

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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5th Sunday in Lent

Year B

21st March 2021

I will draw all people to myself

As we journey through Lent and approach Holy Week, our Sunday readings draw us deeper into contemplating Jesus fulfilling the new Covenant by his sacrifice and death.

The **First Reading** from Jeremiah (31: 31–34) reveals God's love, as he promises to make a new covenant with us, written on our hearts.

The verses chosen from the **Psalms** (51) reflect this: 'A pure heart create for me, O God'. We pray for a heart that will receive this covenant of love.

The letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading** 5: 7–9) reveals the cost of this covenant to Jesus, in all his humanity. His obedience is through suffering, becoming our salvation.

In the **Gospel** (John 12: 20–33) Jesus spells out the necessity for the grain of wheat to die. His soul is troubled, but he is One with the Father. Through the cross will come glory.

As his disciples we must follow him, and so, like Jesus, may we turn to the Father in all our troubles, striving to draw others with us.

*Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church*

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.

Easter Masses & Holy Week:

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

Please note palms will be distributed at all of the Palm Sunday Masses.

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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Reconciliation Service in preparation for Holy Week/Easter: Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm with General Absolution. All are welcome! No need to book.

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.

Solemnity Annunciation: Thursday 25th March. Mass at 10.30 followed by Adoration until 1pm.

Church Cleaning: Volunteers needed to clean the church for Easter on Saturday 27th March from 9.30am. Please come along and help – thanks!

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 Rita Thompson and Eaver McMahon 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.

'Will we survive or drown?' Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in N France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in their Guided Meditation: **"A minute on the Aegean Sea"**. **Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on their website: www.calaislight.com & please donate if you can. Thank you.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, 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, 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.**

Memorae

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	20 th March	6.30pm	Joyce Rafferty RIP / Denis Murphy RIP
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent	21 st March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Akwaboa family Int Ted Lanaghan & family Int All Parishioners
Monday	22 nd March	9.15am 7.30pm	Norah Lenehan RIP / Margaret Harries RIP Reconciliation Service
Tuesday	23 rd March	9.15am	Gorra family RIP / Akwaboa Family Thanksgiving
Wednesday RIP	24 th March	7.30pm	Denis Murphy RIP / Ann Rowan
Thursday The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity	25 th March	10.30am 11.00-1.00pm 7.30pm	Joan & Paddy Dowding RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary – Streamed (details above)
Friday	26 th March	9.15am Funeral	Pauline & John McGlade RIP Rita Thompson RIP (<i>Invitation only</i>)
Saturday	27 th March	6.30pm	Lesley & Family Int Frank Harrington RIP
Sunday Palm Sunday	28 th March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Sonny O'Connell RIP / Greta Shanahan & Family Int All Parishioners John Naughton RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP

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Please note the location of the fire exits