

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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## 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus spoke to Thomas: "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe"*



*Are we, twenty first century believers, going to drift through the liturgical celebration of the Easter Season, repeating abstractly: "Happy are those who have not seen, yet believe? We ought rather to follow Thomas—as individual and as a community—in trying to see the power of the resurrection manifested in our lives.*

### Weekend Mass Intentions

**Sat:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & morning Prayer

9.30am—For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by Confessions until 10.45am

**5.00pm—the NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY (9)**

6.00pm—John & Eileen Brennan—RIP

**Sun:** 8.00am—Oghogh Obaseki—RIP

9.30am—Kathy Spicer—Anniversary

11.00am—Zara Audu—18th Birthday Intention

**3.00pm—DIVINE MERCY VOTIVE MASS**

6.00pm—Intentions of Bose & Kayode Sanwo

### Weekday Mass Intentions

**Mon:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Tue:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Followed by the Chaplet of St Michael

**Wed:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.40am—Rosary & Morning Prayer

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**7.00pm—Our Lady's Prayer Group meets in the church**

**Thu:** 6.30am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

7.30am—A Holy Hour of Reparation

9.30am—Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Fri:** 7.00am—The church will not open this morning

5.30pm—First Friday Confessions until 7.15pm

6.40pm—Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm—For the Intention of Helen Tapfumany

Followed by First Friday Devotions to Sacred Heart

**Sat:** 7.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer

8.15am—Morning Prayer

Followed by First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am

9.35am—Rosary followed by 15 minutes Meditation

10.15am—First Saturday Devotions to Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.30am—For the Conversion of Sinners

6.00pm—Craig Paul—Anniversary

## CONFESSIONS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday Confessions—5.30pm to 7.00pm

First Saturday from 8.30am to 10.00am

Confessions are heard in the Sacristy at the front of the church either anonymously or face to face. Do try to get into the habit of going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis. It is a wonderful aid to progressing in the spiritual life and allowing Jesus to enter fully into our lives.

We should learn to 'fall in love' with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a cure for all our spiritual ills! **The Church obliges us to make Confession during Lent or Easter—please try and go to Confessions as soon as you can.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**May: the Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.** That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 8.00pm

The Parish Council Meeting will take place in the parish hall and any parishioner is welcome to attend. There are a number of important items to discuss so do please make every effort to attend. Thanks.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Monday 13th May 2019

On this day we celebrate the first appearance of Our Lady to the shepherd children at Fatima. Join us:

**7.00pm we meet in the garden for Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima and then we will process into the church for Mass and veneration of the statue.**

## MASS FOR MIGRANT PEOPLE

In Honour of St Joseph the Worker

Monday 6th May 2019

*Celebrating the diversity of London, Kent, Middlesex, Hertfordshire and Essex*

Procession gathering at 9.00am. Procession at 10.00am.

Mass begins at 10.30am.

Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell

## MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

For couples celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries.

Saturday 8th June 2019 at Westminster Cathedral

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will soon be inviting married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating particular anniversaries during 2019 to join him at the Cathedral for a special Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. This year it will take place on Saturday 8th June at 3.00pm.

During the liturgy the couples will be invited in a simple way to renew their marital commitment and prayers will be offered for them and their families.

If you would like to attend this very special occasion then please hand your details to Fr John: names, addresses, anniversary date, email address and telephone number.

**Please give your details by Saturday 23rd March.**

## MAKE FRIDAY SPECIAL

**JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON A FRIDAY**

Do something positive to say thank you.

Make a sacrifice.

**FAST on a Friday—give up a meal.**

## LEGION OF MARY

The date of the next Praesidium meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 5th May 2019 at 4.00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome.

## OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the church every Wednesday evening for the Rosary and devotions to Our Lady—you will be very welcome to just come along.

## DIVINE MERCY VOTIVE MASS

Sunday 28th April 2019 at 3.00pm

On this, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Votive Mass at 3.00pm will be followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and then an opportunity to venerate the Image of Divine Mercy. Attached to the celebration of this Mass is a Plenary Indulgence which is a wonderful gift offered to us by the Church for the remission of the temporal punishment due to us for the sins we have committed and for which we would normally have to experience in the purifying time of Purgatory. To receive the Plenary Indulgence certain conditions would have to be fulfilled: going to confession (a few days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday), receiving Holy Communion worthily, professing the faith (creed), and praying for the Holy Father's intentions.

