

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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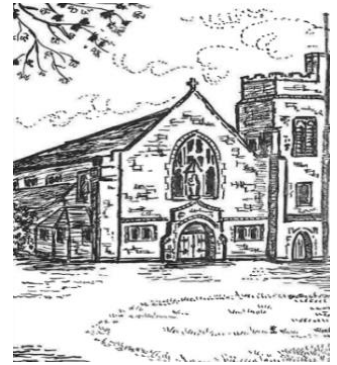
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## **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In the first reading from Jeremiah, on this 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, God promises to bring back His people from exile. This is a message of hope and comfort. God sees the suffering of His people and plans to restore them. God's restoration includes everyone, especially the weak and vulnerable. The blind, the lame, and those in distress are all welcomed back. This shows that God cares for everyone, no matter their condition. We can find hope in this promise of restoration. No matter what we face, God is there to bring us back and heal us. Today, we remember that God's mercy is always available to us.

In the Gospel, Bartimaeus, a blind man, calls out to Jesus. Despite the crowd trying to silence him, he persists. His faith leads to his healing. Jesus stops and asks Bartimaeus what he wants. Bartimaeus asks to see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has healed him, and Bartimaeus immediately regains his sight. Bartimaeus' story shows what faith can lead to. Our faith can lead to healing, new beginnings and new sight. Today, we are reminded to trust in Jesus.

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 14 - FORTITUDE**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the virtues, we now consider *fortitude*, which the Catechism defines as “the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good”. With the help of this virtue, we are strengthened in our daily efforts, sustained by grace, to resist temptation and to overcome all obstacles to living fully our new life in Christ. Those obstacles may be from within, such as fear, anxiety or guilt, or from without, such as trials, tribulations or persecution. Cultivating the virtue of fortitude makes us take seriously the reality of evil and actively combat all forms of injustice in the world around us. May the example of fortitude and perseverance shown by Jesus and the saints encourage us in our journey of Christian faith and confirm our trust in the risen Christ's definitive victory over sin and death.

**ALL SAINTS DAY** on Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** The World Mission Sunday second collection raised a total of £476.43. Thank you for your generosity.

## **RELOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE**

First, I want to apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delays in the work, but I am pleased to advise that the relocation of the tabernacle is now basically complete.

Christ's real presence in the Eucharist is central to our faith, and so, for us, his presence in the tabernacle becomes the living heartbeat of our church. Now that the tabernacle is positioned centrally on the sanctuary (as it was when the church was first built) and is now therefore given greater prominence, I hope that this will foster greater devotion to Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament, as well as encouraging us to keep Christ at the centre of our daily lives. I also want to take the opportunity to thank Bishop Alan for his encouragement in respect of this project and for giving his permission for it to go ahead, as he has done with other churches in our diocese.

**OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE:** For us as Catholics, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. The Catholic Bishops are urging all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide and calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose it (*there is a lot of information you can source on the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website*). Catholics are asked to contact their MPs to voice their opposition to this latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide via a simple online mechanism made available by the charity Right to Life UK. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law – the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Bill in Parliament is 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS:** The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are now available at the back of the church ready for the month of November when we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and then place them in the envelope. Any money that you put in the envelope will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* who will ensure that Masses for the Holy Souls are said in different churches around the world who are struggling financially. The lists of your loved ones will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar during November. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office but please do not put them directly in the basket – as the money in them may be stolen.**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the Parish Hall. **Please save the date.** 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.

- In the entrance of the Church, there is a bazaar helpers sign-up sheet, if you are available to help, please leave your name and contact number.
- Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses during the month of November - £1 a strip. Lots of great prizes to be won.
- Wooden decoration stars will be available to buy from the Repository after all weekend Masses, these will be £2 each. We ask the children to decorate the stars and hand them back to us so we can use them to decorate the Church for Christmas.

**ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November St Mary's school will be holding their open evening for prospective parents from 5.30pm-7pm. All with children due to start primary school in September 2025 are welcome to attend.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** There will be a training session on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

**NEW WINDMILL HALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** Every Friday from 11am-3pm at the New Windmill Hall, there will be a community café where there will be activities, lunch & crafts. All welcome. For more information call 01708220242

**65 OR OLDER & SPENDING CHRISTMAS DAY ALONE?:** The New Windmill Hall will be providing Christmas dinner, live entertainment, carol singing and much more. Travel can be provided. For more information and to book please call 01708220242

**AUNTUMN MASS COUNT 2024:** We have just completed a count over the last 4 weekends of the number of people who have attended Mass here. The average weekend total for our 4 Sunday Masses was 890 which is an increase from our Autumn Mass Count last year of 809, but we are still down on our pre-Covid figures of just over 1,000. There's still work to be done, but by God's grace and our witness, we pray that we can draw more people back to church.

**CAMPION SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December Campion will be holding their annual senior citizens' party. A sign-up sheet is in the porch with all of the details you will need. Each parish is limited to 15 guests.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS):** Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 10.30am - 4pm. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. BCCS will have its own stall selling donated gifts and crafts and there will be a fundraising raffle during the event.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Eddie O'Mahony who has died recently. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. His funeral will be here on the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**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, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Eileen Ronan, 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



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

## SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>6.30pm</b>	The Souls of D’Cruz Family
<b>Sunday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Danny McCarthy RIP
<b>Monday</b> SS Simon & Jude	28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary, Paddy Lenehan RIP & Eddie O’Mahony RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Eddie O’Mahony RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Ian Spacey RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Mia O’Donnell RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Marie Edgley RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Charlie McCourt Int
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Hannah Haughey RIP
<b>Saturday</b> All Souls  Vigil Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Tommy Wallace 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>	Michael Mahoney RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Marie Tweedie RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary & 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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