

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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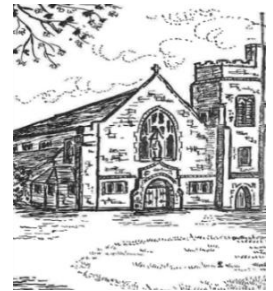
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## **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The 12th Sunday of Year A in Ordinary time focuses on themes of trust, divine providence, and courage in the face of fear. The readings challenge us to rely completely on God, as Jesus reassures His disciples that they are immensely valued and protected. In the First Reading from Jeremiah, the prophet Jeremiah faces persecution and denunciation for speaking God's truth, yet he expresses profound trust in the Lord as his champion. In the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 69), a cry for help in times of deep trouble is anchored in the steadfast love and mercy of God. In the Second Reading from Romans, St. Paul contrasts the sin of Adam with the grace of Jesus Christ, reminding the faithful that God's grace and gift of salvation are far greater than human failings. And in the Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:26-33), Jesus commands His followers to overcome human fear and boldly proclaim the Gospel. He famously reminds them that even "the hairs of your head are all numbered" and that "you are of more value than many sparrows."

**DAY FOR LIFE:** On this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website."

**SUMMER FETE:** A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete. Your help, generosity, and enthusiasm made the day such a success. We truly appreciate everyone who volunteered, donated, attended, and helped make it a wonderful event for our community

**ST JOSEPH THE WORKER MEN'S CLUB:** Inviting all DIY enthusiasts to form a new men's group in the parish to help with maintenance work. A survey of the buildings of the parish was recently conducted, and we could do with all the help we can get to complete various recommended jobs but also have some fun in the process. Obviously, bigger jobs will need to be contracted out. Please let Fr Mark or the parish office know, if you're interested.

## **POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 15:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we continue our series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. This document teaches that the liturgy immerses us in the mystery of Christ's passion, death, resurrection and glorification. Through liturgical rites and prayers, and by the power of the Spirit, Jesus exercises his priesthood and sanctifies the Church, his spouse, uniting her to his own oblation to the Father. Indeed, Christ is present in the word that is proclaimed, in the sacraments, in the ministers, in the community, and most of all in the Eucharist. Let us allow ourselves to be shaped from within by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all by the living presence of Christ in the liturgy, which we will have further opportunity to explore.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We have now opened the diary until the end of the year. If you would like to book any masses, please contact the parish office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/27:** If your child is in *Year 3 to Year 5 from September* and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2027, please email the Parish Office **to register your interest by 1st August 2026 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. *If your child is in year 6 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Mark.*

**CONFIRMATION 2026/27:** If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2027, please email the parish office to **register your interest by 1st September 2026 at the latest**. A meeting for parents and young people will take place on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall** followed by **the Welcome Session** for the young people **at 5pm** and **the Enrolment Mass at 6.30pm** to be attended by both young people and parents. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

**RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME 2026/27:** We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2026 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, 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.

**STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLEHIP OF THE SEA)** is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org)

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** There will be a training session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.

**NEW FRONTALS FOR THE ALTAR AND LECTERN:** As you know, the altar and the lectern are very important furnishings within the sanctuary, from which we proclaim the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. With that in mind, we are on the process of obtaining some special cloths to be hung in front of them (aptly known as ‘frontals’) to pay honour to their dignity. The Frontals are of high quality and, as such, are not inexpensive, so, if anyone would like to make a donation towards them, we would be very grateful. The frontals come in four different colours to match the liturgical seasons, so they will help to beautify the sanctuary as a whole.

**YOUTH CLUB:** There will be a 2nd catch-up **REGISTRATION EVENING** in the Parish Hall on Friday 26th June (for those who didn't make the 19/6) for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2026, those in Year 6. One parent or carer can come (without their youngster) anytime between 8:00 - 9:00pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, you **MUST** bring along £5 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in years 7, 8, 9 & above who wish to rejoin still need to be registered by a parent/carers. Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Roy Andrews, Billy Myers, Paul Hiscock & Peter Gallagher who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. Billy Myer's funeral will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11am at St Mary's, and Roy Andrews' Funeral will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon at St Mary's.

**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, Claire Ramm, Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Bernard Frederick and Denis Fallon.

**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	20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>6.30pm</b>	Kitty Marmion RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>8.00am</b>	Tommy Banks RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Hannah & Patrick Brennan RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b> Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Mm	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Daniel William Smith RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Reception of the body- Billy Myers
<b>Tuesday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Josie Kirtland, Kevin & Tracy Lenehan Int
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> -Billy Myers
<b>Wednesday</b> Nativity of St John the Baptist	24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>7.15pm</b>	Evening prayer
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Kathleen Lillis RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Anugraha George Int
			<b>No Adoration today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Denis Fallon Int
<b>Saturday</b> In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary  Vigil Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
		<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> Ss Peter & Paul, App	28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8.00am</b>	Phillipa Grima RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Patricia Fells RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	James, Josie & Johnny Manning RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Reception of the body- Peter Gallagher

**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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