

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

9th May 2021

GOD IS LOVE. God's love is both profoundly faithful and utterly overwhelming. This is what this Sunday's readings reveal, with the **First Reading** (Acts 10: 25–26.34–35.44–48) showing a love that is also universal. The early disciples, at first limited in their mission, are now convinced that God's love embraces everyone.

It's a theme taken up in the **Second Reading** (1 John 4: 7–10) where St John says that God *is* love and acts lovingly when he sends his Son to reveal what true love means. God's outreach to the whole human race is what today's **Psalm 98** sings of so joyfully.

In the **Gospel**, St John (15: 9–17) goes on to speak ever more deeply of God's love for us. He recalls Jesus's teaching about his loving relationship with his Father and of his desire to make this relationship both known and available. All are invited into that same intimate relationship!

Perhaps this week, I might ask for the grace to let that teaching sink into my heart and become a reality in the way I live and by the fruit I bear. 'Help me, Lord, to respond to your friendship by being a true friend to you through my loving relationships with my sisters, brothers and all of creation. Amen.'

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.

Thursday 13th May: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 11am – 1pm.

Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: Due to The Ascension of the Lord Feast Day the Rosary will not be streamed this coming week and from Thursday 20th May at 7.30pm the Rosary will be said in the Church and not streamed. All are welcome to come and join us.

Confirmation: A small group of young people are going to be confirmed at 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 22nd May.

Church Cleaning will take place on Saturday 22nd May from 9.30am. Volunteers are needed to come along and help clean the Church please.

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.

Sacred Heart School job vacancies: Sacred Heart of Mary Girls school are looking for a part – time cleaner and a casual lettings supervisor / groundsperson. Please contact kj@mary.havering.sch.uk for further details.

Food Bank Collection: The SVP basket will be in the porch for your donations. The SVP would like to thank the parishioners at St Marys for their recent generous donations to the foodbank. Your continued support over the past 8 years is very much appreciated and most especially during this challenging Covid crisis.

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 Mary Kane and Brendan Murphy 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, Betty Gemba, 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.**

Pope Francis call for prayer in this month of May:

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.

He urges us to pray the rosary daily in May. To read more go to:

www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/news/2021-04-23.html

He writes, “Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment”.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	8 th May	6.30pm	Paul & Martin Bray Int /Jim O'Connell RIP / Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday	9 th May	8.00am	Maureen Shannon RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP / Bill Shelbourne RIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Bernard Lenehan & Family Int / Ania Wigley RIP / Marie O'Donnell RIP
Monday	10 th May	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Dawin Family RIP
Tuesday	11 th May	9.15am	Michael McDonagh RIP
		Funeral	Mary Kane RIP (Invitation Only)
Wednesday	12 th May	7.30pm	Mary Magdalene Adaeke Rafna RIP / Terry Inkersole RIP
St John Houghton			
Thursday	13 th May	8.00am	Francis Bettin RIP
The Ascension of the Lord		7.30pm	John Geary RIP
		Funeral	Brendan Murphy RIP (Invitation Only)
		11am-1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	14 th May	9.15am	Des O'Brien RIP / Eileen Jonas Int
St. Matthias			
Saturday	15 th May	6.30pm	Helen Ging RIP / All Parish Priests
Sunday	16 th May	8.00am	Jim Shanahan RIP / Clive McDonagh RIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter		9.30am	Helen Ging RIP / Mel Brennan RIP
		11.30am	Neil MacFarlane RIP / Mary Barrell RIP