## INTENTIONS OF OUR LORD'S AGONY IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND A HOUR OF REPARATION

Thursday 2nd May 2019

6.30am—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30am—A Holy Hour of Reparation

Followed by a Morning Prayer

9.30am—Mass in the Church

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday 3rd May 2019

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**THE DEVOTION OF THE NINE FIRST FRIDAYS IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**7.30pm—Mass followed by devotions**

Jesus promises that those who consecrate themselves to His Most Sacred Heart will receive an abundance of grace, peace and faith.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Saturday 4th May 2019

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

7.00am—Exposition until 10.00am

8.15am Morning Prayer.

Followed by Confessions until 10.15am

9.30am Rosary & Devotions. 10.30am—Mass

**The Devotion of the Five Consecutive First Saturdays in honour of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

At the heart of this devotion is the message of Fatima—reparation for the sin of the world and the conversion of sinners.

# CATECHETICS

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## FIRST COMMUNION FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

### MASS & PREPARATION CLASS

**Sunday 12th May 2019 at 9.30am**

The children should be sitting at the front of the church in their groups with their catechists for the 9.30am Mass. Children must be on time for Mass. If they and their families are persistently late for Mass their children will not be allowed to join their group and it will stand as a lost session.

Children should be attending Mass together with their families  
From now onwards on a **regular weekly basis**.

- When the children are not sitting with their catechist the parents should bring their children forward to Fr John for a blessing at Communion time at every Mass.
- If a child misses three preparation meetings then their preparation will be delayed until the following year.
- If parents miss two of the parent's meetings then their child's preparation will be delayed until the following year,
- If children or parents arrive more than 15 minutes late for their meetings then it will be counted as a missed session.
- Parents must inform us **beforehand** of any absences. Please call 8804 2149 or 8443 4069 and leave a message.
- All future notices concerning the First Communion Programme will be published in this newsletter.

## CONFIRMATION 2019

### PREPARATION SESSION

**Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall**

It is important that the candidates arrive well in time for their sessions.

Persistent lateness will be counted as a missed session.

### CONFIRMATION 2019—CELEBRATION MASS

**Saturday 8th June 2019 at 6.00pm in the church**

Candidates must arrive in church on time and should sit at the front with their catechist. Persistent lateness will count as a lost session

### CONFIRMATION 2019—PARENTS MEETING

**Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 8.00pm in the church**

Parent's meetings are important and are part of the preparation course. Parents must attend. It is an opportunity for us to give you information about the progress of the preparation and also to inform you of any changes as well as helping them to help their young people by their example and encouragement.

**Candidates must be attending Mass on a regular weekly basis.**

Confirmation should be seen as a willingness to practice the faith.

- Parents should be supporting their children in their preparation by also attending Mass each week
- Candidates must arrive on time for their lessons and Mass. Lateness will be counted as a lost session.
- If you are unable to attend any meeting please inform us beforehand—call either 8804 2149 or 8442 4069.

**Time keeping is of the utmost importance and it will be the parent's responsibility to ensure that the young people are in the right place at the right time. If you are uncertain about any aspect of the programme then please contact us on 8443 4069. Thanks.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

### PARENT'S MEETING

**Monday 13th May 2019**

This is an important meeting for parents who want their children to be prepared to receive their First Holy Communion in 2019. Details of the new programme will be given so attendance is important.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- Marriages involving a Catholic partner should always take place in a Catholic church before a Catholic priest.
- If your marriage took place in a Register Office or in a church other than a Catholic one then the marriage would need to be convalidated (blessed). Easily done.
- If you have been married before and are not sure about getting married again in a Catholic church then talk it through with a priest who will help you.
- If you have been through a Traditional marriage you will still need to be married civilly and in church for your marriage to be recognised as Sacramental.
- If you have any problems or questions concerning marriage please do not hesitate to talk to a priest.

### OUR NEXT MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:

**Thursday 2nd October 2019 from 7.00pm**

**Saturday 5th October 2019 from 9.30am**

## BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Baptisms are always by appointment. Parents will be expected to attend a Preparation Course before their children are Baptised. Each course comprises three evenings which last about an hour. Our Baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon at 2.00pm. Registration forms can be found on the table in the porch of the church. Complete and return to us.

**Course begins on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 7.00pm**

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

To help our children to know their basic prayers, what Mass is all about and generally help them to understand their Catholic faith. It is open to children aged between 4ys and 9ys. If you would like your children to join our Sunday School which would take place on a Sunday morning then please come and register them. You will be welcome.

