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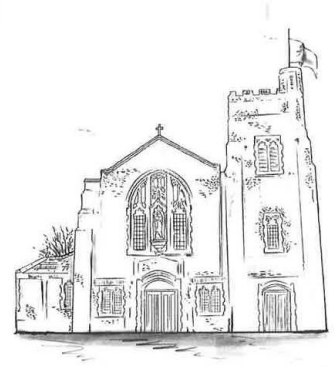
Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th February 2017

The Lord is Compassion and love

The Liturgy for this Sunday reveals a deep truth and wisdom. God is not a distant being or an abstract concept. God is Love. We are invited to become one with that Love through our relationships.

In the **First Reading** from Leviticus (19:1–2, 17–18), Moses is taught directly by the Lord. The whole community is called to be holy by letting go of hatred and vengeance. “You must love your neighbour as yourself.” The **Psalms** (102) that follows is a beautiful poem that rejoices in the truth that God is compassion and love.

In St Matthew’s **Gospel** (5:38–48), Jesus expands this teaching to reveal his radical call to go further than the letter of God’s Law. Jesus wants us to go deeper into our human experience of relationship. We become more like his Father in heaven when our loving actions go beyond loving our family, our neighbour and our faith community. Learning to love like God loves us means reaching out to people whom we don’t like; people who hurt us or persecute us.

As we continue to read from St Paul’s letter to the **Corinthians** (1 Corinthians 3:16–23) we are reminded that being a Christian means being part of a community. We are nothing without our relationship to God and to each other.

As we pray this week, let us remember that we are part of a universal expanding community of Love, and let us place at the heart of our prayer, an issue or person with whom we struggle to be compassionate.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? You're invited to the first evening of CaFE on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Fr Martin will introduce the course which is based on very interesting DVD presentation. The course will run on a Monday evening until Easter. Refreshments provided.

Please note there will be no 8.30am Mass on Monday 20th February due to Anne Green's funeral at 10.00am

Confirmation Catechists There will be a meeting in the Presbytery on 20th February at 8.00pm. New catechists are always welcome to join our friendly group. Please contact Mary on 07926 746401 for details. No experience necessary!

Meditation presents 'The Journey' A Lenten reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs led by Michael Wigley. 7.30pm on Monday 6th March at St. Mary's Church, Hornchurch. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Car Parking Our Parish Council has noticed that our Church and School car parks are becoming increasingly congested. Please help us to solve this problem by parking with care and due consideration for others and park only in designated spaces. Please avoid double parking and blocking the right of way/access to the church. For the health and safety of all our parishioners, it is important that emergency vehicles can have access at all times. Very many thanks for your help in this matter.

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.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer Cards sent to us by Bishop Alan to mark the centenary of the diocese are available in the church porch.

Please pray for Mary Oram, who died recently. Funeral details outside the church. Also, please pray for Brendan Purtill who died recently. His funeral will be on Thursday 23rd February at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park at 12.15pm. May they rest in peace.

Nancy Hayes We would like to congratulate Nancy Hayes on her 97th Birthday.

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

Calling all craft makers!! St Mary's Parish, Hornchurch are holding a craft fayre on Sunday 12th March from 9.00am - 1.00pm, set up from 8.00am. Tables £20 each or £15 if you bring your own table. If you're interested please call Jo on 07961037786.

As part of Centenary coverage this year the Diocese are looking to find parishioners who have been in the Diocese for a very long time, even for the whole of its existence! If you have lived in St Mary's parish a very long time and might be able to talk about growing up in our Diocese, changes seen etc, please let the church office know.

Vacancy – Diocesan Property Consultant working out of Cathedral House in Brentwood. Full-time role. If you are interested in applying, please first contact property-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org and request a job description and person specification, then send your CV with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for applications is 7.00pm on 28th February.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd February. Please call 01277 373959.

Meeting the “Living God” Seminars Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood.
Seminar 2: The three marks of Easter Faith. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. Date: Saturday 4th March, 10.30am - 12.00noon. For further information please contact jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel.01277 265285.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society is hosting their Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 4th March. Tickets are £55pp to include a drinks reception, three-course dinner, tea & coffee, dancing & entertainment. To reserve tickets, or to donate a raffle or an auction prize, contact Julie 01268 784544.

Flame Congress, Wembley Arena, Saturday March 11th Travel with the BCYS to the largest Catholic youth event in the country! Open to all aged 15-23. Travel on your own or with friends, and we will meet you at Liverpool St or Fenchurch St station. Cost £15, plus your train fare. Book now by calling Gabby on 01268 515970.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society is looking for a new Trustee to join the Board. If you have accounting or finance skills and would like to join, please contact Steven Webb on 01268 784544.

Have you an old bicycle in the shed? If so, would you donate it to a refugee or destitute asylum seeker? The Bike Project arranges repair and distribution of bicycles to refugees in the London area. Please contact Arthur Catterall on 0208 508 9834 who can collect it from you and deliver it to the Project Centre.

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, Nancy Hayes, 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, 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 25TH/26TH FEBRUARY 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Jane Hull/Sarah O'Connor
Sun. 8.00am Brian Rodgers/Joshua Duah
9.30am Michael Olaniyan/Tilly Allen
11.30am Ray John/Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers: Gail Pitchley **Coffee Morning Rota:** 100 Club
Church Cleaning: Group 4

Offerings 12.02.17: Envs: £1,076.10 Loose: £875.80 Total: £1,951.90

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	18 th Feb	6.30pm	Susan Curtis RIP Anniv/Ena Cadden Int
Sunday	19 th Feb	8.00am	Albert Edgley RIP Anniv
		9.30am	All Parishioners/Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
		11.30am	Christina Burke RIP Jim O'Connell RIP Anniv
Monday	20 th Feb	8.30am	NO MASS – 10.00am Funeral
Tuesday	21 st Feb	8.30am	Patrick Lenehan RIP Olga Casali RIP Anniv
Wednesday	22 nd Feb	7.30pm	Des O'Brien RIP/Jisma Joseph RIP Bday
Thursday	23 rd Feb	8.30am	Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP Jackie Fisher Int Bday
		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	24 th Feb	8.30am	Patrick McDonagh RIP Anniv Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP
Saturday	25 th Feb	12.00 noon	Margaret Murphy RIP
		6.30pm	Shaun Gentle RIP
Sunday	26 th Feb	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	John Coughlan RIP Bday Hughes Children & Grandparents
		11.30am	Des, Fergus & Vinnie O'Brien RIP

***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.***