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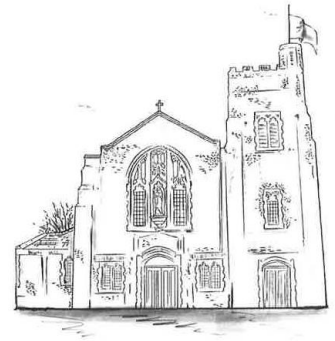
Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 15th January 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 the 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.

Second Collection This Week We welcome this weekend the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver who will make an appeal and there will be a second collection for their work.

Second Collection Next Week for Racial Justice Sunday.

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.

First Holy Communion Welcome Rainbows to your session.

Eilis Amey RIP Eilis passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on Sunday morning. Although she was a member of the Gidea Park parish, many of our parishioners would know her. May she rest in peace.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th January at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

Newspaper Wall Racks The church newspapers are now displayed on wall racks in the church porch. The money should still go in the wall safe.

Children's Liturgy We are looking for new helpers! Would you like to be part of this great experience to help young children understand the gospel at a level they can understand, we're currently looking for helpers and a group leader. The group leader role involves reading the gospel to the children, asking them questions and leading a small discussion and also preparing a little activity for them. Or if you would like more information, please call Jo on 07961 037786.

Quiz Night in St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday 4th February, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of eight please and no children under ten. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 01708 747026.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th January. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

The Champion School is looking to appoint a Swimming Pool Operative, to look after the maintenance and cleaning of the school swimming pool, to start ASAP. Twenty hours a week – 52 wpy – APTC2 Point 13 (FTE £18,027 pa – Actual Salary £10,013 pa - £9.60 ph). For further details and an application form please contact Mrs C Noddings on 01708 452332 ext 303.

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land 26th June – 5th July. Visit the major shrines of Our Lord & Lady including a visit to the School of Joy (where olive wood items are made by disadvantaged children). Hotel stays in Galilee and Jerusalem. Cost £1,745 half board. Please let Fr Paul Fox know in writing including your full contact details - email, telephone and address. Tel: 01268 742229, rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Address: Our Lady of Ransom, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 7HP.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bishop Alan will lead our annual pilgrimage from Sunday 23rd - Friday 28th July. We will be accompanied by an experienced medical team and there is plenty of help for those with mobility needs. The pilgrimage is no less ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends; all are welcome. There is a full programme to opt in and out of. For more information or for a brochure, please contact the pilgrimage administrator Cathy O'Connor on 01206 735623.

Study Day on the Gospel of John at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park on Saturday 18th March from 11.00am - 3.00pm. Theme: The Journey of Faith in the Gospel of John led by Fr Victor Darlington, Professor of Scripture at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com.

Meeting the "Living God" Seminars Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. Seminar 1: The unspoken genocide: Christian persecution in the twenty first century. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. Date: Saturday 21st January, 10.30am-12.00noon.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call. Dates: 27th - 29th January. Location: New Cross, London. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com.

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, Dymphna Bowes, Winifred Carpenter, Ann Carroll, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Coughill, Maureen Crow, Patricia Crudgington, Tony De Lucia, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Alan Fisher, Joseph Gregory, Kevin Hartie, Nancy Hayes, Baby Ethen Hough, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Josie Humphreys, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Mary Loftus, Betty Long, Joanne McCann, Mary McCarthy, Fr Brian McGilloway, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Sheila Murphy, Grady O'Neill, Maureen O'Neill, Tricia Owens, Theresa Parr, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Paul Ridley, Hazel Roberts, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Elizabeth Smith, Len Smith, Tom Smith, Bridget Stapleton, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Fr. John Taylor, Pat Taylor, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, Bernadette Watts, David Wells, Maureen Williams, Alan Woodford 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 21ST/22ND JANUARY 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Maureen O'Brien/Kathleen Brooker
Sun. 8.00am Nicola Stacey/Jackie Fisher
9.30am Emma McMillan/Ella Donald
11.30am Maria Adesegeha/Philip Rodgers

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 10
Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings 08.01.17: Envs: £1,200.80 Loose: £991.21 Total: £2,192.01

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	14 th Jan	6.30pm	John & Brigid Cody/Len Mead RIP
Sunday	15 th Jan	8.00am	All Parishioners/Thanksgiving Int
		9.30am	Stephen Kerby RIP/Dick Collins Int
		11.30am	Dawson Family Int/Derry Lydon RIP Ann
Monday	16 th Jan	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP/Teresa Nolan RIP
Tuesday	17 th Jan	8.30am	Ketchley Family RIP/Rita Gormley RIP
St Anthony			
Wednesday	18 th Jan	7.30pm	Joyce Cougill & Maureen McMahon Int The Brennan Family Int
Thursday	19 th Jan	8.30am	Jade Loughnane RIP/Annie Barrett RIP
		2.30–5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	20 th Jan	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP/Sandro Pelay RIP
Saturday	21 st Jan	12.00 noon	Tom Long RIP/Jim Shanahan RIP
St Agnes		6.30pm	Len Mead RIP/John & Brigid Cody
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***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.***