

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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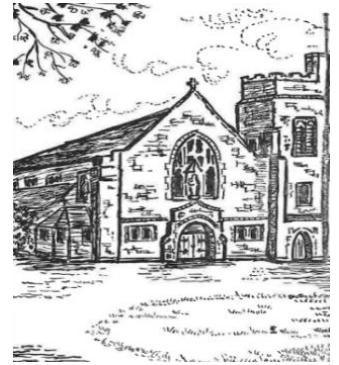
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## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Page 65

In the first reading on this 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), Joshua challenges the Israelites to choose whom they will serve. This decision is crucial for their identity and future. Joshua reminds them of God's faithfulness and the many ways He has delivered them.

We, too, face choices about our allegiance. We can choose to follow God or be swayed by other influences. Our commitment to God shapes our lives and our actions. Choosing God means putting Him first in everything. It means trusting His guidance and following His commandments. This choice is a daily decision, and it requires faith and dedication.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the difficulty of His teachings. Many of His disciples find His words hard to accept and leave Him. Peter, however, reaffirms his faith in Jesus.

Following Jesus is not always easy. It requires accepting difficult truths and making sacrifices. Some may find this too challenging and turn away. Peter's confession shows true discipleship. He recognizes Jesus as the Holy One of God and chooses to stay. This teaches us the importance of faith and commitment, even when the path is hard.

So, on this 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we ask the Lord to help us to choose Him every day. We ask Him to strengthen our commitment to follow His ways, to fill our hearts with love and guide us through the challenges we face. Amen.

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 6**

Dear brothers and sisters: in our catechesis on the virtues and vices, we now consider “wrath”, the uncontrolled anger that may well begin with brooding over offenses received, but ends up being self-destructive and damaging to our relationships with others, leading ultimately to violence and even war. Jesus teaches us to forgive those who sin against us, while Saint Paul urges us never to let the sun set on our anger. Yet there is an appropriate kind of anger, which consists in righteous indignation before evil and injustice. As with all the passions, so too with anger: it is up to us, with the sustaining grace of the Holy Spirit, to govern and direct our emotions in order to serve God’s kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace.

**RELOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE** The work relating to the relocation of the tabernacle should begin the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**FR JEROLD’S LEAVING MASS & SOCIAL EVENT:** Father Jerold’s farewell Mass will take place next **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 6.30pm** followed by a parish social get together in the Parish Hall. In view of that, we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits, paper plates, cups, cutlery etc. If you would like to do a dish, please speak to Laura in the office and let her know what you intend to bring (so that we don’t have 10 of the same thing).

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at the latest**. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org)

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** There will be a training session on 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

**PARISH SECRETARY – LEYTON:** To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.  
Hours: 15 hours per week - Monday to Friday 9.30am-12.30pm, 3 hours per day  
Start Date: September 2024. Salary: £13.15 per hour. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) [leyton@brcdt.org](mailto:leyton@brcdt.org)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Hannah Haughy and Michael Hull, who have died recently. We also remember in our prayers a young student called Immanuel Olugbode from Campion school (Year 8) who died recently following a long illness Please keep them, their families and friends 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, 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

Sort Code: 40-13-22



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## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>6.30pm</b>	Christopher David Evans RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>8.00am</b>	Seamus Corbett RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Danny McCarthy RIP
<b>Monday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> St Monica	27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.15am</b>	Brian Ashendon and Arthur T Rose Int
<b>Wednesday</b> St Augustine	28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Donald McDiarmid RIP
<b>Thursday</b> The Passion of St John the Baptist	29 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.15am</b>	Bruce Waskett RIP
		<b>9.45am-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.15am</b>	Mrs Barbara & Vince Payne Int
		<b>11.30am</b> Requiem Mass	John Hawes RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Lee Fairbairn RIP
<b>Saturday</b>  Vigil Mass	31 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>9.15am</b>	Anne O'Brien 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>	Christopher David Evans RIP
		<b>7.30pm-9.30pm</b>	Fr Jerold's leaving social event in the Parish Hall
<b>Sunday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>8.00am</b>	Seamus Corbett RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	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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