

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

25th April 2021

This Sunday we are invited to deepen our awareness of the protective, caring love that surrounds us, holds us and sustains us. This love was made incarnate in Jesus the Good Shepherd.

In John's letter (**Second Reading** 1 John 3: 1–2), we are encouraged to meditate on the deep love that the Father lavishes upon us, by calling us his children.

Centring our lives on this reality will help us on our pilgrim journey — and this week's **Psalm 118** is associated with pilgrimage, sung by those entering Jerusalem. For us it becomes a resurrection song.

In the **First Reading** (Acts 4: 8–12), Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, quotes from this same psalm. Christ, who was rejected and condemned by the religious leaders of the time, is the source of Peter's authority and his gift of healing.

In the **Gospel** (John 10: 11–18), the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is used to draw out the depth of the love that God has for his people. Jesus lays down his life for us so that we might truly live. By describing himself in this way, Jesus is describing the close, intimate relationship we are each called to have with the living Lord. Although we are many, we are one flock, with one Shepherd who knows each one of us personally. Jesus trusts that we will listen to his voice.

As we pray this week, let us ask for the grace to truly listen with open and accepting hearts to the needs of our community, and to the needs of the earth. May we, too, may become loving shepherds to each other, and to the environment.

Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church

Mass bookings: 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.

Car keys found: Some car keys were found after 9.30am Mass on 11.4.21. If you think they belong to you, please contact the Parish office.

Thursday 29th April: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm.

Please remember to wear a face mask.

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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society: has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers Eaver McMahon, Rita Kyrou and Clive McDonagh 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, 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	24 th April	6.30pm	Lester Family RIP / Finch & Bray Family Living and Deceased
Sunday	25 th April	8.00am	All Parishioners
Fourth Sunday of Easter		9.30am	James Kane RIP / Dr. Lenihan RIP / Kay Conway RIP
		11.30am	Theresa Parham Int / Joyce Cougile RIP
Monday	26 th April	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Hill Family Int
Tuesday	27 th April	9.15am	Anna & Phillip Mace RIP / Mr. Thompson RIP / Unborn Children
Wednesday	28 th April	Funeral	Eaver McMahan RIP <i>(Invitation only)</i>
		7.30pm	Matthew Ward RIP / Sheila Brunton RIP / Biddy Keating RIP
Thursday	29 th April	11am-1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Catherine of Siena			
Friday	30 th April	9.15am	The Medley Family RIP / Patricia Eid RIP
Saturday	1 st May	6.30pm	Breda Ryan RIP / Carmel MacDonald Int
Sunday	2 nd May	8.00am	Paddy Shanahan RIP / Billy Noonan RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Donald McDiarmid RIP

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Please note the location of the fire exits