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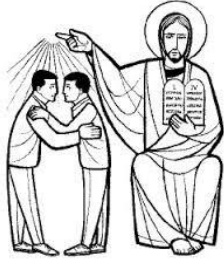
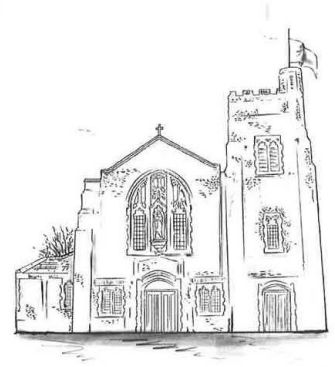
Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Assistant Priest: Father Sabu Pariyadan

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam – 07972 280734

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th February 2017

The hidden wisdom of God

As I come to pray, I still myself so that I may listen to my God. I may wish to pray for wisdom, so that I can learn, and deepen my understanding of his teaching.

In the **First Reading** from Ecclesiasticus (15:15–20), Ben Sira tells us that we are free to choose God's commandments and He will grant us our desire.

The Responsorial Psalm is a part of **Psalm 118**, a long meditation on the Law. The Law is not merely prescriptive but a way of life, an insight into God's wisdom. Whole-hearted seeking of God's Will brings happiness.

Paul, too, in his letter to the **Corinthians** (1 Cor. 2:6–10) points out that true wisdom comes from God. Only his Spirit can reach into the depths of everything.

In the **Gospel** (Matthew 1:18–24) Jesus teaches with authority. He has not come to abolish the Law but to imbue it with new life. Jesus' vision of the kingdom goes beyond the surface of the Law of Moses; He reveals its hidden depths.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? You're invited to the first evening of CaFE on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Fr Martin will introduce the course which is based on very interesting DVD presentation. The course will run on a Monday evening until Easter. Refreshments provided.

Second Collection This Week for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

Please note there will be no 8.30am Mass on Monday 20th February due to a funeral at 10.00am

Holy Communion Welcome Sunshines & Rainbows to your Celebration Mass.

Please pray for Kathleen O'Sullivan and Anne Green who died recently. Funeral details outside the church. May they rest in peace.

Confirmation Candidates Please note that the first date of your Confirmation Programme will be 6th March and not 8th March as advertised.

Confirmation Catechists There will be a meeting in the Presbytery on 20th February at 8.00pm. New catechists are always welcome to join our friendly group. Please contact Mary on 07926 746401 for details. No experience necessary!

Car Parking Our Parish Council has noticed that our Church and School car parks are becoming increasingly congested. Please help us to solve this problem by parking with care and due consideration for others and park only in designated spaces. Please avoid double parking and blocking the right of way/access to the church. For the health and safety of all our parishioners, it is important that emergency vehicles can have access at all times. Very many thanks for your help in this matter.

Year Five Children Will children and parent/s of those in Year *Five* at school say 'hello' to Fr Martin as you leave church. Thank you.

Catholic Papers The Universe (£1.30), The Catholic Herald (£2.50) and The Catholic Times (£1.30) are on sale each week in the porch. This is an ideal way to keep yourself informed about what is going on in the world and in the church. While the general media largely ignores the work of the church, Catholic newspapers are an excellent way of getting to know what is really going on. Support our Catholic press.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Please collect your new rota from the Sacristy.

Meditation presents 'The Journey' A Lenten reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs led by Michael Wigley. 7.30pm on Monday 6th March at St. Mary's Church, Hornchurch. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Calling all craft makers!! St Mary's Parish, Hornchurch are holding a craft fayre on Sunday 12th March from 9.00am - 1.00pm, set up from 8.00am. Tables £20 each or £15 if you bring your own table. If you're interested please call Jo on 07961037786.

As part of Centenary coverage this year the Diocese are looking to find parishioners who have been in the Diocese for a very long time, even for the whole of its existence! If you have lived in St Mary's parish a very long time and might be able to talk about growing up in our Diocese, changes seen etc, please let the church office know.

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair There will be a Mass to celebrate the 92nd Anniversary of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair's Religious Profession on Saturday 18th February at 2.30pm in the Marillac Chapel, Eagle Way. Devotions will be at 2.15pm. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

Vacancy – Diocesan Property Consultant working out of Cathedral House in Brentwood. Full-time role. If you are interested in applying, please first contact property-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org and request a job description and person specification, then send your CV with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for applications is 7.00pm on 28th February.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd February. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting their Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 4th March. Tickets are £55pp to include a drinks reception, three-course dinner, tea & coffee, dancing & entertainment. To reserve tickets, or to donate a raffle or an auction prize, contact Julie 01268 784544.

Flame Congress, Wembley Arena, Saturday March 11th Travel with the BCYS to the largest Catholic youth event in the country! Open to all aged 15-23. Travel on your own or with friends, and we will meet you at Liverpool St or Fenchurch St station. Cost £15, plus your train fare. Book now by calling Gabby on 01268 515970.

Iona Social Club Members Club, family atmosphere, close to Church. Club is available to members and non-members for non-exclusive functions during the weekday, for weddings, funerals and parties, alongside our existing programme. Phone the Iona on 01708 442453 for bookings, membership and general enquiries.

CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

Baptism Course: First and second Thursday of the month.

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

RCIA Journey in Faith: Tuesdays at 8.00 – 9.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Rosary: Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

St Mary's Prayer Hotline: Call Betty (daytime) on 01708 720834 with any prayer requests.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Patricia Crudgington, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Alan Fisher, Jackie Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Nancy Hayes, Jean Horan, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Josie Humphreys, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Bridget Stapleton, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, David Wells, Maureen Williams 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.**

WEEKEND 18TH/19TH FEBRUARY 2017:

Readers:	Sat. 6.30pm	Mary Keen/Sharon Flevin
	Sun. 8.00am	Seb Hough/Alex Rowley
	9.30am	Alan & Albert Sabu Mathew
	11.30am	Donna Coy/Ray John

Bidding Prayers: Maureen Boorman **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 3
Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings 05.02.17: Envs: £1,156.76 Loose: £967.62 Total: £2,124.38

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	11 th Feb	6.30pm	Michael Bray Int
Our Lady of Lourdes			Micky & Pat Saunders - Sick
Sunday	12 th Feb	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Paddy Ginty RIP
		11.30am	Josephine Camilleri RIP
			Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
Monday	13 th Feb	9.00am	Eileen & John Mulkerrin Int
			Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	14 th Feb	9.00am	James Barrett RIP
SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius			Kathleen & Andy Coughlan Int
Wednesday	15 th Feb	9.00am	Brendan Purtill RIP/Anne Flower RIP Ann
Thursday	16 th Feb	9.00am	Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
			Joan Dowding Int Bday
		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	17 th Feb	9.00am	Dennis McGarry RIP
			Julie O'Donoghue RIP
Saturday	18 th Feb	12.00 noon	Flavia Nunes RIP
		6.30pm	Susan Curtis RIP Anniv/Ena Cadden Int
Sunday	19 th Feb	8.00am	Albert Edgley RIP Anniv
		9.30am	All Parishioners/Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
		11.30am	Christina Burke RIP
			Jim O'Connell RIP Anniv

***Hospital Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin and Fr Sabu will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick
after all Sunday Masses. Please see either of them.***