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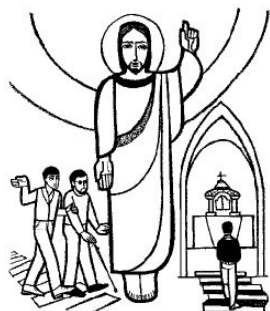
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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

29th October 2017

'Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son'

Let the Gospel acclamation above be our invitation to prayer this week. The true meaning of God's Law proclaimed by Moses and the prophets is revealed to us in this Sunday's readings.

The **First Reading** from Exodus (22: 20–28) describes how God's law of love is to be applied in daily life. God wants his people, who were liberated from slavery in Egypt, to be people of justice, kindness and compassion; both to strangers and to their neighbour.

The Psalm (17) is a litany of love for God ... our strength, shield, saviour, and the very rock of our existence. Surely it is from this refuge of compassion and help that we are given strength to come to the aid of others.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (**Second Reading** - 1 Thess. 1: 5–10) describes how their faith has changed the communities where they live. Their life lived in the Holy Spirit has encouraged others to believe in the Gospel message.

In the **Gospel** (Matthew 22: 34–40), Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. We are commanded to put God's law of love into practice by loving our neighbour as ourselves.

Let us pray for each other throughout this week that we will have the grace to want and to choose only that which will deepen our love of God. With God at the centre of our lives, we will have strength to love others. May our hearts be open to respond actively to the need of our neighbour.

All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday 1st November. Masses will be at 8.30am and 7.30pm.

All Souls, Thursday 2nd November: Masses will be at 8.30am and 7.30pm.

Remembrance Book and Envelopes for the Holy Souls: This will be available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

November – Blessing of Graves As November is the month of the Holy Souls, Fr. Martin will be blessing graves of loved ones at Crow Lane Cemetery, Romford on Sunday 5th November at 2.00pm, Upminster Cemetery, Corbets Tey on Sunday 12th November at 2.00pm (please gather near the chapel) and Eastbrook Cemetery, Dagenham Road on Sunday 19th November at 2.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 3rd November from 11.00am until 7.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School 6th Form Open Evening: Thursday 9th November. Refreshments available from 6.30 p.m. Headteacher's Address 7.00pm. Subject advice available following the Head's talk.

Confirmation: Those young people who are interested in being confirmed in the Parish are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 8th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring your completed application form, baptism certificate and two photos of yourself.

Gift Aid Volunteers: We are looking for people to help us with recording the Gift Aid donations. Full training will be given and it won't take up too much time. If you think you can help please talk to Fr Martin.

Glenda Barnett RIP: Glenda's funeral will take place on Monday 30th November at 10.15am then on to Corbets Tey Cemetery.

Jean Horan RIP: Jean's funeral will take place on Friday 3rd November at 10.00am, then on to South Essex Crematorium.

Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers. May they Requiescat in Peace

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!

Alone this Christmas? Why not join the St. Mary's Christmas dinner being held at St. Mary's School 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.

100 Club: The winners for the last few months are No.33 July, No.111 in August and No.104 for September. Please collect your prize from the Parish Office.

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

Wanted: Raffle Prizes to be used for fund raising at St Mary's parish functions. Please help us raise money for our church by donating unwanted/unused gifts, drinks etc Ring Brenda on 01708452442 or 07958 605039 to arrange collection or leave in church office.

Walsingham House Canvey Island – Goodbye, and thanks for the memories!" On **Saturday 9th December, 12noon – 4pm**, you are very welcome to pop in to Walsingham House, Lionel Road, Canvey Island SS8 9DE for a final look around. There will be Adoration in the chapel, an exhibition of Walsingham House history from Chingford and Canvey Island in the Ark, and refreshments in the dining room. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to arrive and leave at any time throughout the afternoon. During the rest of December we are packing and preparing for the move to Abbotswick – donations are still very welcome for the appeal, www.bcys.net/abbotswick or call 01277 373959 to speak with Fr Dominic.

Abbotswick – Mass for the Holy Souls: In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at **2.30pm on Sunday 19th November**, in our “building works chapel” in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Quiz Night in the parish hall Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 747026.

Happy School Bag Collection: The Happy School Bag collection is coming around again. It is the same principle as Cash for Clothes but run by the PTA. Donations are to be dropped outside the Van Meenan Room (without blocking the side door to the church) at all masses on Sunday 12th November 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

Priests and People Revue: As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a Priests and People Revue with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk detailing names and number of tickets required. All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.

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.

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, William Fernandez, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, 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, 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 November 2017:

Readers:

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

Sarah O'Connor / Jane Hull
Angela Joseph / Brian Rodgers
Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
Jason Sunshine / Helen Cheshire

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 7

Offerings 22.10.17: Envs: £1,136.30

Church Cleaning: Group 1

Loose: £1,069.84 Total: £2,206.14

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	28 th Oct	12.00pm 6.30pm	Willie Cunningham RIP Florence & David Armstrong RIP
Sunday	29 th Oct	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Nelson DeSouza RIP Michael Wallace RIP Luigi Oddi RIP
Monday	30 th Oct	8.30am 10.15am	NO MASS Requiem Mass – Glenda Barnett
Tuesday	31 st Oct	8.30am	Michael Duffy & Family RIP
Wednesday	1 st Nov	8.30am 7.30pm	Thanksgiving for All Saints Stanley Archer RIP
All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation			
Thursday	2 nd Nov	8.30am 2.30–5.30pm 7.30pm	Albert Edgley RIP / Tom Balzquez RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All Souls
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Friday	3 rd Nov	8.30am 10.00am 11.00-7.00pm	NO MASS Requiem Mass – Jean Horan Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4 th Nov	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Deceased Brothers KSC Romford Council Thomas Fay RIP
St Charles Borromeo			
Sunday	5 th Nov	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jisma Joseph RIP / Christine O'Mahoney RIP Mary Tuite RIP / Terri Webb Int Sam Farrugia RIP / Michael Harris 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.***