

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH



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## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

Today's readings remind us that when, like St Paul, 'we believe in the name of Jesus Christ', we accept the intimate relationship to which God invites us.

We become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ.

The **Gospel** (John 15: 1–8) shows the amazing intimacy that Jesus offers through the wonderful image of the vine and branches. Having Jesus, the true vine, live within our hearts, we as his disciples, the branches, will bear fruit; cut off from Jesus, we can do nothing at all. Jesus reveals his Father as the vinedresser, tending to us with love, and sometimes pruning us so that we can produce more plentiful fruit.

In the **Second Reading** (1 John 3: 18–24), John reminds us that by believing in Jesus Christ, and loving one another, we are doing what God wants, and that God lives in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. He also reassures us that we have nothing to fear in God's loving presence. We get an indication of the fruit that Jesus speaks of when John tells us that our love needs 'not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active.'

We see an example of this in the **First Reading** (Acts 9: 26–31), where Saul proves his love for Jesus by preaching about him to the community. The apostles come to accept him and the local churches begin to put down roots and grow, drawing now from a new source of life: the Holy Spirit.

During the week, I may like to ponder the relationship God longs to have with me, and the fruit he enables me to bear.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May:** 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

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

**Church Cleaning** will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**CAFOD:** Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Feast Day. Thank you for your steadfast 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** Clive McDonagh, 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, 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](http://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	1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>6.30pm</b>	Breda Ryan RIP / Carmel MacDonald Int
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Paddy Shanahan RIP / Billy Noonan RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam Farrugia RIP / Donald McDiarmid RIP
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>10.00am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / Hector Brunton RIP / Linda Hay RIP
SS Philip & James Apostles			
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Samuel Gagan RIP / Jill & Paul Ridley Int / Lenehan Family RIP
The English Martyrs			
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>7.30pm</b>	Paddy Mulherrin RIP / Salim Seedat RIP / Peter Patterson RIP
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>11am-1pm</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St John Payne			
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Funeral</b>	Clive McDonagh RIP ( <i>Invitation only</i> )
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>6.30pm</b>	Paul & Martin Bray Int / Jim O'Connell RIP / Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Maureen Shannon RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP / Bill Shelbourne RIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Bernard Lenehan & Family Int / Ania Wigley RIP

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*Please note the location of the fire exits*