

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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EASTER SUNDAY & 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 5TH April & Sunday 12th April 2026 – Pages 251 & 255

‘The Paschal Mystery is the cornerstone of Christian life, around which all other events revolve.... Easter does not eliminate the cross, but defeats it in the miraculous duel that changed our human history. Even our time, marked by so many crosses, invokes the dawn of Paschal hope. Christ’s Resurrection is not an idea, a theory, but the Event that is the foundation of faith. He, the Risen One, through the Holy Spirit, continues to remind us of this, so that we can be His witnesses even where human history does not see light on the horizon. Paschal hope does not disappoint. To believe truly in the Pasch through our daily journey means revolutionizing our lives, being transformed in order to transform the world with the gentle and courageous power of Christian hope.’ *Pope Leo XIV.*

Today, despite the present situation of our world and the trials and tribulations of our life, still we rejoice because Christ is Risen and he gives us great hope.

A very big thank you to all those who have helped to make this year’s Easter celebrations so special – the cleaners, the flower ladies, the organists, the choirs, readers, ministers, servers, the money counters, the ushers, and indeed, the children who led the Children’s Stations of the Cross on Good Friday accompanied by Miss Linehan.

We also welcome into our church community Yasmine, Juliet, Narinder, Lilly, Oliver, Thomas and Joyce who are being baptized/ received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We remember them in our prayers as they continue on their Journey of Faith. We also give grateful thanks to the catechists who helped them over the last year on the RCIA course.

Wishing you all every blessing over this Easter period,

Fr Mark

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM– 23rd May 2026: A sign-up sheet is in the back of church Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. 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. More information to follow.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Lourdes Pilgrimage

A few last-minute places are still available for the BCYS Lourdes pilgrimage this July, for anyone in school year 10+. A powerful experience of faith, service, and community. Funding available. All information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl26

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, SUMMER 2026. Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

GIFT AID BOXES: This year's new gift aid boxes are now available for you to collect at the back of the Church.

CHURCH CLEANERS VOLUNTEERS: If you can help Friday mornings for about an hour from 10am, please contact the parish office.

REPOSITORY: for a wide range of 1st Communion and Confirmation cards, plus a selection of gift ideas, please come and have a look!

COFFEE MORNING VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to join the rota to help out at weekly coffee mornings after the 9.30am Mass, please contact the Parish office. It's a great way to socialise and meet people. No experience necessary!

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

VACANCY: The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. Closing date: Friday 1st May 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Monday 18th May 2026. Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmcps.co.uk, or phone 01708 448430.

VACANCIES:

Deputy Headteacher – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Tilbury

Deadline for application: 12:00 noon Friday 10th April 2026

School Business Manager- Sacred Heart of Mary. Upminster:

Deadline for application: Friday 10th April 2026

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, Claire Ramm, 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

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	4 th April	8.00pm	Oliver Gilsenan & Joseph Ma RIP
Sunday Easter Sunday	5 th April	8.00am	Terry Inkersole RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Mary Magadelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Monday Easter Monday	6 th April	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family Kieran Fowley, baby Norie, Laura & Nana Donovan Int
Tuesday Easter Tuesday	7 th April	9.15am	Teresa & Tony Woods RIP
		11.00am	Requiem Mass – Elizabeth Kelly
Wednesday Easter Wednesday	8 th April	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	William Fernandez RIP
Thursday Easter Thursday	9 th April	9.15am	Rita Kyrou RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday Easter Friday	10 th April	9.15am	Bridget & Sonny O'Connell RIP

Saturday	11 th April	9.15am	Danny McCarthy RIP
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Easter Saturday		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Maureen Crow RIP
Vigil Mass			
Sunday Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	12 th April	8.00am	Martin McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	Jack Lourd RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy chaplet / Holy Hour
Monday	13 th April	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family, baby Norie Laura & Nana Donovan Int
Tuesday	14 th April	9.15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	15 th April	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Josephine Mojirola Babaoye Int
Thursday	16 th April	9.15am	Denis O'Meara RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	17 th April	9.15am	Ronan O'Brien Int
		7.00 pm	Terry Inkersole RIP
Saturday	18 th April	9.15am	Carole Martin RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Eamon Commins RIP
Vigil Mass			
Sunday Third Sunday of Easter	19 th April	8.00am	Clive McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Helen Taylor RIP
		4.30pm	Prayer for Life. 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:

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.