

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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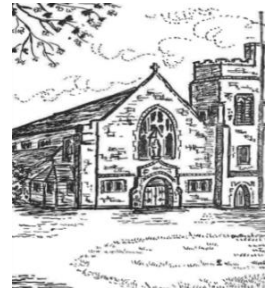
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## **16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Pages 111 & 114

**The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C** invites us to think about how we welcome God into our homes and our lives. The readings show us both action and listening. Abraham serves the Lord with great care. Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens. Martha tries hard to serve, but she misses the quiet moment with Jesus.

The first reading shows Abraham giving food and rest to three visitors. One of them tells him that Sarah will have a son. Abraham's welcome brings a blessing. The psalm reminds us that those who live with truth and fairness will stay close to God. In the Gospel, Martha works while Mary listens. Jesus says Mary made the better choice. He is not upset with Martha, but he helps her see what matters most. The second reading points to the mystery of Christ. Paul shares this mystery through his work and suffering.

**The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C** invites us to think about how we talk to God. The readings remind us that prayer is not just about saying words. It is about trust, hope, and knowing that God is listening. Abraham speaks honestly with God. He asks questions and waits for answers. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us the Our Father. He also tells us to keep asking, seeking, and knocking. God is not far away. He wants to hear from us and give us good gifts. Paul writes about baptism and new life. He reminds us that God has forgiven our sins. We are alive with Christ. This is the good news that gives us courage to keep praying.

## **POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'JESUS OUR HOPE' JUBILEE 2025**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,* In our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope", we now consider Jesus' miraculous cure of the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda. Many physically disabled people came to bathe there in hope of a cure, yet Jesus chose that man, who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years and was unable to enter the pool by himself. Jesus' question to him – "Do you want to be healed?" – was penetrating. It challenged the paralytic's sense of helplessness and resignation, and invited him to hope that his life could be changed. Jesus tells him to stand, take up his mat and walk. The mat was in fact the symbol of the man's past paralysis, physical and spiritual, which he can now accept and leave behind as he begins his new life. In this Jubilee of hope, may we remember in our prayers all those who suffer and feel tempted to discouragement. Whatever problems or setbacks we may face in life, let us turn to Jesus, acknowledge our desire for healing, and accept his promise of freedom and newness of life.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Fr Mark and a small group of parishioners will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to write your prayer intentions on the paper provided in the porch of the church and place them in the basket, Fr Mark will deposit them by hand in the Grotto.

**SEA SUNDAY:** The second collection last weekend raised £333.69. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE RELICS OF ST ANDREW, ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND AND ST COLUMBA** will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to Brentwood Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug, transferred to St Mary, Mother of God on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> Aug and then , on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> Aug to Our Lady of Compassion, West Ham. From there, they will travel to St Alban's, Elm Park on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> Aug and then on 9<sup>th</sup> Aug leave for Chingford, their last stop in this diocese. Provisional times for veneration are shown on the poster in the Church Porch but may be altered if necessary.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office will be open 9am-3pm on 21/7, 25/7, 28/7, 1/8, 8/8, 15/8, 22/8, 29/8 over the summer period.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** A book has been placed in the Sacred Heart chapel for anyone wishing to write down their personal prayer intentions. On Thursday evenings, during our rosary, the book will be placed before the statue of Our Lady, where we will pray, asking for Her intercession for your intentions and the needs of our parish. All are most welcome to join us.

**PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT:** We are delighted to advise that the Parish hall and toilets will be refurbished during the school summer holidays and there will also be a redecoration of the adjoining rooms and exterior of the building. In order to accommodate these works, the lower car park, directly in front of the hall, will be out of use for the duration of the school holidays.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025/26:** If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2026, please email the Parish Office to **register your interest by 1st August 2025 at the latest**. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the course will begin in September, but this is subject to finding a sufficient number of adult/parent helpers to run the course, so please contact the parish office if you are able to help. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

**RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME:** We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.00pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Christopher Chatfield & Patricia Fells who have died recently. Please keep their families and all who knew them in your prayers. Patricia's funeral will take place here at St Mary's on 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

**CONFIRMATION 2025/26:** If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2026, please email the parish office to **register your interest by 1st August 2025 at the latest**. A meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Church and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Paul Hiscock, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Patricia Magson nee Shanahan, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Eileen Newman, Margeruile Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Baby Shae Christy O'Donoghue, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley & 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



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To donate £20

## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Thelma McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Gurpreet Sohi RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	The Hawes Family RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	21 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family & Laura, Nana & Norie Donovan Int
<b>Tuesday</b> St Mary Magdalene	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Ann Harrington RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> St Bridget of Sweden	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Florence Onyiuke RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Patrick & Frances Lenehan RIP & Alfie Butler RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> St James	25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Joy & Harry New RIP

<b>Saturday</b> St Joachim & Anne  Vigil Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	John Dawson RIP
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Barbara Tormey RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	27 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00am</b>	Simon Butt RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	James Kane RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family & Kevin & Tracy Lenehan Int
<b>Tuesday</b> SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus	29 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Michael McDonagh RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Reception of Body of Patricia Fells
<b>Wednesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>11.00am</b>	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Patricia Fells RIP
		<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	David John Kamya RIP
<b>Thursday</b> St Ignatius of Loyola	31 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>9.15am</b>	Winifred Sullivan RIP
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>8.00am</b>	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP
<b>Saturday</b>  Vigil Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	<b>9.15am</b>	Michael Hughes 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>	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	3 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Clare Olaniyan Int
		<b>11.30am</b>	Deceased members of the Mullen Family
		<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

#### **NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:**

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