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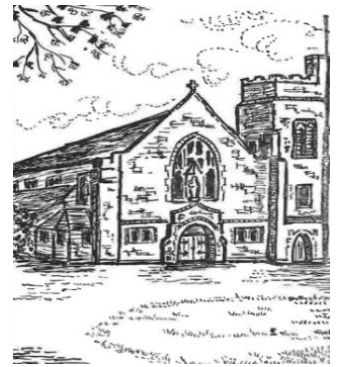
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In the first reading today on this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Moses speaks to the Israelites, urging them to follow God's laws. He emphasizes that by doing so, they will show wisdom and understanding. This wisdom will set them apart from other nations and bring them closer to God. God's laws are not just rules. They are a guide for living a good and holy life. When we follow them, we receive many blessings and experience God's closeness. We should take Moses' message to heart. By obeying God's laws, we show our love and respect for Him. This obedience also brings peace and order to our lives.

In the second reading, James reminds us that all good things come from God. He is unchanging and always gives us what we need. We must embrace His word and act on it. Hearing God's word is not enough. We must put it into action. True faith is shown by our deeds, especially in caring for those in need.

The Gospel of Mark tells us about a time when Jesus was challenged by the Pharisees. They were focused on external rituals, like washing hands, rather than the heart. Jesus explained that true purity comes from within. Our thoughts and actions show our true selves. Evil thoughts and actions come from within and defile us. Jesus teaches that what matters most is our inner purity.

We ask the Lord to help us to obey His laws, act on His word, and keep our hearts pure. Amen.

FAREWELL TO FR JEROLD: This weekend, we bid a fond farewell to Fr Jerold. It has been a great joy to have him here at St Mary's over the last year. He has been involved in every aspect of parish life and we hope that we have helped to prepare him for his new parishes in Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch. May God bless him abundantly in his future ministry.

POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 7

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices, we now centre our attention on spiritual sadness. Saint Paul speaks of a “godly grief” and a “worldly grief” (2 Cor 7:10). The former prompts conversion, enabling us to cling to hope and, therefore, leads to joy. The latter stems from dashed hopes and disappointments, eroding the soul with discouragement and sadness. Unlike most vices that seek fleeting pleasures, sadness indulges itself by wallowing in sorrow, hindering spiritual growth. As an antidote to this kind of despondency, the Desert Fathers recommended embracing Christ’s resurrection; for the risen Jesus redeems all the happiness that has remained unfulfilled in our lives. May faith cast out fear and Christ’s resurrection remove sadness like the stone before his tomb.

RELOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE The work relating to the relocation of the tabernacle will begin on Monday 2nd September, and is expected to take 3 or 4 weeks. Most services in the church will be unaffected by the work, apart from a limitation to the numbers of altar servers at Mass, the suspension of Adoration on Thursdays, and finding somewhere to say the Rosary after weekday morning Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Next week there will be a second collection for The Catholic Education Service.

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. The Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the 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: Due to the relocation of the Tabernacle taking place, the altar serving training is now being moved to a date in October. A new date will be advised when we have a clearer idea on when the work will be completed. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. 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 given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26TH – 27TH OCTOBER:

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP – HAROLD HILL 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 4th September 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. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

PARISH SECRETARY – FOREST GATE: A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary to work at Forest Gate – St Anthonys. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be part-time working 25 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Hannah Haughey and Michael Hull, who have died recently. We also remember in our prayers a young student called Immanuel Olugbode from Champion school (Year 8) who died recently following a long illness Please keep them, their families and friends in your prayers. Hannah's funeral will be here on Tuesday 10th September at 11am.

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, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Melona Vigo, Josie Walsh and Evelyn Ward.

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: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

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To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	31 st August	6.30pm	Fr Jerold's leaving Mass Christopher David Evans RIP
		7.30pm	Fr Jerold's leaving social event in the Parish Hall
Sunday 22 nd Sunday in ordinary time	1 st September	8.00am	Seamus Corbett RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	2 nd September	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St Gregory the Great	3 rd September	9.15am	Martha Sheridan RIP
Wednesday	4 th September	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Monsignor Joseph Omesa RIP
Thursday	5 th September	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Friday)	6 th September	9.15am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		7.00pm	Frank Mollaghan RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	7 th September	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday 23 rd Sunday in ordinary time	8 th September	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Danny McCarthy RIP
		11.30am	Eamon Commins 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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