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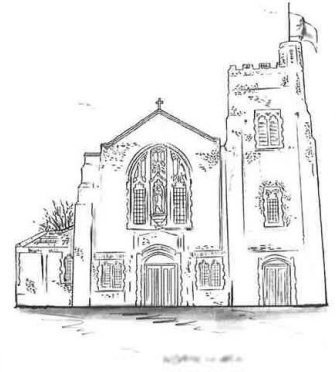
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 16th July 2017

Christ sows the seed of God's word in the world.

In today's **First Reading** (Isaiah 55:10–11), from the prophet Isaiah, we are encouraged by the effectiveness of God at work in the world through his word. The Second Reading shows the eagerness of creation, which awaits God's gifts of freedom, growth and purpose.

As St Paul (Romans 8:18–23) reminds us, we, too, possess the first-fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are recurring themes. The **Psalms** (64) speaks of the abundance of creation through the care of the Creator.

The **Gospel** (Matthew 13:1–23) reveals that same Creator (as a sower) seeking a rich soil that will produce a good crop. Perhaps, this week, we can renew our commitment to the way of Christ, and to remember the freedom and glory that we enjoy as children of God. We might also carry with us the words of the Gospel acclamation: 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life'.

Opening Prayer O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

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

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet for the first time this year on *Monday 4th September at 7.30pm* in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Each subsequent Monday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm. Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at church office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

St Mary's Healing Service Wednesday 26th July at 6.00pm. Exposition, Confessions and Anointing. Mass at 7.30pm.

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

Afternoon Tea for Parish Elders *on Sunday 16th July has been cancelled due to lack of interest.*

Holy Communion Programme 2017/18 **URGENT APPEAL** – Please would you consider becoming a Catechist for the Holy Communion programme. It is founded on the generous work of our Catechists and if we do not have enough it will not be able to continue in its present format. Please contact Jane through the church office.

Catholic Practice The Diocese has made it clear, based on the Law of the Church, that for the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, Mass attendance on every single Sunday is a requirement and 'it is clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the Canons'.

The Big Campout raised £465.02. Thank you to everyone involved.

2017 Confirmation Photos are now available to view and purchase at handyphotography.com. You will need your password to access the photos, if you don't have one please email handyphotography@yahoo.co.uk. Any queries contact Andy on 07855 646153.

Fund Raising Quiz Night Saturday 12th August from 7.30 – 10.00pm at St Mary's Parish Hall. £5pp (bring your own drinks and nibbles). Tables of 6 or 8 or you are welcome to join in with other tables. The aim of the quiz night is to raise funds to give the elderly and lonely in Havering a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. For tickets please call Peter or Josie on 01708 457549.

100 Club Winners April - No 6. May - No 69. June - No 10.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will this year be filming parts of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and packaging them as short clips which can be viewed on YouTube. These will include prayerful reflections and homilies from Lourdes, and will create a "virtual pilgrimage" for those in their homes. You will find the clips via www.bcys.net from the evening of Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July.

Four Day Summer Bible Session St Antony's, Forest Gate from 21st – 24th August. Cost for the week - £25.00. Please contact the parish office on 0208 552 3670. Diploma's will be handed out to all who follow the whole course.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for Qualified Counsellors/Social Workers, educated to Diploma level, to work in schools in the Basildon, Chelmsford, Harlow and Southend area from September. Please contact the Head of Professional Services via email at dsealy@bccs.org.uk for further information.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 24th July. £699pp sharing. Price includes flight from Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' Knock House Hotel, full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Single supp. £60. Contact 01268 762278 or 07740 175557.

The Champion school is looking to appoint an ICT Technician Experience of Window Server 2016, Virtualised (hyper-V) networks and Windows 10 OS would be an advantage. Maternity Cover initially but with possibility of permanent post. Applications should be made in writing to: Mr. P.J. Luck at the Champion School. Closing date: Friday, 21st July.

St Bonaventure's, Forest Gate are seeking to employ a member of staff to lead the boys in the development of their singing. To arrange an informal discussion please email the Headteacher on p.halliwell@stbons.org.

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: Mondays at 7.30pm 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 Crudginton, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Mamie Tuite, 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.**

