

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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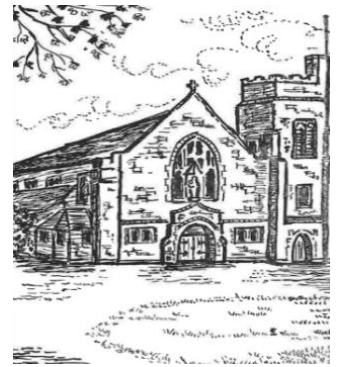
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## **31<sup>st</sup> & 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Page 87 & 89

In the first reading from Deuteronomy on this 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Moses speaks to the people about loving God with all their heart, soul, and strength. This love is shown through loyalty and obedience to God's commandments. Though the people often fail in their faithfulness, God remains steadfast and never abandons them. God's call to love Him is a call to be loyal and faithful. Despite the people's shortcomings, God continually reaches out to them. This shows us that God's love is constant and unwavering, even when we fall short. Our response to God's love should be one of loyalty and faithfulness. We must strive to keep His commandments and put Him first in our lives. This type of love is not just an emotion but an ongoing commitment to follow God.

In the Gospel of Mark, a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus responds by highlighting the importance of loving God and loving our neighbor. He tells the scribe, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God," showing that this kind of love is essential for the Kingdom. For the Kingdom of God to flourish, we need to embrace this love that Jesus teaches. It's a love that looks beyond ourselves and reaches out to others. This love must be evident in our actions and relationships. Jesus' emphasis on love as central to the Kingdom challenges us. It calls us to examine our own lives and see how we can better live out this commandment. Through this, we can help build God's Kingdom here on earth.

**THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** November is the month when we remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Catechism teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030). So, November is an ideal time to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory through prayer and acts of love and charity. Our prayers will assist them on their journey to heaven, where they will assuredly pray us on our journey to God as well. November is also a good time to remember that we are sinners and that by God's grace we must strengthen our own souls so that we too may enter heaven. Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. Write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and put it in the envelope. Any donations will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* for Masses to be said for the Holy Souls. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office.**

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 15 - TEMPERANCE**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the cardinal virtues, we now turn to the fourth and final virtue of temperance, which the Catechism describes as “the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods.” Temperance is the virtue of self-mastery, of healthy discretion, guiding us to keep desires within the bounds of what is honourable. It helps us to act wisely in every situation, knowing when to speak, when to correct and when silence serves as the best response. In matters of pleasure, temperance prompts us to exercise sound judgment, choosing moderation over excess, enabling us to savour life’s pleasures in measured doses. In this sense, it is in harmony with the Gospel values of littleness, discretion and meekness. By cultivating the virtue of temperance, may we experience the profound joy of living balanced lives, delighting appropriately in the good things bestowed on us by God, the things that really matter.

**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. 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.

**RELOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE:** 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.

**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 mince pies. 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.

**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 & above are welcome to attend.

**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.

**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

**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> All Souls Vigil Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<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
<b>Monday</b> St Charles Borromeo	4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary, Paddy Lenehan RIP & Colin Webster RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Shaila John RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Joseph Ma RIP
<b>Friday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Jenny Wilkinson RIP

<b>Saturday</b> The dedication of the Lateran Basilica  Vigil Mass	9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Joseph Ma RIP
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Thomas Fay RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Paddy Shanahan RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack Hughes & Helen Ging RIP
<b>Monday</b> St Martin of Tours	11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary, Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> St Jospat	12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Ndidi Wood Int
<b>Wednesday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Kathleen McDonagh RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Hannah Haughey RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Olivia Carmena Int Thanksgiving Mass for John family
<b>Saturday</b> St Edmund of Abindgon  Vigil Mass	16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Sister Nora Lally 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>	Anthony, Josephine, & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Lucy Oladimeji Olaniyan RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<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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