

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The first reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us of God's deep concern for the poor and His condemnation of dishonesty and greed. It highlights how some people exploit others for personal gain, showing disregard for justice and fairness. God sees these actions and warns of consequences for those who harm the vulnerable.

This reading challenges us to reflect on our own attitudes and actions. Do we treat others fairly? Are we attentive to the needs of the poor and those who cannot defend themselves? God calls us to a higher standard, one rooted in justice and love.

Caring for the poor is not just a good deed; it reflects God's own care for humanity. As disciples, we are called to reflect His goodness by helping those in need. Whether through small acts of kindness or larger efforts to support the vulnerable, we can show the world that God's justice and mercy are real.

### **EVANGELI GAUDIUM DAY:** *A Call to Mission in England and Wales*

In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, the late Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel titled *Evangelii Gaudium*. In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to "embark on a new chapter of evangelisation" marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today's world. He wrote:

*We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Evangelii Gaudium, §14*

This is the challenge and opportunity we take up on **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**. Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday of September.

The work of encounter and evangelisation is promoted through the Directorate for Mission. Through this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is embraced in a fuller way and promotes the whole ideal of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis.

A **second collection** will also be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

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

Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," we continue our reflection on Jesus' passion, death and resurrection by considering Jesus' revelation at the Last Supper that one of his disciples will betray him. Despite the seeming harshness, Jesus' words are not meant to condemn or humiliate his betrayer. They are rather the truth spoken with profound love, compassion and sorrow. When we reflect honestly on our own life, the question of the Apostles becomes our own: "Is it me?" Asking this question opens a space for truth in our hearts. This is important since openness to salvation begins with the awareness that we can break trust with the Lord through our sins. Despite our faults, our hope consists nevertheless in the fact that even if we fail him, he will never fail us; if we betray him, he will never betray us. Let us allow ourselves, then, to be touched by his forgiving love, so that we may truly be reborn as his beloved children.

**CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 FROM SEPTEMBER:** The parents of Year 5 children who are applying for Secondary Schools next year (October 2026) are invited to enrol for the Year 5 Mass attendance register which will begin the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October. The register facilitates a fair approach to the signing of Certificates of Practice which confirm that a family is coming to Mass each Sunday/or Saturday night in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of the enrolment this year, we ask you to email us the following details – child's name, parents' names, contact number, photo of Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates no later than Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. For the sake of transparency, the register itself will be strictly applied. More information will be supplied once families have enrolled.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** There will be a training session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.

**BRING&BUY SALE:** Due to the ongoing works in the hall the date has changed to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1pm-4pm

**UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCIES:** Just a word of encouragement to all those students going off to University to contact their University's Catholic Chaplaincy. Please go to [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk) to help you connect with your chaplaincy.

**CONFIRMATION 2025/26:** We had a very good introductory meeting of parents and young people last week. 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. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE-JUBILEE MASS:** On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Youth Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral, following a talk from the Donal Walsh #livelife foundation starting from 6:30pm. All young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join – there is no need to book, but please do let us know if you'd like to bring a group. Get in touch at [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) for more information.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: +44 7887 296 983

**SAFEGUARDING:** If you have received a reference form from someone who wishes to volunteer for a role in the parish could you please fill it in and return to Donna Coy **ASAP**. Clubs and other activities will be starting soon, and it is imperative that we have up to date references for those who will be helping to look after our children. Thank you

**SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL:** is holding its Year 6 Open Evening (for entry to Year 7 in September 2026) on Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 6pm-8pm. Headteacher Welcome Talk is at 7.30pm. Please come along and see what this wonderful school - rated Outstanding by Ofsted in all 5 areas in October 2024 - has to offer your daughter. Further details about the school see [www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net).

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Open Evening will be held at the school on Wednesday 1st October for September 2026 admissions. Visitors will receive a tour of our outstanding school (Ofsted 2024) and will have an opportunity to meet staff and pupils. See our school website for more details ([allsaintsschool.co.uk](http://allsaintsschool.co.uk)). Please note booking is essential due to high demand and limited spaces.

**ARCHSBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO:** Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Archbishop John has made a special study of St Oscar Romero, and it is a great honour and privilege to invite him to our Cathedral Parish and Diocese for this talk.

**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.

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

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## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>6.30pm</b>	Deceased members of the D'Cruz Family
<b>Sunday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>8.00am</b>	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Marie Edgley RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>9.15am</b>	Dec'd members of the Lenehan Family, Rev Fr Matteo Belzano RIP, Rev Fr Dennis Conway RIP & Norie Lenehan Int
<b>Tuesday</b> St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary & Phil McManus Int
<b>Wednesday</b> Our Lady of Walsingham	24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
		<b>9.45-12 noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.15am</b>	William McDiarmid RIP
		<b>7pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b> St Vincent de Paul, Pr  Vigil Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.15am</b>	Dan & Dolly Leahy 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>	Darren Maguire RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>8.00am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>9.30am</b>	Micheal Olaniyan Int
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack & Nancy Allan 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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