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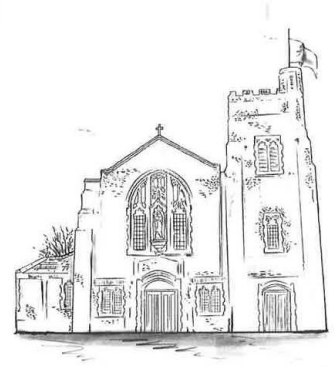
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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 26th February 2017

“I will never forget you”

The readings for this week speak of the love and care that God has for us. This love is personal to each individual need, concern or fear that we may have.

In the **First Reading** (Isaiah 49:14–15), the people of Israel feel abandoned by God, but the Lord reassures them saying, “I will never forget you.”

We may be challenged by the **Gospel** (Matthew 6:24–34) as Jesus invites each one of us to notice whether our hearts are set on the kingdom of God. Do I trust in God for my needs, or am I worried about my life and material well-being in a way that distracts me from faith? As I ponder the Gospel, I may want to bear in mind that St. Paul encourages us not to judge ourselves or one another, but to focus only on Christ and on being a servant of God (**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 4:1–5).

The **Psalm (61)** becomes a comforting prayer, full of images of the power and glory of God. I can stand firm in the care of my help my rock, my strength: “In you alone, Lord, is my soul at rest.”

Collect:

Grant us, O Lord we pray that the course of our world may be directed
by your peaceful rule, and that your Church may rejoice
untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass and distribution of ashes – 8.30am and 7.30pm.

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.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? Monday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Refreshments provided.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day from 9.00am – 7.00pm on Friday 3rd March. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

Lenten Project - CAFOD Next weekend someone from CAFOD will say a few words at the end of all Masses about the work of CAFOD in developing countries. The parish and school will jointly raise money during Lent for CAFOD. More details next weekend.

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. *Date has been changed to Wednesday 29th March at 8.00pm, immediately after the 7.30pm Mass.* Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Holy Communion Welcome Sunshines to your session.

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 Muriel Healy, who died recently. Funeral details outside the church. May she rest in peace.

Repository Shop Volunteers needed to help out in the Repository Shop after 11.30am Mass. If you can help, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

‘My Day by Day’ Booklets for Lent are on sale in the church porch for £1.00.

Church Cleaning Rota Please collect your new rota from the church porch, it is also available on the website.

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! If you have lived in St Mary’s parish a long time and are able to chat with Andrew Merchant from BBC Essex about your memories (he would come to you), please let the parish office know.

Vacancy – Diocesan Property Consultant working out of Cathedral House in Brentwood. Full-time role. 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.

Meeting the “Living God” Seminars Cathedral House, Brentwood. ‘The three marks of Easter Faith - Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. Saturday 4th March, 10.30am - 12.00noon. Contact 01277 265285.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting their Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on 4th March. Tickets are £55pp. To reserve tickets, or to donate a raffle or an auction prize, contact Julie 01268 784544.

"The Privilege of Suffering" Dr Colin Harte will speak on suffering, as we find it difficult to cope with and understand. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ. Monday 6th March at 8.00pm at the Catholic Church Hall, 11 Church Hill, Epping CM16 4RA.

Study Day on the Gospel of John The next study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, will take place on Saturday 18th March from 11.00am – 3.00pm. The theme will be 'The Journey of Faith in the Gospel of John'. The day will be led by Fr Victor Darlington, Professor of Scripture at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Please book your place by email to gpstudydays@gmail.com.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for a new Trustee to join the Board. 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? 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 4TH/5TH MARCH 2017:

Readers:	Sat. 6.30pm	Kathleen Brooker/Maureen O'Brien
	Sun. 8.00am	Angela Joseph/Brian Rodgers
	9.30am	Emma McMillan/Ella Donald
	11.30am	John Hawes/Nneamaka Ajoh

Bidding Prayers:	John Dawson	Coffee Morning Rota: Group 4
		Church Cleaning: Group 1

Offerings 19.02.17: Envs: £1,140.04 Loose: £992.29 Total: £2,132.33

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	25 th Feb	6.30pm	Shaun Gentle RIP
Sunday	26 th Feb	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	John Coughlan RIP Bday Hughes Children & Grandparents
		11.30am	Vinnie & Des O'Brien RIP Anniv Fergus O'Brien RIP
Monday	27 th Feb	8.30am	Patrick Lehane RIP/Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	28 th Feb	8.30am	Mary Larkin RIP
Wednesday	1 st Mar	8.30am	George Sykes RIP
Ash Wednesday		7.30pm	Philomena Carberry RIP Anniv Paddy Malone RIP
Thursday	2 nd Mar	8.30am	Eileen Palmer RIP
		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	3 rd Mar	8.30am	Ena Cadden Int - Sick
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm	George Fitzpatrick RIP
Saturday	4 th Mar	11.00am	Exposition and Confessions
		12.00 noon	Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP/Doug Wilson RIP
		6.30pm	Esther Shepard-Brown RIP
Sunday	5 th Mar	8.00am	Jisma Joseph RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners/Sheila Broderick RIP
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP/Dr & Mrs Oganwu Int

***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.***