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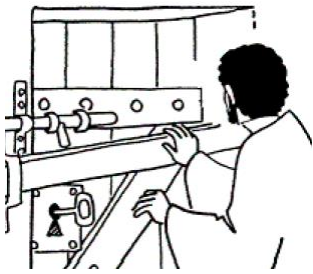
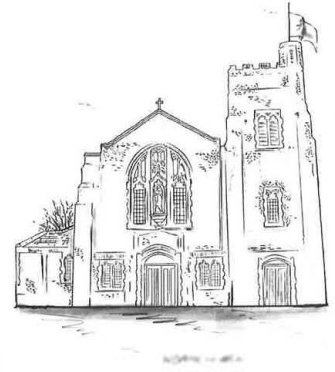
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam 07930 510218

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



2nd Sunday of Easter A

Divine Mercy Sunday

23rd April 2017

Peace be with you

Today's **Gospel** (John 20:19-31) finds the disciples huddled together in fear behind locked doors. Into this scene enters the risen Lord with the promise that his presence brings a deep inner peace that erupts into unimaginable joy. These gifts of peace and joy will nurture the disciples' faith for all they will face as they are 'sent' to continue Jesus' work.

The apostle Peter, in the **2nd Reading** (1 Peter 1:3-9), seeks to support such Christians living in the anti-Christian society of Asia Minor. He encourages them to go beyond merely enduring persecution, to reaching out with acts of mercy and labours of love.

Peter may have had his own experiences of the post-Resurrection church in mind. Such a church, as we see in the **1st Reading** (Acts 2:42-47), is characterised by: "fidelity to the gospel" (recognising the presence of Christ in their midst), "fellowship" (sharing resources in common), "breaking bread" (deep communion with each other), and "prayers" (for one another).

The **Responsorial Psalm (118)** is a proclamation of thanks for this 'day of the Lord' on which God, motivated by his enduring love for us, works to rescue and save.

In this spirit of thanks, I think back on this past week. I recall any moments of joy and peace and express my gratitude to God for them. I also reflect on any occasions of fear or lack of fellowship. I ask God to enter into my doubts with words of peace.

A big thank you Fr Martin would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare for Easter – church cleaners, altar servers, choir, musicians, flower ladies etc. Also, a big thank you to everyone for their most generous Easter offerings. God bless you.

CAFOD Boxes Please return ASAP.

Parish Trip to Aylesford Saturday 10th June. Leaving St Mary's at 9.30am prompt. Departing Aylesford at 4.30pm. There will be Mass and a Prayer Service. You will need to bring a packed lunch. £10 per adult/£5 per child. Contact the Parish Office to reserve a place on the coach.

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

Holy Communion Welcome Sunshines to your session.

Holy Communion Parents Meeting Tuesday 25th April at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Session Wednesday 26th April. Starts at 7.30pm with Mass in the church and finishes at 9.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Church Cleaning We are intending to clean the hard to reach places within our church and need your help. If you have a head for heights, strength to move seating or are happy to wash, dust or vacuum please come along on Saturday 29th April at 9.00am. Contact Gary Redmond on 07710529882 for information. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Chewing Gum Could you please refrain from chewing gum in the church. It's very difficult to clean it off the benches and floor. Thank you.

Sacramental Coordinator Please note Jane's new mobile number is 07930 510218.

A free social opportunity for the elderly and an opportunity to pass on skills and knowledge to younger generations. 2.00 – 4.00pm in St Mary's Parish Hall.

Refreshments available. If you require a lift or more information, contact Joanne on 07985 496196. Friends and family welcome.

Gift Aid Envelopes for tax year 2017-18 are in the church porch. If you donate by Standing Order, there is a 'Second Collection' box to be picked up. If you would like to Gift Aid, take a form from the church porch, fill it in and return it to the parish office. If you no longer wish to gift aid, please contact the Parish Office.

'Happy School Bags' Collection St Mary's PTA will be running a recycling collection on Sunday 23rd April at all Masses. Please bring to the Van Meenen Room unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts & bedding to be collected on Monday 24th April.

Memorial Plaques Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708452442. £200 per plaque.

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 19th – 26th October. If you are interested, ring Kathy on 01708 620832/07932 762608.

Question of Faith Evening Have you any questions about the Catholic faith? Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Panel – Fr Andrew Headon, Sr Anne Spielberg and Fr Adrian Graffy. Drinks and nibbles are provided and the event is free. Evening will finish at 9.00pm.

Havering Singers Karl Jenkins ‘The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace for the fallen’. Musical director: Keith Motson. Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. St Peter’s Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Tickets £14. Ages 5 – 17 £5. Call – 01708 341265.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on 29th May. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place, we would love to have you on our team, any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. Please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 22nd July. Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. If you would like to go please contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Centenary Exhibition Cathedral House Conference Room Foyer: April-June 2017. Opening Times: Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 9am-1pm & 3pm-8pm. Other times by arrangement: archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org. 01277 265238.

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, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, 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, 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 29TH/30TH APRIL 2017:

Readers:

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

Mary Keen/Sharon Flevin
Brian Rodgers/Joshua Duah
Emma McMillan/Ella Donald
Donna Coy/Ray John

Bidding Prayers:

Gail Pitchley

Coffee Morning Rota: 100 Club
Church Cleaning: No Cleaning

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	22 nd April	6.30pm	Jackie Fisher RIP
Sunday	23 rd April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners James Kane RIP Anniv Jack Hughes RIP Anniv/Liam Lawlor RIP
Monday St George	24 th April	10.15am	Norah & Mary Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St Mark	25 th April	10.15am	Mr & Mrs Letch RIP Mr & Mrs Pennington RIP
Wednesday	26 th April	7.30pm	Paul Cadden RIP Anniv
Thursday	27 th April	10.15am 2.30-5.30pm	Ann Conlon RIP/Bernadette Clerkin RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	28 th April	10.15am	Mrs O'Mahony & Eamonn RIP
Saturday St Catherine of Siena	29 th April	12.00 noon 6.30pm	NO MASS Ann Conlon RIP Michael & Kate McEvoy RIP
Sunday	30 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Michael Olaniyan Int – Thanksgiving Denis Reader RIP/Kathleen Barrett 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.***