

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Year B**  
**7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

We continue our Lenten journey and join Jesus this week as he goes up to Jerusalem. Our readings offer us the wisdom of God's law in the commandments, and Jesus's forceful action regarding the true meaning of God's Temple.

The ten commandments in the **First Reading** from Exodus present the Law as a freedom charter – we have been freed from slavery to serve our God.

**Psalm 18 (19)** is a joyful poem of praise for God's precepts. It links the teaching of the commandments to their personification in Jesus – wisdom, truth and light.

St Paul in the **Second Reading** preaches a crucified Christ. This is an obstacle to some, but for Christ's followers, through his death and resurrection, he is the power and the wisdom of God.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers from the Temple and in doing so reveals himself as the true Temple. Like the Temple, he too, will be destroyed in his body, but will rise again.

As we journey with Jesus, may we find in him the true sanctuary, and perhaps the wisdom to know when to disturb the peace.

**Lenten Morning of Prayer in the Church:** This Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a morning of prayer that runs from 10.00am-12.00pm. This will begin with Stations of the Cross, followed by mass and then adoration and prayer for healing before the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for confession. Please come and join us!

**Rosary Streamed Thursday 7.30pm:** We will be streaming the rosary from St. Mary's on Thursdays at 7.30pm. It will be a wonderful way to be united, asking through the intercession of Our Lady for God's help during this difficult time. There are two ways you can join:

- A) Through the Parish website, St. Mary Mother of God and follow the link
- B) Go to Youtube and search for St. Mary Mother of God Parish Hornchurch

You will find prayers we use for the rosary on our Parish website.

**Vaccines against COVID-19:** The Bishops of England & Wales are encouraging all to take up the offer of the vaccine when it is offered. Pope Francis will receive his vaccine this week. He said that ethically, getting a vaccine against the virus should be a duty for everyone *"It is an ethical option because you risk your health, your life, but you also risk the lives of others...it is something one must do"*.

**Mass Bookings:** Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for the weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please do not call on a Wednesday.

**Fr Martin needs your help** with a number of jobs in the sacristy to prepare for masses. If you are able to offer help, please speak to Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

**Way of the Cross online:** <https://youtu.be/1dx2YR9tE9o>

**Food Bank Collection:** The SVP can now recommence the foodbank collection and the basket will be in the porch for your donations. Thank you again for your support.

**Finances:** Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

**Please remember in your prayers** Andrew Shanahan, Rita Thompson, Doris Adebola Adeyinka & Eaver McMahan who died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

**THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN:** The CBA announces the live streamed launch of the latest document of the Pontifical Biblical Commission in its English translation. 'What is Man? A Journey through Biblical Anthropology' will be available from Darton Longman and Todd [www.dltbooks.com](http://www.dltbooks.com) Professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, professor at the Gregorian University and member of the Commission, will speak at the event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 11 am GMT. Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the event. Please access the live stream free event by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and following the instructions on the home page.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Ava McMahan, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

### **Memorae**

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

### **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.



Do you want to fast this Lent?  
WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30pm</b>	Marie & Tim Browne & Family Int / Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	Dennis & Bridget O'Connell RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	SVP Intentions
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Chafina Rajendran RIP
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Rev Fr Pascal Marshall RIP
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30pm</b>	Evelyn Hampshire RIP / Ann Hanley RIP
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Private Mass</i> <b>11.00-1.00</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mr & Mrs Tweedie RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>Rosary</b> – Streamed (details above)
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10.00am</b> <b>-12.00pm</b>	<b>Morning of Prayer</b> <i>Stations of the Cross, Mass &amp; Adoration</i> <i>Confessions</i> Jean Horan RIP / Kevin Newell RIP
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30pm</b>	Frederick Jervis RIP / All Parishioners
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent	14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b>	Jackie Fisher RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Denis Murphy RIP / Liam Bergin Int
		<b>11.30am</b>	Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren

### Daily Prayer

The Bishops of England & Wales have asked us to pray each evening at 6.00pm for an end to this pandemic. Therefore I encourage you to come together as a family or individually so that we can be united in our prayer to the Lord.

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