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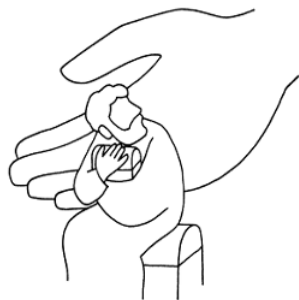
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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th November 2017

The Lord gives us talents and asks us to use them in his service

Today's readings are for *us* – we who live in the 'in-between times' between the Lord's Resurrection and his Second Coming.

Convinced that the Last Day would occur within their own lifetime, the first Christians are counselled by St Paul (**Second Reading** - I Thess 5: 1–6) always to be prepared, since they cannot know the hour.

Similarly, St Matthew (**Gospel** - Mt. 25:14–30) encourages those same early Christians, who wondered how best to live in the days before Jesus's return in glory. Both writers urge them simply to wait, confidently, in the light, while being faithful to their daily responsibilities.

Today's **Psalms (127)** reminds us of the joys that come from such faithful service, while the author of the **First Reading** (Prov 31:10–13,19–20,30–31) look for advice on using one's talents in a fruitful, practical way.

Let us pray, this week, for greater devotion to the Lord, and the awareness that, already, we have a share in the Master's happiness.

Opening Prayer

Grant us we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full of lasting happiness to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.

National Youth Sunday: Next weekend there will be a second collection to raise money to support our Parish Youth Club and the young people preparing for confirmation.

Reception / Primary School Forms: Fr Martin will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice on Monday 27th November between 3.30pm-7.00pm and on Friday 1st December between 3.30pm-7.00pm. Please bring your child with you and also their baptism certificate and proof of address. If you do not attend mass often, then there is no need to see Fr Martin.

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar will have a Winter Wonderland theme this year and take place on Saturday 2nd December 1.00pm-4.00pm. There will be ice skating, Santa's Grotto, BBQ, craft stalls and more! We are looking for donations of bottles, toiletries, **new** toys & gifts and also volunteers to help the evening before and on the day. Please contact Gemma 07872 607971 if you think you can help. Donations should be left in the church porch (bottles to the office). Please come along to join the fun!

November – Blessing of Graves Today, Sunday 19th November, Fr Martin will bless graves of loved ones at Eastbrook Cemetery, Dagenham Road at 2.00pm.

Christmas Masses: As Christmas Day, 25th December, falls on a Monday this year, there will be a change to the Sunday masses. Masses will be as follows:

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday 23rd, 6.30pm, **Sunday 24th** only 1 mass in the morning at 9.30am. There will be **no 8am or 11.30am masses.**

Christmas masses, Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December: 6.30pm and 10pm.

Christmas Day morning, Monday 25th December: 8am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

Alone this Christmas? Why not join the St. Mary's Christmas dinner being held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 12.45pm-4.30pm. Transport can be provided if necessary. Everyone welcome irrespective of faith. A small donation of £10 is appreciated towards the day. Please contact Josie or Peter for more information on 01708 457549.

Church Linen: Help is needed to wash, clean and iron the altar cloths used at mass. If you would like to help, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

New Years Eve 2017: Please join us for our New Year's Eve Party at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8.00pm-1.00am. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £15 per family, £5 per adult, £3 per child. For tickets & more information please contact Nicci on 07957 411546

Cleaner required St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires a Cleaner, Monday to Friday, 12½ hours per week (3.30-6.00 pm). If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mary McLeavy at St Mary's School Office on 01708 448430 for further details and an application form. Closing Date: 27th November.

Confirmation: The teenagers who wish to be enrolled on our Parish Confirmation Programme need to be at the 6.30pm mass next weekend along with their parents.

FHC Parents Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet on ***Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm*** in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Parish Coffee Shop: Helpers needed to run a once a month coffee shop in parish hall after 9.30 mass on a rota - helpers will only need to help once every four months. The money raised by this helps us put on free events for the elderly in our parish. Please contact Brenda on 01708 452442.

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.

Concert for Bosco: An evening of classical music, to raise money for the SVP children's camp. Saturday 3rd February 2018 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings/details:

www.concertforbosco.com

Iona Social 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.

Summer Lourdes 2018, 22nd – 29th July 2018: For those wishing to book a place on our Summer Lourdes pilgrimage next year, we are now taking applications and will continue to take these until 31st January 2018. After this date places will be allocated to ensure young people from as many schools and parishes are able to enjoy this magnificent pilgrimage. For more information and prices, and to apply please visit www.bcys.net. **All applications must be made online.** The pilgrimage is open to all those currently in school year 10 and above.

Advent Retreat, 1st – 3rd December, Walsingham House: From 1st – 3rd December our Walsingham House team will be running an Advent Retreat for those in years 11-13. This will be our last retreat at Canvey Island so will be an extra special way to start the Advent season. We are also now taking applications online for this event, please visit the website www.bcys.net/events for more details.

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 Crudgington, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Anne Emmerly, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul 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, Edna 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 25th / 26th November 2017:

Readers:

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

Mary Keen/Sharon Flevin
Nicola Stacey/Susan Squires
Michael Olaniyan/Tilly Allen
Helen Cheshire/Jason Sunshine

Coffee Morning Rota: Group

Offerings 12.11.17: Envs: £1239.55

Church Cleaning: Group 4

Loose: £1049.11 Total: £2288.66

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	18 th Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Lucy Olaniyan RIP / Holy Souls David Ruddiman
Sunday	19th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Della Jordan / Holy Souls Trofimenia Ruocco RIP/Brian Donoghue Kathleen Lydon / Holy Souls
Monday	20th Nov	8.30am	Maggie Harries Int Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday Presentation BVM	21st Nov	8.30am	Paddy Dowding RIP / John Curley RIP
Wednesday St Cecilia	22nd Nov	7.30pm	Germaine McCawley Int
Thursday	23rd Nov	8.30am 2.30–5.30pm	John & Eileen Kelly RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday Ss Andrew Dung Lac + Companions	24th Nov	8.30am	Mr & Mrs Miranda RIP / Holy Souls
Saturday	25th Nov	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Roger Burt RIP Stephen Goggin RIP/Marie Coughlan RIP
Sunday Christ the King	26th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Frederick Jervis RIP Anniv Theresa Parham B'day/Holy Souls Eamon Commings RIP Paddy Dowding 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.***

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