

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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“In a spirit of profound adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, we join all the saints who eternally celebrate the heavenly liturgy, to offer thanks again with them to our God for the wonders he has accomplished in the history of salvation... for having raised up in the Church a great multitude of saints, whom no one could count. A great multitude: not only the saints and blessed we honour during the liturgical year, but also the anonymous saints known only to him. Mothers and fathers of families, who in their daily devotion to their children made an effective contribution to the Church’s growth and to the building of society; priests, sisters and lay people who, like candles lit before the altar of the Lord, were consumed in offering material and spiritual aid to their neighbour in need; men and women missionaries, who left everything to bring the Gospel message to every part of the world.” (*Pope St John Paul II*)

Today, we celebrate and give thanks for all the Saints in heaven and, for the rest of the month of November, we remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Catechism teaches: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030). So, November is an ideal time to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory through prayer and acts of love and charity. Our prayers will assist them on their journey to heaven, where they will assuredly pray for us on our journey to God as well. November is also a good time to remember that we are sinners and that by God’s grace we must strengthen our own souls so that we too may enter heaven.

Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. Write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and put it in the envelope. Any money that you put in the envelope will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* who will ensure that Masses for the Holy Souls are said in different churches around the world who are struggling financially. The lists of your loved ones will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar during November. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office, but please do not put them directly in the basket.** We also invite you to bring a photo of your loved ones who have died, so that we can put them up in the church as a way of remembering them.

**ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH:** Pope Leo XIV has officially declared St John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church. A ‘Doctor of the Church’ is a man or woman of great holiness and learning whose teaching and wisdom not only resonated with their own contemporaries, but still illuminates, instructs and inspires today. Very few people in the history of the Church have been given this title, beginning with some of the early Church Fathers like St Ambrose and St Augustine, up until St Thérèse of Lisieux. They are now joined by St John Henry Newman.

**BCCS RAFFLE TICKETS:** The Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) will be selling their annual draw tickets after all Masses this weekend. Funds raised will support their vital work in supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people in schools and with families across the Diocese. Thank you for your kind support.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** This will be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. More details will follow in due course, but this year we want to try something a little different and so we are kindly asking for the following donations ONLY: Full bottles for the bottle tombola, new toiletries and new toys. Please do not donate any other items as we do not have the capacity to sort, store and sell other items on the day.

**THE HOLY LAND GROUP - BETHLEHEM CROSSES:** A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families: any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated.

**PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE GROUP:** We will be starting the "praying with the Bible group" on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Van Meenan room, to be led by Fr Jude. Those who are interested and who will want to learn how to pray with the Bible are welcome to attend.

**ST MARY’S PTA FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November doors open 5.30pm food and drink available to purchase. Fireworks 6.45pm. Tickets available: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmaryscpspta/index.cfm>

## **KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER**

### **The Meaning of Sunday Worship**

Sunday worship holds a central place in the life of every Christian. It is not merely a day of rest or a weekly routine. It is the “Lord’s Day”, the day when we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead on the first day of the week (cf. Mk 16:2, Lk 24:1). From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have gathered on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist, listen to the Word of God, and renew their communion with Christ and one another. This weekly gathering reminds us that our faith is not lived in isolation but within the Body of Christ, the Church.

Sunday is also a day of joy, thanksgiving, and renewal, if you like, a weekly Easter, when we are called to rest from work and focus on God, family, and spiritual growth. By keeping Sunday holy, we affirm that God is the centre of our lives and that time itself belongs to Him. The Catechism of the Church teaches us that Sunday is “the pre-eminent day of the liturgical assembly” and the “foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year”. (cf. CCC 1193, 2174–2185). So, Make Sunday a true celebration of life in Christ. Come to Mass, rejoice, and carry that joy into the week ahead. – Fr. Jude

**MUSIC WORKSHOP:** On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon in the church, we will be having a music workshop for the parish. We invite all members of choirs at St Mary's to attend as well as anyone who might be interested in joining us. You will be most welcome.

**LIVE MUSIC NIGHT!** We are delighted to announce that "The Scoops" will be performing live in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** from 7.30pm. Playing a range of well-loved songs from the 1960s to present day. Tickets are available via the Parish office and are priced at £10 per adult, £5 per child or £30 for a family of 2 adults plus your own children. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please note, no unaccompanied under 18s are allowed.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 14 November. Catholics are being encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has issued guidance on how to write to peers with reasons that can be emphasised in a letter.  
[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishops-urge-catholics-to-write-to-peers-on-assisted-dying-bill/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishops-urge-catholics-to-write-to-peers-on-assisted-dying-bill/)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Alexander Taylor, husband of Pat Taylor, who passed away recently. Please keep his family and all who knew him in your prayers. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 4 November at 10:30 am at South Essex Crematorium.

**A DAY WITH MARY** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 November 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We extend our warmest congratulations to Abbey & Chekuba on their recent marriages, which took place here at St Mary's. May their union be filled with love, joy, and God's blessings.

**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 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:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

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## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Paula & Josephine Camelleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> All Saints Holyday of Obligation	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	The Fowley Family Int
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b> Commemoration of all the faithful departed	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Dec'd members of the Lenehan Family, Sean Sullivan RIP Tracy & Kevin Lenehan Int
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b> St Charles Borromeo, Bp	4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Stephen Goggin RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<i>St Anthony Devotions</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Eileen Newman RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>7.15pm</b>	Evening Prayer
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Pat O'Shea RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Mary Magadelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart	7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Marie Tweedie RIP
<b>Saturday</b> In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary  Vigil Mass	8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Julie & Ian McVeigh Int
		<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>	Brian Spicer RIP
<b>Sunday</b> The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Charlie Killington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack Hughes & Helen Ging 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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