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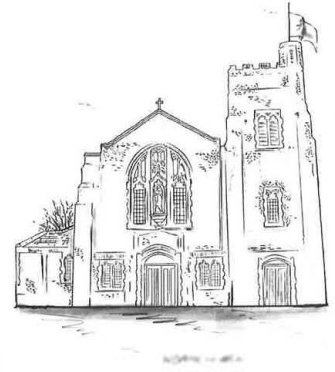
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



6th Sunday of Easter

Year A

21st May 2017

'I will not leave you orphans'.

As we near the end of Eastertide and the feast of Pentecost approaches, the Church chooses readings this week which help us prepare for this momentous event.

The **First Reading** (Acts 8:5–8, 14–17) reminds us of the first days of the Early Church spreading through Asia Minor, living through very human tensions and led by Spirit-filled men. How then can we not rejoice and, as the **psalmist** invites us, 'cry out with joy' before the 'tremendous deeds' of God?

In the **Second Reading** (1 Peter 3:15–18), the author of the First Letter of Peter continues to encourage the early Christians. Their life was not always an easy one: they often suffered slander and accusations, yet they have great hope and can answer their critics with a clear conscience. Christ too died, though innocent, but 'in the spirit he was raised to life'.

Our sadness at seeing the risen Christ return to his Father is tempered by his promise to ask him to send us a helper, an Advocate, the Spirit of truth. He will not leave us orphans. (**Gospel** - John 14:15–21)

This week, then, we may want to spend some of our prayer time asking the Lord what we can do, in practical terms and with the help of the Spirit, to continue building his Church and telling others about him with greater confidence.

Second Collection Next Week for World Communications.

Parish Trip to Aylesford This trip has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Statue of Our Lady For the month of May, the statue of Our Lady will be placed by the altar. Parishioners are invited to bring **one** flower to place before her during the Sundays of May.

Cafod Lenten Project The total raised for our joint parish/school Lenten project to raise money for Cafod and their work in developing countries was £2,219.10 of which the school raised £1,233.60 and the parish £989.50. A big thank you to all who contributed and congratulations to our school children for their great effort. Well done all!

New Altar Server Training If you are in Year 4 and would like to be an Altar Server, you will need to attend the Altar Server training sessions on Saturdays 10th, 17th June and 1st July in the church from 9.00 – 10.00am. You must attend all sessions. If you are in Year 4 and don't attend St Mary's school, please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Communion Programme 2017/18 Please collect application forms from the parish office from 10.00am – 12.00pm on 23rd, 24th and 26th May or from the Van Meenen Room after 6.30pm Mass on 3rd June. The pack will explain what paperwork is needed and when and how to return it to me. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me. Jane.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers If anyone would be interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please see Fr Martin for more details.

Confirmation Group Rehearsal Wednesday 24th May. Starts at 7.30pm in the church with Mass. Finishes at 9.30pm.

Confirmation Mass Please note that fifty five young people will be making their Confirmation during the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 4th June (Pentecost) so the church will be very crowded and Mass will be longer than usual.

Volunteers needed on an occasional basis to open/lock up the church and set up for weekday and weekend Masses, to cover for holidays, sickness etc. of regular volunteers. Full training will be provided. For more information or if you can help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Martin.

Congratulations to Natasha Swan and Giancarlo Cuccio who were married at St Mary's during the week. We wish them every blessing in the future.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday starting 3rd June, 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.

Bridget Stapleton RIP Bridget's funeral is on Friday 2nd June, 12.30pm. Her body will be received into church on Thursday 1st June at 5pm.

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

Knock Pilgrimage Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 24th July 2017. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Stansted, transfers, 5 nights' Knock House Hotel, full Irish Breakfast and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Single supp. £60. Contact 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. 26th - 28th May. Location: Broadstairs, Kent. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

Diocesan Centenary Exhibition Cathedral House Conference Room Foyer: April-June. Opening Times: Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 9am-1pm & 3pm-8pm. Other times by arrangement: archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org. 01277 265238.

The Essex Recusant Society invites you to join its visit to Chelsea Old Church, 64 Cheyne Walk, London SW3 5TT on Saturday 27th May, meeting at the Church at 1.00pm. Afterwards there will be a visit to Allen Hall, the Westminster Diocesan Seminary in nearby Beaufort Street to view the famous Mulberry Tree.

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, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Joanne McCann, 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.**

WEEKEND 27TH/28TH MAY 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Janet James/Peter Amey
Sun. 8.00am Nicola Stacey/Susan Squire
9.30am Emma McMillan/Ella Donald
11.30am Philip Rodgers/Helen Cheshire

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers **Coffee Morning Rota:** 100 Club
Church Cleaning: Group 2

Offerings 14.05.17: Envs: £1042.67 Loose: £1577.16 Total: £2619.83

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	20 th May	6.30pm	All Parishioners Paul & Carol Bray Int - Thanksgiving
Sunday	21 st May	8.00am	Nelson D'Souza RIP Anniv Annie Medlin RIP
		10.30am	May Queen Procession Paddy Dowding RIP Bday
Monday	22 nd May	8.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	23 rd May	8.30am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	24 th May	7.30pm	Jim Shanahan RIP Ann (English Martyrs) Len Rice RIP Bday
Thursday	25 th May	8.30am	Mr & Mrs Pearse RIP/Roy Grimes RIP
St Bede the Venerable		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	26 th May	8.30am	Manning Family Int/Jackie Fisher RIP
St Philip Neri			
Saturday	27 th May	12.00 noon	Richard Roberts Int
St Augustine of Canterbury		6.30pm	Joy Oganwu Int – Thanksgiving Annette Chandler RIP Anniv
Sunday	28 th May	8.00am	Michael Lee RIP Anniv
The Ascension of the Lord		9.30am	All Parishioners/Mary Barrell RIP Anniv
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP Catherine Hickey 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.***