

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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4th Sunday in Lent
Year B
14th March

Happy Mothers Day!

God's love for humanity is proclaimed throughout the liturgy this Sunday. The readings shed light on our story of salvation, and reflect the depth of eternal love that God expresses for all people.

The **First Reading** describes how, for centuries, prophets had proclaimed the truth at the heart of God's covenant with Israel. The people turned away from this wisdom. They became captives, not only to hostile invaders, but also to their sinful ways. But even though the hearts of the people turned away from God, God's love remained. In time this love would become flesh in the person of Jesus.

The **Psalms** is a song of lament and of deep longing for freedom from slavery and captivity. Following the long months of restrictions from the virus, we, too, truly know the pain of this loss and yearn for freedom.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul describes the depth of God's love and his understanding of the suffering of humanity. Paul explains how the incarnation, life and death of Jesus restore us all to the life we were always meant to live.

Today's **Gospel** links Israel's story of exile with the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus. The deep truth at the heart of God's covenant is revealed to Nicodemus, who represents the ancient knowledge and law of Israel. Jesus brings light and love to a meeting that takes place in darkness and ignorance.

Let us pray that our own hearts, and the hearts of all humanity, will turn towards the light of God's love. May we, in the way

Easter Offertory Collection: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available for you to collect from the back of the Church.

Easter Masses & Holy Week: Easter masses will be as follows:

Saturday 27 th March	Palm Sunday Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday 28 th March	Palm Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 28 th March	Palm Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 28 th March	Palm Sunday	11.30am
Thursday 1 st April	Holy Thursday	7.30pm
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday	3.00pm
Saturday 3 rd April	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Sunday 4 th April	Easter Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 4 th April	Easter Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 4 th April	Easter Sunday	11.30am

We are now taking bookings for Easter masses. Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for the Easter 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.**

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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.

Reconciliation Service will take place Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm with General Absolution. All are welcome!

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 Professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, professor at the Gregorian University and member of the Commission, will speak at the event on Saturday 20th 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 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, Kay Conway, 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.**

Memorare to St Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Prayer Before Adoration, Invoking St. Joseph

Dear Jesus, we believe that You are here, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament: that You see us, that You hear us. We adore You with profound reverence. We beg pardon for our sins and the grace to make this time of prayer fruitful.

Our Immaculate Mother, St. Joseph our Patron, our guardian angels, our patron saints, intercede for us during this time of prayer and adoration. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	13 th March	6.30pm	Frederick Jervis RIP / All Parishioners
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent	14 th March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jackie Fisher RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Denis Murphy RIP / Liam Bergin Int Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren
Monday	15 th March	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	16 th March	9.15am Funeral	Betty & George Compton RIP Doris Adeyinka RIP (<i>Invitation only</i>)
Wednesday St Patrick	17 th March	7.30pm	Eileen Jonas / Ann Rowan RIP
Thursday	18 th March	<i>Private Mass</i> 11.00-1.00 Funeral 7.30pm	Mrs Tweedie RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Francis Hamlin RIP (<i>Invitation only</i>) Rosary – Streamed (details above)
Friday St Joseph	19 th March	9.15am	Jean Horan RIP / Kevin Newell RIP
Saturday	20 th March	6.30pm	Frederick Jervis RIP / All Parishioners
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent	21 st March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jackie Fisher RIP / Mary McCarthy RIP Denis Murphy RIP / Liam Bergin Int Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren

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