

# ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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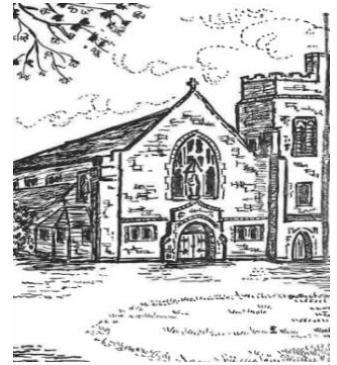
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## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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In the second reading for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, St Paul talks about the Holy Spirit giving different gifts to people. These gifts are meant to help the community and show God's love. Paul lists several gifts, such as wisdom, knowledge, faith, and healing. Each person receives a gift that can be used to help others.

Paul's message reminds us that everyone has something valuable to contribute. No one person has all the gifts, so we need each other. When we use our gifts together, we can do great things for our community and the Church.

We can apply this teaching in our lives by recognizing our own gifts and the gifts of others. We should encourage each other to use these gifts for the good of everyone. By working together, we can build a stronger and more loving community.

Paul also teaches about unity in diversity in the second reading. He explains that even though we have different gifts, they all come from the same Spirit. This means that our differences should not divide us but bring us together.

This message is important because it shows that diversity is a strength, not a weakness. Each person's unique gift is necessary for the Church to function well. When we embrace our differences, we can create a more vibrant and effective community.

In our daily lives, we can practice unity in diversity by respecting and valuing each other's contributions. We should celebrate our different talents and work together for a common goal. This will help us grow in love and unity as a community.

**A WARM WELCOME** to Fr Mariusz Fura who is celebrating all the Sunday Masses this weekend while Fr Mark is away. Fr Mark returns on Monday.

## **PEACE SUNDAY 2025**

Today is Peace Sunday. Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message for this year is rooted in the biblical tradition of the Jubilee. The Jubilee or 'acceptable year' was that one year in seven or one in forty-nine, of forgiveness and restoration, when all debts were forgiven, prisoners freed and a sense of community restored. However, it was more often than not a dream rather than a reality.

The Message tells us that the concepts of hope and forgiveness are at the heart of the Jubilee, a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to bring about reconciliation and peace. We are invited to ask for forgiveness as a means of obtaining God's peace. And, God knows, we have much to be forgiven for. The Pope informs us that it is only from a genuine conversion on all levels - personal, local and international - that true peace will be able to flourish.

In the Bible, the term 'conversion' appears over a thousand times and means to turn, return, bring back, restore. It is always specific, a turning away from something towards something else: from injustice to justice, from violence to peace, from darkness to light. And it is always a turning towards God. We pray today that all people may turn to God and pray for Peace.

*There will be a second collection today* for the work of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

**DAY WITH MARY:** The Day with Mary team will be with us here at St Mary Mother of God on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February –*Save the Date- more information about this to come.*

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE' 4**

Today we continue our catechesis on the Holy Spirit, who teaches the Church, as the Bride of Christ, how to pray. For our symphony of prayer in preparation for the upcoming Jubilee, we turn to the poetry of the Psalms, just as that great "orchestra", the communion of saints, has done since the Church's earliest days. The Psalms express every movement of this symphony and echo every sentiment of our hearts in words that often convey wonder, grief, and hope. The more frequently we repeat these inspired prayers, the stronger and more effective they become. May the Holy Spirit enrich our prayer with this gift, and in so doing, empower us to give voice to all creation, involving it in our praise.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** Many thanks to those who have donated to the crib offerings so far. A reminder that the money will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next dates for coffee morning after 9.30am Mass on a Sunday are 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup> March & 16<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone welcome, free for all.

**WORLD FOOD NIGHT:** We will be holding a 'World Food Night' on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. in the Parish Hall after 6.30pm Mass. We are asking for parishioners to bring a dish that is special to their family, large enough to share with others. Plates, bowls and cutlery will be provided, but please bring your own drinks. The event is free, though we are planning on holding a small raffle for a local charity. Please email the parish office if you would like to bring a dish.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI:** St Joseph's Upminster are organising a pilgrimage for the jubilee year. There are just a few places remaining. We depart on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for 5 nights, at a basic price of £1299 per person. The brochure and booking form is available online at [www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs\\_rome\\_2025](http://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025)

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** If you put your name down to be a prayer partner for the Confirmation candidates, there will be an envelope in the porch with your name on it, which will have inside a message from your chosen candidate. Please collect after Mass.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** Is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 1pm. Tickets are £35 per person [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)  
If you have any dietary or seating requirements, please contact [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Eileen Ronan RIP and William Myers RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families and all who knew them in your prayers.

Eileen Ronan's funeral will take place here on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

William Myers' funeral will take place here on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 11.15am.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially:  
Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, John Dawson, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Eileen Newman, Margeruite Nolan, Greta Shanahan, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, & Josie Walsh.

**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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**CHURCH EVENTS:**

**Children's Liturgy:** Sundays in term time for children in years 1, 2 & 3 at the 9.30am mass.

**Baptism:** Please take a Baptism form at the back of the church and hand it in through the red door.

**Exploring Your Faith:** Last Tuesday of every month. 8-9.30pm in the Van Meenen room.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** Thursdays 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please email the Parish office

**Rosary:** After all weekday masses and on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in church. All welcome.

**Pass it on!:** First Saturday of every month in the parish hall from 2-4pm. Free to all.

**Coffee morning:** After 9.30am Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup> March & 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Youth Club:** Friday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Hall. (members only).

**Children's choir:** During 9.30am mass – meet in the choir loft. All children welcome.

**Adult choir:** Please come and join us during 11.30am mass. All welcome.

**Catholic fellowship** For people with special needs Saturdays 10-12pm in the Parish Hall.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Van Meenen room.

**Foodbank:** Donation box is in the porch of the church. Donations go to Rainham foodbank.

**Church cleaning:** Every Friday morning at 10am during term time. Helpers needed.

**Repository:** Beautiful gifts and cards available. Open after all weekend Masses.

**Flower arranging:** No experience needed. Please contact the Parish office.

**Adoration:** from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs & Fri

## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>6.30pm</b>	Seamus McDermot RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>8.00am</b>	Derek Little RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Zina Roseline D'Souza RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> St Agnes	21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Rev Fr William Boat RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Bridget McDonagh RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	John Doherty RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Reception of body of Eileen Ronan RIP
<b>Friday</b> St Frances de Sales	24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary & JJ Corbett RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	<i>Requiem Mass</i> – Eileen Ronan RIP
<b>Saturday</b> The conversion of St Paul  Vigil Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>9.15am</b>	All Holy Souls & the dying
		<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>	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>8.00am</b>	Gerolamo Manzoni RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Peter & Brigid Margrie RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Patricia Camp 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.  
Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri*

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