

# ST. MARY

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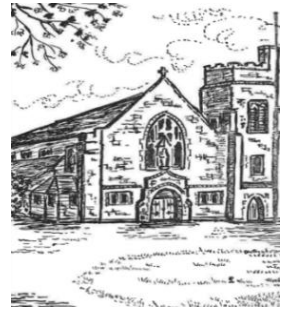
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## **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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In the second reading for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them. He emphasizes that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. Paul is a witness to these truths, having seen the risen Christ himself. This message is central to our faith and should be shared with others.

Paul acknowledges that he is not worthy to be called an apostle because he persecuted the Church. However, he credits his apostleship to God's grace working in him. "By the grace of God, I am what I am," Paul says. This shows that any good we do is because of God's help, not our own merit. It's a reminder to rely on God's grace in our own lives.

Sharing our faith, like Paul, is essential. We may feel unworthy or inadequate, but God's grace enables us to witness effectively. Our personal experiences of God's grace can be powerful testimonies to others. We are called to share the gospel, trusting that God will work through us despite our weaknesses.

Our witness should be consistent and sincere. Paul's life was changed by God's grace, and his actions reflected his faith. As followers of Christ, our lives should show the impact of the gospel. By relying on God's grace, we can overcome our shortcomings and be effective witnesses of our faith.

### **DAY WITH MARY:**

The Day with Mary team will be with us here at St Mary Mother of God next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. A poster is on the noticeboard along with handouts that show all the timings for the day. The day begins at 8.45am and ends at 5.15pm but you can come and go as you wish.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** We raised a total of £822.77 which will go towards the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Thank you for all of your crib donations.

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON ‘THE SPRIT AND THE BRIDE’ 7.**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Holy Spirit, we now turn to the Gospel account of Jesus’ temptations in the desert, which speaks to us of the reality of Satan, the tempter, but also the Lord’s sovereign power to set us free from his snares. The greatest proof of the existence of the devil is not to be found in the evidence of evil in our world, but in the lives and witness of the saints. By their efforts to growth in virtue and holiness, the saints testify to the sinister reality of the spirit of evil and the need to struggle against temptations to sin. The victory of the risen Lord over the power of evil and sin gives us sure hope that, by trusting in his word and strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome every temptation, experience purification in our hearts and grow in union with Christ.

**MARRIAGE WEEK:** 7th-14th February is National Marriage Week. Please pray for couples living the vocation to marriage, for those preparing for married life, for those who are widowed, and those who are struggling with difficult situations in their family life. The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21st June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let your parish priest know. In a message for this week the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, writes ‘the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us’. Read the whole message on the Bishops’ Conference website [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)

**TODDLER GROUP:** 2-3pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. All sessions are free.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025:** We have been advised there are still a small number of places available, if you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office for more information. The cost is less than the main Diocesan pilgrimage and works out at £895 (per person sharing) for a 5-night package from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**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)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE - SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:**  
On 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above. Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a week of prayer, service and fun! All details can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

**JOB VACANCY:** Sacred Heart of Mary Girls’ School, Upminster are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher from September 2025. Please see the school website - [www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net) for details. Closing date: 25 February 2025 at 10am

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 24TH MAY 2025:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact Kathy O’Dea on 07932762608.

**INTER FAITH DIALOGUE:** This year marks sixty years since *Nostra Aetate*, the document on relations with other Faiths of the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald worked for decades in this area, particularly in the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Cardinal Michael will be speaking on ‘Inter Faith Dialogue’ at 11 am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. You are invited to attend free of charge. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Please bring a packed lunch. The event is also available live stream free of charge at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**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, Eleanor O’Connell, Bridget O’Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley, Greta Shanahan, 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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To donate £5



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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

**Toddler Group:** Tuesday’s during term time, 2-3pm in the Parish Hall. All sessions are free.

## SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine, Paula Camilleri & Sam Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Eamon Commins RIP
<b>Monday</b> St Scholastica	10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> Our Lady of Lourdes	11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Mr Millington RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Oliver Gilsenan RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Bernadette Cornish Int
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> St Cyril & St Methodius	14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.15am</b>	Teresa Carson Int
<b>Saturday</b>  Vigil Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.45am-5.15pm</b>	<b>DAY WITH MARY</b> <i>See schedule on noticeboard / or handout</i>
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Mary Harrington RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Peter Newell 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. Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri**

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