**Next Sunday School is on Sunday 5th May. Begins at 9.15am in the parish hall. Please don't be late.**

## ADULT BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

We run an ongoing programme for adults who might be interested in becoming Roman Catholics, or who want to be Baptised and/or Confirmed or who simply want to know more about the Catholic faith. The group usually meets on a Monday evening in the parish hall at 7.30pm. Come along or call 8804 2149 for more information.

**Enquiry time—No meetings at the present time**

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

*'Our Lady Queen of Peace'*

20th—27th August 2019

£769 for 8 days / 7nights

Details can be seen on the notice board and a booking form can be picked up from the sacristy. Bookings should be made by March 2019

Includes flights, hotel half board and excursions. Booking forms now available from the Sacristy.

Medjugorje is a place of peace and holiness, strongly influenced by Reconciliation, the Blessed Sacrament & Mass and by prayer. All under the strong influence of Mary, Our Lady of Grace. Please join us.

## BIBLE STUDY

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on Thursday 9th May at 8.00pm in hall.

## MINISTERING TO THE SICK AND THE DYING

Most Catholics have been faithful to the Church all of their lives. Attending Mass regularly and receiving the Sacraments of the Church. It has been important for them to commit themselves to their faith in this way—and it is wonderful. It is so important that this does not come to an end when they are sick at home or when, sadly, they have not long to live. It is at this time that they are in most need of the Church and what it is able to offer them—Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and the Last Rites. Please do your best to ensure that your loved ones, friends and neighbours receive all the spiritual help and support that they need and at the end a Catholic funeral. If you would like further information or help in this then please contact the parish house. Thank you.

## GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you, or maybe a relative or friend, are going into hospital then please call us on 020 8804 2149 and we will then contact the chaplain or parish which serves the hospital to ensure that your spiritual needs are looked after during your stay.

## HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Do you know of someone who is housebound and unable to come to Mass and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion? If so please contact the parish house and we will arrange a visit.

## ARE YOU SICK?

The Sacrament of the Sick is available to anyone who is ill or who is preparing to go into hospital for surgery or treatment. It is important for anyone who is suddenly taken ill, especially if they are in danger of death. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick then please contact the parish house on 020 8804 2149 and we will arrange to come and administer the Sacrament.

## NEED TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST?

If, in the case of an emergency, you are unable to speak with Fr John then please call one of the following:

Enfield Parish — 020 8363 2569, Edmonton Parish — 8803 6631 Cockfosters Parish—8449 6648, Palmers Green—8886 9568

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Middlesex—020 8803 6631 (Edmonton Parish) Chase Farm & Barnet—For the moment please contact 020 8363 2569

## Bible/Faith Study Group

The Bible/Faith Study time will begin again on **Thursday 9th May at 8.00pm** in the parish hall. The topic that we will be looking at is the Book of the Apocalypse/Revelation which is the last book of the Bible and traditionally attributed to St John the Evangelist. Not always an easy book to understand and to come to terms with—and sometimes very much misunderstood. Come and join us as we look at this interesting part of the Bible in a very simple way.

## FRIDAY DROP IN LUNCH

Every Friday from 12.30 until 2.30pm in the parish hall. Anyone is welcome to come and eat. The food is good and there is no charge and the company is good. Please join us.

## FOOD BANK

Thank you for all the help that you give in so many ways in the many things we undertake in the parish. We would like to build up our food bank so as to be able to help the people who come seeking support and help. Please can you help by bringing along some simple food items: sugar, tea, coffee, pasta, cereals, tins of soup, beans and fruit etc. There is a box in the porch of the church in which you can place your items and donations. Very many thanks.

## CHAPLET OF ST MICHAEL

Will be followed every Tuesday morning in the church after the 9.30am Morning Mass. Together we seek the protection and the intercession of the powerful Archangel Michael.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

The thought is to have a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of in Medjugorje some time in late August—the exact dates have still to be finalised. If you are interested, and several people have expressed an interest, please try and keep that period of time free in your diaries. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

## 'MARRIED LOVE' - A Conference on Marriage Enrichment

Saturday 11th May from 11.30am to 3.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Hosted by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Lunch provided. *Pope Francis emphasises in Amoris Laetitia that married love is a "process of constant growth."*

## CHRISTUS VIVIT—Echoes from the Youth Synod

Calling young Catholics aged 18 to 30. An evening of prayer and discussion with Bishop John Sherrington continuing the conversation about the role of young people in the Church. Tuesday 21st May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Throne Room, Archbishop's House, Ambrosden Avenue, Victoria. To register contact [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk)

## TRIP TO POLAND

Fr John will be organising a short Pilgrimage to Poland from Monday 21st October to Sunday 27th October staying close to the Shrine of Divine Mercy and the convent where Sister Faustina lived and received the image of Divine Mercy. Please let him know as soon as possible if you are interested in going.

## WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. 20th to 26th July 2019

Lourdes theme for 2019—"Blessed are the Poor"

Travel options by air, train and coach with budgets to suit.

Pilgrimage Administrator: Elizabeth Uwalaka, Vaughan House, 46 Frances Street, London SW1P 1QN. Tel: 0207 798 9173. email: [Lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Lourdes@rcdow.org.uk)

See Fr John for booking forms and information.

## MARCH FOR LIFE UK

The March begins at 2.00pm and the starting point is outside back of Westminster Church House (25 Great Smith Street, Westminster). Stand shoulder to shoulder with thousands to proclaim the LIFE is from CONCEPTION to the moment of a natural death—and there are no exceptions. Please see notice board for more details.

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE.

From May 10th to May 11th at St Dominic's Rosary Shrine, Southampton Road, NW5 4LB. Gathering with Our lady in prayer in a Pro-Life witness. See notice board for more details.

## SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

At Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. The 40 Hours (Quarant' Ore) beginning with Pontifical High Mass in the Extraordinary Form with His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Arinze as the celebrant and preacher. Please see notice board for more details.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember that you should fast from eating food or drink, apart from water, for at least one hour before the time you actually receive Holy Communion. If you receive Holy Communion in the hand please always remember to place the Host (the Body of Christ), into your mouth before you move away from the Minister. Please come forward quietly and prepare yourself to receive Holy Communion. **Please bow before receiving the Body or the Blood of Jesus** as a sign of reverence. Remember to say a prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion when you are back in your place. **Please always try and be on time for Mass. Arriving late can mean that you have not prepared adequately for the celebration. You should certainly arrive before the reading of the Gospel. Please do not chew gum or eat sweets or biscuits in church. All of this will help us to remember that Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion are very special events for Catholics. Please also remember to dress reasonably modestly when coming to church. We must not be a distraction**

## COME AND JOIN THE

## PARISH CHOIR

*We welcome new members. We are a friendly mixed ability group of adult singers who enjoy singing and praising the Lord, thanking Him for all the blessings He gives. We also need young people to help start a YOUTH singing group. If you play an instrument and have a love of music come along. Contact Danny on 02082456975*

## THINGS TO REMEMBER AT MASS

When we enter and leave the Church genuflect (bow your knee) toward the Tabernacle. Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor we acknowledge that He is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a good bow is sufficient. During Mass if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle genuflect reverently. Use the holy water to make the Sign of the Cross.

Please dress modestly—going to church is not a fashion parade and you should never become a distraction or a seduction to others by the way that you look. Please dress modestly

## YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

We can receive donations using text messages on smartphones

Just text **PARISH PONDE** and send text to **70800**

£5 will be added to your mobile phone bill as a donation which will come directly to our parish. If you have any questions ask Fr John or call the Diocese on 020 7798 9375. Many thanks.

## Please pray for the sick

Agnes Guveya, Agnes Robinson, Marjolaine Babet, Jenna Joson, Josephine Yawe, Pamela Rutabyama, James Scott, Theresa Matovu, Margaret Creed, Agnes Walsh, Juliet Nabutende, Scola Namyalo, Henry & Justine Rutabyama, Leslie & Violet Fraser, James Scott, Agnes Walsh, Mary Conway, Ailsa Wintle, Dennis O'Sullivan, David Kirunda, Margaret Felgate, Marie Francaisa Babet, Therese Josephine, Marcelina Lukeera, Willie & Yvette Simon.

Pray also for those who have died recently:

John Shepherd, Colene Powell, Joe Lynch, Marie Lucile Riviere, Frank Bull, Epifania Majaba, Edna Black, Sudath Kamarasingha, Epifania Majaba, Tina Barke. James Nankoo, Cotilda Wamala.

Anniversaries:

Uzodimma Agbasonu, Samson Idemudia, Doreen Clarke, Marianna Amato, David Oh-Wow, Ave Maria Browne, Raymond Colaco. Mary Mitchell.