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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Feast of Christ the King

Year A

26th November 2017

This Sunday brings the Church's liturgical year to a wonderful conclusion. Christ Jesus, King of the Universe, has conquered death and reigns in eternal glory as our Judge. Those now called to share in his Kingdom are the ones who have tried to reach out in love and care to others – for whatever we do for any one in need, we do as for Christ himself.

In the **First Reading** (Ezk 34: 11–12, 15–17), the people of Israel have been failed by their own self-serving leaders. But the Lord himself now promises to come as the Shepherd-leader who truly cares for his flock, seeking out the lost, the injured and the weak. He will also sit in judgement when needed.

The familiar **Psalms (22)** is full of strength and consolation. Our Shepherd-Lord walks with us continually, supporting us no matter where life takes us.

The **Second Reading** (1 Cor. 15: 20–26, 28) tells us that the resurrection of Christ is the starting point for all to share in eternal life. At the end of time, all things will be subjected to Christ, and he will surrender the kingdom to the Father. This power of the risen Christ is the power to give life to every one of us.

At the Last Judgement, Christ the King will divide his flock like a shepherd (**Gospel** - Matt 25: 31–46), separating us in accordance with how we have treated others, especially those in need. All who have tried to act with the very same care that God shows us, will take their place in his kingdom.

This week, I might ask the Lord to show me his own face more clearly in each person that I see, and to help me remember that whatever I do for another, I do it for my Lord too.

National Youth Sunday: This 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.

The Rite of Welcome: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith (RCIA), will be at the 11.30am mass on the First Sunday of Advent. Please pray for them.

Reconciliation Service: Monday 11th December at 7.30pm.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Your new rotas are available for collection from the Sacristy.

Reading and Communion for the Christmas Services: Will Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please put their names on the list in the porch for the Christmas services (Christmas Eve evening and Christmas day morning). Come on, don't be shy – **your parish needs you!** If you are not on the regular rota, please call Brian Rodgers on 07790 321845 with your contact details.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 1st December from 9.00am until 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

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!

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:

Saturday 23 rd December	4 th Sunday of Advent	6.30pm
Sunday 24 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30am
Sunday 24 th December	Christmas Eve	6.30pm
Sunday 24 th December	Christmas Eve	10.00pm
Monday 25 th December	Christmas Day	8.00am
Monday 25 th December	Christmas Day	9.30am
Monday 25 th December	Christmas Day	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.

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

Advent Service: Sunday 9th December at 8.00am here in St. Mary's Church, United Singers proudly presents An International Journey to Christmas with carols from around the world and reflections for Advent. Tickets £6 / Concessions £4 / Under 5s free. Tickets available from Donna Coy 07710 926297 or available on the door.

2018 Brentwood Diocesan Directory is now available in the porch. Ringbound £4.00 and others £2.75.

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.

Quiz Night: Thanks to all who attended the quiz night on 11th November– we raised a fantastic £300!

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.

The Champion School Open Evening for parents and students seeking admission to the Sixth Form of the School in September 2018 to take place in the School Hall at **6.30 pm on Wednesday, 6th December 2017**. Visits to Departments will be followed by a presentation by the Headmaster and Senior Staff at 7.30 pm.

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.

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 Emmery, 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 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, 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 2nd / 3rd December 2017:

Readers:

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

Jane Hull / Sarah O'Connor
Susan Squire / Nicola Stacey
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
Eddie Allen / Philip Rodgers

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 1

Offerings 19.11.17: Envs: £1,176.62

Church Cleaning: Group 1

Loose: £921.23 Total: £2,097.85

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	25 th Nov	12.00pm 6.30pm	Roger Burt RIP Stephen Goggin RIP / Marie Coughlan RIP
Sunday	26 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Frederik Jervis RIP / Seeds for new jobs Theresa Parham / Holy Souls Eamon Commins RIP / Paddy Dowding RIP
Monday	27 th Nov	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mr & Mrs Coelho RIP
Tuesday	28 th Nov	8.30am	Mr & Mrs Swan RIP
Wednesday	29 th Nov	7.30pm	Cathy Breen RIP
Thursday St Andrew	30 th Nov	8.30am 2.30–5.30pm	George Finlayson RIP / Holy Souls Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	1 st Dec	8.30am 9.00-7.00pm	Jim Shanahan RIP / Dick Gibbons RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	2 nd Dec	12.00pm 6.30pm	John & Peggy Dawson RIP June Sampayo RIP
Sunday 1 st Sunday of Advent	3 rd Dec	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Ursela Koehane RIP Richard Hogben RIP Sam Farrugia 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.***

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