIP & Giovanni Capriglia RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families 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, 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	6 th July	6.30pm	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Sunday 14 th Sunday in ordinary time	7 th July	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
Monday	8 th July	9.15am	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP & Roland Sapsford Int
Tuesday	9 th July	9.15am	Dennis Wood Int
Wednesday	10 th July	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Michael Lee RIP
Thursday St Benedict	11 th July	9.15am	Desmond & Breffni O'Brien RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	12 th July	9.15am	Mrs Hunt & Family RIP & Master Theodore Bray Int
Saturday Vigil Mass	13 th July	9.15am	Mr & Mrs McGarva & Family RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		1.30-4.30pm	Divine Mercy Retreat.
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday 15 th Sunday in ordinary time	14 th July	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	James Danny Kane RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
		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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