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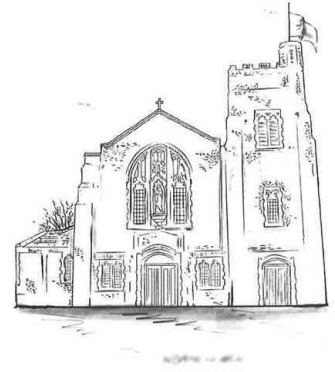
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

28th May 2017

**And know that I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time.**

Jesus is always with me, even though his body is physically out of sight. I think of moments during the past week when he may have seemed absent to me and of the times when I was able to see his presence in certain situations; perhaps in nature or the goodness of people. I give thanks for what has been and move forward in hope.

I may identify with the disciples if I have ever tried to delve into the mysteries of heaven, only to realise that this knowledge is not for me now. I have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide me today as I endeavour to witness to his love in the here and now. [**First Reading** - Acts 1:1-11]

On this feast day of hope and joy, I am not to weep for Jesus' departure. I am invited to join the psalmist's triumphant song of praise to God, '*King of all the earth*', and not half-heartedly but with '*all my skill*'. [**Psalm** 46]

St Paul prays for the faithful, asking God to grant them wisdom and enlightenment to see all that God has done through Jesus. He wants them to realise the hope, the glory, the promise and power of God's presence in their lives. [**Second Reading** - Ephesians 1:17-23]

Jesus commissions the disciples to go out and continue his work here on earth. He gives them clear instructions and promises that he will always be with them. This commission and promise is for me also [Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20].

Second Collection This Week for World Communications.

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

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 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.

The General Election June 8th The Bishops of England and Wales have written a letter regarding the general election. Copies of their letter can be found in the porch to take home and read.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 2nd June from 2.00pm until 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

Bridget Stapleton Funeral The requiem mass for Bridget Stapleton is on Friday 2nd June at 12.30pm. Bridget will be received into the church on Thursday 1st at 5pm.

Remember in Prayer Mary Corry and Anne Somerville, parishioners who died recently. Funeral details to follow.

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.

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.

May Queen Procession A big thank you for all who helped to make our Parish May Queen Procession, and mass a joyful and special celebration, and to all who helped with the refreshments afterwards. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

St. Peter’s Catholic Primary School Romford NQT Class Teacher Required September 2017. Visits to the school are highly recommended. Please visit our Website for more information about our school. Contact the Headteacher, Mrs Jenny Waterfield on 01708 745506 Application form available from the school office. Closing date Friday 26 May

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.

Vacancy Parish Catechetical Coordinator Brentwood Cathedral, 35 hours p.w. The role requires flexibility, working daytime, evening and weekends. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Brentwood Cathedral on 01277 265235 for a job description and person specification or download from www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/catechetical/ You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Monday 19th June.

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, 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, 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 3RD/4TH JUNE 2017:

Readers:

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

Pat Martin/Janet James
Susan Squire/Nicola Stacey
Michael Olaniyan/Tilly Allen
Maria Adeseha/Maureen Boorman

Bidding Prayers:

Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 4

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings: 21.05.17

Envs: £1138.83

Loose: £875.00 Total: £2013.83

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday

27th May

6.30pm

St Augustine of Canterbury

Joy Oganwu Int – Thanksgiving

Annette Chandler RIP Birthday

Sunday

28th May

8.00am

The Ascension of the Lord

Michael Lee RIP Anniv

9.30am

All Parishioners/Mary Barrell RIP Anniv

11.30am

Eamon Commins RIP

Catherine Hickey RIP

Monday

29th May

9.00am

Norah Lenehan RIP

Mr & Mrs Wootton RIP

Tuesday

30th May

9.00am

Mr & Mrs Hutson RIP

Mr & Mrs Linstead & Son Ron

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

31st May

7.30pm

Dedication of the Cathedral

Susan Price RIP

Thursday

1st June

9.00am

St Justin

James Smith RIP/Terry Eldson RIP

2.30-5.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday

2nd June

9.00am

Olive Smith RIP/Mary Ryan Int

Saturday

3rd June

12.00 noon

St Charles Lwanga & Comps

6.30pm

Yasmin Saba RIP

All Parishioners

Sunday

4th June

8.00am

Pentecost

Jisma Joseph RIP Anniv

Joaquina De Souza RIP

9.30am

Michael O'Donnell RIP Bday

11.30am

Confirmation Candidates

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.***