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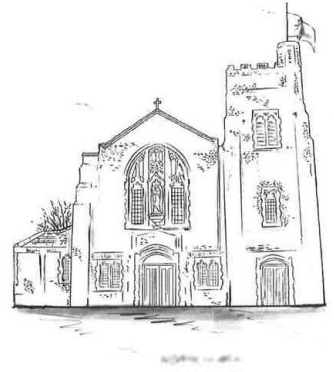
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Second Sunday of Lent Year A 12th March 2017

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will

As we begin the New Year we may be full of optimism for the year ahead or perhaps weighed down by troubles, our own or those of our world. Perhaps I ask myself, “What am I really looking for in 2017?” Whatever our thoughts or mood, the readings for this week are full of the joy, hope and light that the coming of Christ brings.

We encounter Jesus as he begins his public ministry. John the Baptist sees Jesus coming towards him and speaks to crowds. John tells them that he did not know Jesus until he was revealed by the Holy Spirit as the Chosen One of God at his baptism (**Gospel** - John 1:29-34). We pray that, through the grace of our baptism, we may know the love and presence of Jesus in our lives.

The **Psalm** (39) is a joyful celebration of our God, who hears our cries for help and invites us to trust and praise his goodness. We pray for open hearts and continued faithfulness in our following of Jesus this coming year.

The **First Reading** (Isaiah 49:3 5-6) speaks of the whole people of God becoming the “light of the nations” so that salvation may reach the ends of the earth. We pray to become witnesses to the love of Jesus.

St. Paul, in the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1:1-3), sends greetings to the Church in Corinth reminding them that they are called to be holy and asking that they be blessed with grace and peace. We pray that God will bless our families, our communities and our world with peace in the year ahead.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm.

Evening Mass on Fridays at 7.30pm during Lent.

Saturdays in Lent Exposition and Confessions from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Mass at 12.00 noon.

Second Collection This Week for Lent Fast Day.

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.

Please pray for Nancy Hayes who died recently. Funeral details outside the church. May she rest in peace.

Holy Communion Welcome Rainbows & Sunshines to your Celebration Mass.

Craft Fayre St Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday 12th March from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Refreshments provided.

Confirmation Session Wednesday 15th March. Starts at 7.30pm with Mass in the church and finishes at 9.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15th March at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

Repository Shop St. Patrick's Day badges and cards, Mother's Day gifts and cards on sale at the moment. Easter eggs etc. will be on sale soon. Please pop in.

Meditation presents 'The Journey' A Lenten reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs led by Michael Wigley at St Mary's Church, Hornchurch. *Date has been changed to Wednesday 29th March at 8.00pm, immediately after the 7.30pm Mass.* Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Medugorje – St Mary's Our annual pilgrimage to Medugorje 2017 will be from 19th – 26th October. If you are interested in joining us, ring Kathy on 01708 620832/07932 762608.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th March. Please call 01277 373959.

Vespers for St Patrick's Feast Day The Choristers of Brentwood Cathedral Choir will be singing Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church, at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park on the Feast of St Patrick, Friday 17th March, at 7.00pm. The service will last about half an hour, followed by a short concert. There will be a retiring collection for the Church Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Sacred Heart, Upminster Spring Fayre Saturday 18th March, 12.00pm – 3.00pm. You could win up to £1000 in our Grand Draw, hope to see you all there.

Meeting the "Living God" Seminars Cathedral House, Brentwood. Seminar 3: *With Christ during Lent.* Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams. Date: Saturday 18th March, 10.30am-12.00noon. For further information please contact 01277 265285.

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a talented Deputy Director to join a newly established and still evolving Education Department. This an exciting time to join the education team as it develops to address the needs of Diocesan schools and Catholic education. The post of Deputy Director affords the successful candidate a high-profile and influential role at a time of significant change. It is essential that the successful candidate has a strong record of successful leadership and management in the field of education. The Diocese of Brentwood is committed to the provision of

high quality Catholic schools. In pursuit of this, the Deputy Director will work closely with the Director of Education in support of the strategic development, promotion and effectiveness of Catholic education in the Diocese. We are seeking to appoint a practising and committed Catholic with a good knowledge of Catholic schools and a clear understanding of the church's mission in education. Full details on notice board in the church porch.

New Publication - The Diocese of Brentwood – 100 Years in Pictures A Souvenir Booklet to mark our Diocesan Centenary, 110 pages with more than 300 colour and black & white photographs. Copies from Centenary Booklet, Brentwood Diocesan Archives, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT. The suggested donation is £7 (plus £2 p&p). Cheques made payable to BRC DT.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 22nd July. Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. We will dedicate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to go please contact the Parish Office.

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School in Dagenham require a class teacher to join the School in September. Please contact Mrs Rector to arrange a visit 0208 270 6695.

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, 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, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, 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 MARCH 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Janet James/Peter Amey
Sun. 8.00am Alex Rowley/Seb Hough
9.30am Alan & Albert Sabu Mathew
11.30am Philip Rodgers/Helen Cheshire

Bidding Prayers: Jackie Donald **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 6
Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings 05.03.17: Envs: £1,219.71 Loose: £1,073.93 Total: £2,293.64

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	11 th Mar	6.30pm	Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP Eilis Amey RIP
Sunday	12 th Mar	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners/James Medlin RIP Eamon Commins RIP/Maria Fackler RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP Douglas Wilson RIP (from KSC)
Monday	13 th Mar	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP/Mr & Mrs Green RIP
Tuesday	14 th Mar	8.30am	Paddy Dowding RIP Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Wednesday	15 th Mar	7.30pm	Ann Davis RIP
Thursday	16 th Mar	8.30am	NO MASS due to 10.30am Funeral for Nancy Hayes RIP 2.30-5.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Patrick	17 th Mar	8.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Mr & Mrs Byford RIP/Private Int Stations of the Cross Jack Hughes RIP
Saturday	18 th Mar	11.00am 12.00 noon 6.30pm	Exposition and Confessions Jim Shanahan RIP All Parishioners
Sunday	19 th Mar	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Susan & Michael Kelly Int Eric & Dorothy Dodkins Int Bridie & Martin Barry RIP Anniv Anne Hayes RIP George Compton RIP Anniv

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