

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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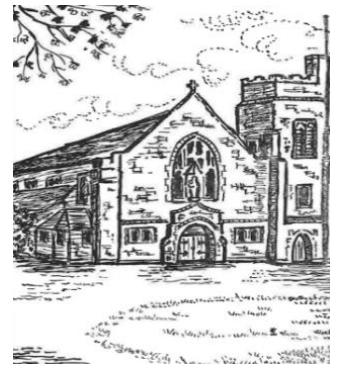
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## **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In the first reading on this 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, God’s spirit rests on Eldad and Medad, even though they were not at the gathering. This surprises everyone, including Moses. Moses explains that God can choose anyone to share His spirit. This story teaches us that God’s spirit is not limited. God can work through anyone, regardless of where they are. We should be open to seeing God’s work in unexpected places and people. When we accept that God’s spirit can be present in anyone, we become more inclusive. We see that everyone has the potential to share God’s message. This helps us to appreciate the diverse ways God works in the world.

In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus’ name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasizes that good works done in His name are valuable. This lesson shows us the importance of being inclusive in our ministry. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus values all efforts done in His name. By recognizing and supporting the good works of others, we build a stronger community. We are all working towards the same goal. This spirit of inclusiveness strengthens our faith and unity.

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 11**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices, we now consider the nature of virtue, which the Catechism defines as “a habitual and firm disposition to do the good”. Created in the image and likeness of God, we were made for goodness, yet in our fallen world the pursuit of virtue and detachment from vice require discipline and perseverance. Growth in virtue is in fact the noblest expression of our human freedom, but must necessarily be sustained by God’s prior gift of grace. For this reason, the Scriptures counsel us to pray for the Holy Spirit’s gift of wisdom, in order to know the Lord’s will and to let it shape our every decision as we strive to conform our lives ever more fully to his gracious and loving plan for our human family.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend there will be a second collection for Harvest Fast Day – the money raised will be going to CAFOD.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM- CURRENT YEAR 6:** For those parents with children who are now in Year 6 and who have been on the Year 5 register since last academic year, please come along with your child on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October between 6pm & 8pm when Fr Mark will be issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice. Please bring with you the child's Baptism certificate & First Holy Communion certificate. Just come into the church and Fr Mark will be in the Sacristy.

**YEAR 5 REGISTER- CURRENT YEAR 5:** The parents of current Year 5 children who are applying for Secondary Schools next year (October 2025) are invited to sign up for the Year 5 Mass attendance register which will begin on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October. The register facilitates a fair approach to the signing of Certificates of Practice which confirm that a family is coming to Mass each Sunday/or Saturday night in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of the 'sign-up' this year, we ask you to email us the following details – child's name, parents names and email address no later than 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**CALLING ALL CONFIRMED YOUNG PEOPLE:** The Confirmation Catechists would really like any young person who has been Confirmed to join their team. No experience or specific qualifications are needed, just an interest in working with other young people and a commitment to offer your time for one Tuesday a month from now until June. This could also be used as part of your Duke of Edinburgh award for volunteering. If you are interested please email your details over to the parish office.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time. Our Confirmation candidates are hoping to host a coffee morning before their Confirmation which you would be invited to.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** To avoid disappointment, please book Masses at least 4 months in advance. We currently have no Mass availability until late January 2025.

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** Parent and toddler group will restart on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October in the parish hall at 2-3pm. Everyone welcome, free to all.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS:** It would be lovely to have Tea & Coffee again after the Sunday 9.30am Mass, even if it not every week. If you would be willing to help out, please let Fr Mark know – it would be a great act of service- and it would also mean that Fr Mark will get a decent cup of coffee between Masses!

**CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DISABILITY NETWORK:** Drivers are needed please for one local pick up every 4 to 6 weeks, to allow our members with special needs to attend our Club held each Saturday morning here at St Mary's. If you are able to assist or would like more information please contact: Helen Wilson 07368316716

**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.

**RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/)

**OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY:** On Saturday, 12th October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass.

Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Mary Harrington RIP who has died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am.

**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, 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	28 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>6.30pm</b>	Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael Olaniyan Int
		<b>9.30am</b>	Arturo & Olga Casali RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction
<b>Monday</b> St Jerome	30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> St Therese of the Child Jesus	1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Alice Louro RIP & Trevor Magson RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> The Holy Guardian Angels	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Rev Fr Fritz O'Kelly RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Patrick Cremin RIP
<b>Friday</b> St Francis of Assisi	4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Chris Murphy RIP & Hannah Brennan RIP
<b>Saturday</b>    Vigil Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Ilya & Harry 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>	Baby Rosemary Bray RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia 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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