MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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Third Sunday of Easter Year B 18th April 2021

Peace be with you.

In the midst of the joy and exuberance of Easter, this Sunday's readings allow us to consider our sinfulness, our doubts and our weakness. This is not to weigh us down, but to bring us peace and encourage us to live the new life won for us.

In the **First Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 3: 13–15, 17–19), Peter is gentle with those responsible for the death of the 'Prince of life'. They must now turn back to God.

The **Psalm 4** is both a cry for help and a song of hope and trust.

John, in the **Second Reading** (1 John 2: 1–5), speaks of Christ as our Advocate with the Father. Not only does he take our sins away, he fills us with God's love.

Jesus appears to his doubting disciples in the **Gospel** (Luke 24: 35–48). He reassures them by inviting them to touch him and by eating with them, before increasing their understanding and hinting at their mission.

Let us continue our Lenten journey this week, strengthened by the gift of Christ's peace, and conscious of being his witnesses – even if, at times, we are confused and doubtful.

Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church

<u>Mass bookings:</u> Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you.

Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask. **Gift Aid boxes:** Please email the parish office with your name and gift aid box number if your box is not at the back of the church or talk to Father Martin as you leave church.

<u>Car keys found:</u> Some car keys were found after 9.30am Mass last week. If you think they belong to you, please contact the Parish office.

<u>Thursday 22nd April:</u> The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am - 1pm.

Please remember to wear a face mask.

Sister Crockett:

A programme about the life of Sister Crockett will be screened on EWTN on Sunday at 9pm.

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

Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick:

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. All information can be found on our website https://bcys.net/assistantmanager

Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10th May 2021.

<u>Food Bank Collection:</u> 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. <u>Finances:</u> 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.

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

<u>Please remember in your prayers</u> Eaver McMahon, Ryan Flanagan and Veronica Oddi who have 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Clive McDonagh, 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.

Year of St. Joseph - Patron of the universal Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	17 th April	6.30pm	Joe Gilligan RIP / Theresa Parham Int
Sunday Third Sunday of Eas	18 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Paddy Shanahan RIP / Joaquina DeSouza RIP / John Edwards RIP Mary Magdalene / Adaehe Rafna RIP All Parishioners
Monday	19 th April	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Our Lady Int / Katy Rensten RIP
Tuesday	20th April	9.15am	Mr Symes RIP / George Manhart RIP
Wednesday	21st April	Funeral 7.30pm	Ryan Flanagan RIP (Invitation only) Terri Webb Int / Paddy Shanahan RIP / Prince Philip RIP
Thursday	22 nd April	11am-1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St. George National solemn	23 rd April	9.15am	John O'Keefe RIP / John Collins RIP / Anne Collins & Family Int
Saturday	24 th April	6.30pm	Lester Family RIP / Finch & Bray Family Living and Deceased
Sunday 4 th Sunday of Ea	25 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners James Kane RIP / Dr. Lenihan RIP Theresa Parham Int / Joyce Cougile RIP

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