

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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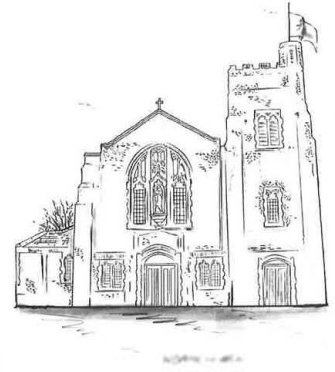
Website: [www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk)

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



## Third Sunday of Lent Year A 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### *'Living water'*

Continuing on my Lenten journey, I take time to pray and ponder the Scripture texts offered for this week.

In the **First Reading** (Exodus 17:3–7) we meet another of the leaders of the Old Testament – Moses, leading his people in the desert. The people, losing their trust in God, complain to Moses. God listens to Moses' appeal and grants them water from the rock.

**Psalm 94** is a direct response to this incident. It is one of the invitatory psalms, inviting us to come into God's presence and pray. We may pray that our hearts are not hardened by lack of trust.

In the **Second Reading** (Romans 5:1–2; 5–8) St Paul speaks of the wondrous gift that Jesus has won for us – the love of God that is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

The long **Gospel** from St John (4:5–42) deserves to be read in its entirety. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman, and beginning with a request for a drink of water, leads her gently to accepting him as Messiah. We see her spreading the word immediately and bringing others to know him.

### **Collect**

O God, author of every mercy and all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

**Stations of the Cross** Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm.

**Evening Mass on Fridays** at 7.30pm during Lent.

**Saturdays in Lent** Exposition and Confessions from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Mass at 12.00 noon.

**Wednesday Evening Mass** There will be **no** 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March as all the priests of the diocese will be at Brentwood Cathedral to celebrate Mass to mark the centenary of our diocese. There will be a Eucharistic Service.

**Reconciliation Service in preparation for Easter** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

**Confirmation Session** on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, for all candidates who did not go on the retreat to Walsingham House. Please go direct to the Parish Hall for 7.30pm.

**Meditation presents 'The Journey'** A Lenten reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs led by Michael Wigley at St Mary's Church, Hornchurch.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm, immediately after the 7.30pm Mass. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

**Lent – CAFOD** The CAFOD boxes with your Lenten donation can be handed in after Easter on Divine Mercy Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**May Queen Procession with Sunday Mass** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am. That weekend Masses will be 6.30pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May and 8.00am and 10.30am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. (Please note the normal 9.30am & 11.30am are amalgamated that Sunday only).

**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.

**Please pray for** Jackie Fisher who died recently. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Requiem Mass for Kathleen Bennet-O'Reilly on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 11.00am. May they rest in peace.

**Sheila Cody RIP** The funeral of former St Mary's parishioner Sheila Cody will be held on 22 March, 12.30pm at Our Lady & St Peter Church, The Terrace, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and afterwards at the Wentworth Hotel, Wentworth Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5BD. Donations to Dementia UK instead of flowers please. If you plan to attend, for catering purposes, please contact Sheila's daughter, Jane, on 01621 779994.

**Holy Communion** Welcome Sunshines to your session.

**CaFE Evening** As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Refreshments provided.

**Repository Shop** Mother's Day gifts etc on sale. Easter Eggs also on sale which includes the 'Real meaning of Easter story' - charity donation from every egg sold.

**Sacramental Co-ordinator** Please note that Jane's mobile phone is no longer in operation, she will get a new one shortly. Please contact the Presbytery if you need to speak to her.

**The SVP** will be collecting good quality second hand baby and toddler clothes, towels and toys for local refugee pregnant women and young families. There is a box in the church porch for your donations. If you would like to help us in our work or would like further details on this appeal please contact Paul on 07778 031489. Thank you.

**Medugorje – St Mary's** Our annual pilgrimage to Medugorje 2017 will be from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October. If you are interested, ring Kathy on 01708 620832/07932 762608.

**St Mary's 100 Club Winners** December No. 100, January No. 69, February No. 31.

## **Holy Week Services:**

**Palm Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April.** Masses at 6.30pm on Saturday, 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.30am on Sunday. The 11.30am Mass will begin with a procession from the Parish Hall. Palms will be blessed at all Masses.

**Maundy Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm followed by watching 'til Midnight. The Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will be recommissioned during this Mass.

**Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.** 12.00 noon - Children's Stations of the Cross.  
3.00pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.

**Easter Vigil, 15<sup>th</sup> April.** Mass at 8.30pm.

**Easter Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.** Masses at 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

**Pilgrimage to The Holy Land** 26<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Josie Humphreys, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, 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 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017:

**Readers:** Sat. 6.30pm Pat Martin/Janet James  
Sun. 8.00am Nicola Stacey  
9.30am Emma McMillan/Ella Donald  
11.30am Maria Adesegeha/Maureen Boorman

**Bidding Prayers:** Brian Rodgers **Coffee Morning Rota:** 100 Club  
**Church Cleaning:** Group 4

**Offerings 12.03.17:** Envs: £1,105.81 Loose: £1,125.41 Total: £2,231.23  
**Lent Fast Day:** Total: £ 742.99

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00am	Susan & Michael Kelly Int Eric & Dorothy Dodkins Int
		9.30am	Bridie & Martin Barry RIP Anniv Anne Hayes RIP
		11.30am	George Compton RIP Anniv
Monday St Joseph	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	Joyce Rafferty RIP Bday Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	8.30am	Mary Finan RIP/Mr & Mrs Russell RIP
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	7.30pm	<b>NO MASS – Eucharistic Service</b>
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	8.30am	James & Josephine Emerokwam RIP Anniv Michelle Woolford Int
		<b>2.30-5.30pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP/Mr & Mrs Williams RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Frank McDonagh
Saturday The Annunciation	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Exposition and Confessions</b>
		12.00 noon	Barry Ramsay RIP/Trish Sherry RIP Anniv
		6.30pm	John McGlade RIP Bday
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00am	Bill Lodge Int/Ben Haswell Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Tom, Hannah Haughey 50 Wedding Anniv Josie Walsh Bday Int

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