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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17th June 2018

The Kingdom of God

Our readings this week are full of hope and confidence. May we grow in joyful hope as we pray and ponder them. The theme of growth, seeds and trees winds in and out of these readings. So does the notion of universality: God's kingdom is for the whole of humanity.

In the **First Reading** (Ezekiel 17: 22–24), God, through the prophet Ezekiel, promises the tiny remnant of Israel that they will grow into a new people, just as the cedar grows from a small shoot. The **Psalm** (92) is a song of thanksgiving to the Lord who enables the just to grow and flourish like a cedar.

St Paul in the **Second Reading** (2 Corinthians 5: 6–10) reminds the Corinthians of the confidence they have, despite the tensions of living while waiting for the Lord. This fills them with the expectation of being with him one day.

The **Gospel** (Mark 4: 26–34) contains two parables of the Kingdom: that of the seed growing secretly; and the parable of the mustard seed. Both parables reveal God working continuously for the growth of his kingdom.

As we go about our lives this week, we may find other metaphors for the God who works secretly for his kingdom in all those around us, in our surroundings and in all events.

Happy Father's Day!

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **this weekend** for Sick Clergy.

May Queen Procession: Last Sunday we were blessed with fine weather for our Parish Procession. A big thank you to the many who helped in any way to make it a beautiful celebration.

Annual Parish Meeting will take place this Wednesday 20th June at 8pm in the Parish Hall. It is an opportunity for you to comment on how the parish is doing, make suggestions and voice concerns. We also need more parishioners to step forward to join the Parish Council, which is elected at this meeting. It is not difficult, with only 6 meetings a year, but we need fresh viewpoints, so don't be shy! **REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS** – please submit your reports to the parish office by Mon 18th June. Thank you.

Year 4 - Training for NEW Altar Servers: ALL year 4 children are invited to become Altar Servers. The next two sessions are **23rd June – 9.30am & 30th June – 9.30am**. You must attend all training sessions and will need to come along with a parent. Please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Martin for more information.

Confirmation 2019: Parents / candidates meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th July in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and are currently in Year 9 and above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

Talking before Mass: Pope Francis said this at a recent General Audience in Rome: 'When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before and we start to chit-chat with those around us. However, it is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important.' Please bear the Holy Father's teaching in mind, in order to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and for our fellow parishioners who are praying. Please show a good example to those around you.

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Each first Friday of the month Jesus is exposed on the altar until 7pm. Each Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm we are invited to spend silent time with Him. Each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm He invites us to 'come'. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenan Room. All are welcome.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

Save the Date – Let's Celebrate!! Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

CLEANER REQUIRED: St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires a Cleaner for 12 ½ hours per week Monday to Friday, 3.30pm-6.00pm. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mary McLeavy at St Mary's School Office on 01708 448430 for further details.

Home from Home for the Elderly are seeking new volunteers (both admin and practical) and also new trustees for the charity. Our charity currently provides much needed befriending services to the elderly, and we also run a monthly social group which meets at St Mary's Parish, but which is open to all. We hope to enter an exciting new phase in the charity's growth soon; moving towards the provision of care services in the home. We still maintain our ultimate goal of establishing a residential home from the elderly in the fullness of time too. We are not looking for huge time commitments, many hands make light work! For more information, or to arrange to meet with us, please contact our trustees via Joanne Challis on 01708 747026 or e-mail: admin@hfh4elderly.org.

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.

United Singers: Please join us for a Musical Meander commemorating the Great War 1914-1918. Saturday 23rd June, 6.30pm at Upminster Baptist Church. Adults £8.00, concessions £5.00.

English Martyrs Hornchurch - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019: We are organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year from Thursday 7th - Thursday 14th March 2019. If you wish to join in this holy pilgrimage, which will be led by Fr Britto, please contact the parish office at English Martyrs: 01708 507020 / hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org for an itinerary and booking form. *Cost per person £897 / booking deadline 20th July 2018 for this price.*

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: On Wednesdays 20th and 27th June at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Mark, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster: We wish to warmly invite you to a pupils & staff Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7th July 2018 between 2pm and 5pm. Come back, meet up with some old friends and teaching staff and have a look around the school to spark fond memories! To purchase a ticket please telephone the school on 01708 222660.

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 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, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, 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 23rd / 24th June 2018:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm
Sun 8.00am
9.30am
11.30am

Mary Keen / Sharon Flevin
Albert Mathew / Joshua Duah
Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
John Hawes / Matthew Leigh

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 8

Offerings 10.06.18: Envs: £946.43

Church Cleaning: Group 4

Loose: £763.03 Total: £1,709.46

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th June **12.00pm**
6.30pm

Johnnie O'Toole / Jack Hughes RIP
Annette Chandler RIP / Alan Fisher RIP

Sunday 17th June **8.00am**
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time **9.30am**
11.30am

Jimmy Smith RIP
All Parishioners / Myra Nelligan RIP
John & Geraldine O'Shea
& their daughter Jennie

Monday 18th June **8.30am**

Norah Lenehan RIP / Winifred Sullivan RIP

Tuesday 19th June **8.30am**

Margaret Doran RIP / Edna Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 20th June **7.30pm**

Jim Shanahan Birthday

Thursday 21st June **8.30am**
St. Aloysius Gonzaga **2.30-5.30pm**

Kathleen Kelly
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 22nd June **8.30am**
SS John Fisher & Thomas More

Maureen Walsh RIP / David D'agata RIP

Saturday 23rd June **12.00pm**
1.30pm
6.30pm

NO MASS
Wedding: Amy McLeavy & Daniel O'Keefe
Vera Smyth RIP / Betty Long RIP

Sunday 24th June **8.00am**
Nativity of St. John the Baptist **9.30am**
11.30am

All Parishioners
Eric & Dorothy Dodkins RIP
Joan Prior RIP

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