

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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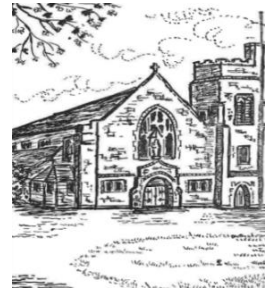
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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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Divine Mercy Sunday Year C is a special day to reflect on God's mercy and our faith.

The Gospel reading reminds us of the importance of faith in our lives as Catholics. Like Thomas, we may have doubts and uncertainties in our faith journey. But Jesus is always with us, ready to strengthen our faith when we ask Him. We should trust in God's promises, even when we can't see them clearly.

The readings also highlight the value of community. The disciples gathered in the Upper Room and experienced the risen Lord together. This shows us the strength we can find in being part of a community of believers. As Catholics, we are called to support and encourage one another in our faith. Being together helps us grow and face challenges with a stronger faith.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we also remember Jesus' message of peace. When He appeared to the disciples, He said, "Peace be with you." This peace is a gift from God that can calm our hearts and minds. In our busy lives, we can find peace by turning to Jesus in prayer and trusting in His mercy. This peace helps us to be more loving and forgiving towards others.

Forgiveness is another key theme of Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus gave the apostles the power to forgive sins, showing the importance of mercy. We are encouraged to seek forgiveness for our sins and to forgive those who hurt us. This act of mercy not only heals our relationships but also brings us closer to God.

## **CARDINAL NICHOLS PAYS TRIBUTE TO POPE FRANCIS**

'The death of Pope Francis brings great sadness to so many around the world, both within the Catholic Church and in societies in general. A voice proclaiming the innate dignity of every human being, especially those who are poor or marginalised, is now silent. The legacy he leaves is one we must seek to carry forward and strengthen. Pope Francis was called to priesthood through his experience of the mercy and compassion of God. This remained the core of his ministry, as Priest, Bishop and Pontiff. Only in understanding the love and mercy of God towards each one of us can we fashion societies and communities that bear the mark of the "kingdom of God". This same focus and emphasis lay at this desire to see membership of the Church as being rooted in "missionary discipleship", a dynamic and powerful vision for every Christian and every community. Now we pray for the repose of his soul, that he may know, in full measure, the merciful and loving embrace of the Father, of the one God to whom he gave his life in unstinting service. May he now rest in peace and rise in glory.'

**WELCOMING OUR LADY INTO OUR HOMES:** During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, St Mary's is organizing a special celebration of the rosary. Parishioners are asked to open their homes, inviting fellow parishioners to pray the rosary together. This will be a wonderful blessing for our homes, our families and our parish. Anyone who would like to host, or join a rosary, please contact Ray John on 07886814647 by 30<sup>th</sup> April. There are 10 available dates.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Headteacher *Required* from 1st September 2025. Our new Head Teacher will lead a team that strives together in the best interest of all of our children. Deadline for applications: 5pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Information and application packs are available at [admin@stmcp.s.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmcp.s.co.uk) and completed applications should be sent to this address also. Further information is available from the school website.

**GIFT AID:** New 2025/2026 gift aid boxes are available in the porch to collect. Please also remember to change your standing order reference if your gift aid number has been changed. Please note that if you make your regular offertory donations by standing order or bank transfer you will not have a packet of envelopes this year. Second collection offerings may also be made by bank transfer, please just state the purpose of the donation and gift aid number on the payment.

If anyone would like to make one off donations by cash, you may place this in any envelope and just mark it 2nd collection etc and write your gift aid number too.

If your box is not in the porch and you would like one – please call or email the parish office and Laura will get one for you.

**SAVE THE DATE...FOR OUR PARISH SUMMER FETE:** The Parish will be holding a summer fete on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. This is the first time we have held this event since Covid and we are really looking forward to bringing the Parish together on what will hopefully be a beautiful sunshine filled day. Please look out for updates over the next few weeks.

**PARISH SUMMER FETE:** Calling all small business people, crafters, bakers and entrepreneurs.....we would like to welcome you to set up a stall selling your wares and advertising your business at this year's summer fete. Booking is essential and full details can be obtained through the Parish office.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:** Register by using the link below and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from 29th April - 3rd June inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own '*Holy Door*' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year as "*Pilgrims of Hope*". Register here:  
<https://mostholyredeemerchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/8gdpluw1>

**PASS IT ON! - VE DAY CELEBRATION:** On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the Pass it on Club will be having a VE day celebration from 2pm - 4pm in the Parish hall. This is a multi-generational event bringing older and younger people together for afternoon tea, traditional war time sing-along, a fun quiz and raffle (donations will be gratefully received). The whole event is free and open to all. Try to wear red, white and blue!!

**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.

A coach has been arranged to pick up from St Mary's at 6.45am and will return at around 7pm. The coach cost is £20 per person, but spaces are limited, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you would like to join, please contact Kathy O'Dea on 07932762608 or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the porch.

**SPEAK LIFE:** Our New Monthly Mum Workshop Is Here! Ready to reset your mind, your faith, and your motherhood journey? Join us for SPEAK LIFE, a powerful, faith-fuelled space for mums to breathe again, speak life over their season, and reconnect with their God-given identity. Each month we dive into a new theme — this one's all about New Beginnings: Vision, Faith & Goal Setting. Expect prayer, sisterhood, prayer boards, affirmations, and practical tools that bring healing and hope. Spots are limited. Follow IG: @happymamagang\_ or contact the parish office. Sign up now and save your seat! You don't have to do this season alone. Our first workshop will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10am and 7pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next dates for coffee morning after 9.30am Mass on a Sunday are 11<sup>th</sup> May, 25<sup>th</sup> May & 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Everyone welcome, free for all.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 5 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until October and no Sunday Masses available for the rest of this year.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Please remember Mike Bowes & Philip Finn who have died recently. Please keep their families and all who knew them in your prayers. Mike's funeral will be at St Joseph's, Bishop Stortford CM23 2ND on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30am. Philip's funeral will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11am here at St Mary's.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Donal Bergin, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, 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, Baby Shae Christy O'Donoghue, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley, Greta Shanahan, & Anne Sullivan.

**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>	26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> Second Sunday of Easter	27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b>	Grant Cambridge RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	KSC Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life, Romford
		<b>11.30am</b>	Donna & Simon Watson Int
		<b>3.00pm</b>	Divine Mercy chaplet / Holy Hour
<b>Monday</b> St George	28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family & Vincent Hall Int & Baby Donovan Int
<b>Tuesday</b> St Catherine of Siena	29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Monica Doherty RIP & Bernadette Cornish Int
<b>Wednesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	John Conti RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Breda & Larry Ryan RIP
<b>Friday</b> St Athanasius	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Donald McDiarmid RIP
<b>Saturday</b> SS Philip & James   Vigil Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Evelyn Ward RIP
		<b>9.45 – 11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Terry Inkersole RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Third Sunday of Easter	4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Alayne Bone RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia & Evelyn Ward RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and 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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