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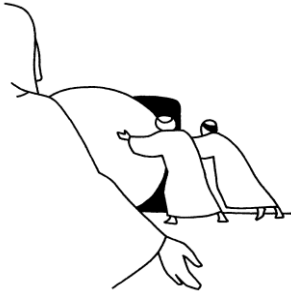
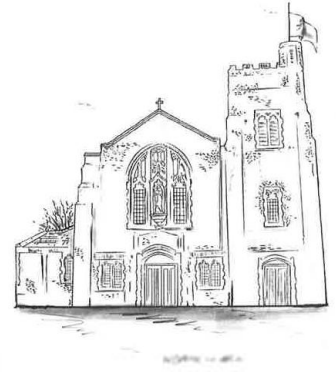
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year A

2nd April 2017

Unbind me, Lord; Let me be free!

The readings for this week invite us to anticipate the joy of Easter and to have faith in the promise of a new way of life, made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Lord speaks through the prophet Ezekiel (**First Reading** - Ezekiel 37:12–14) to confirm that he will lead the people of Israel back to their own land, promising that “I will put my spirit in you, and you will live”.

St. Paul (**Second Reading** - Romans 8:8–11) confirms that this same gift of the Holy Spirit, made possible by the resurrection of Jesus, will remove the effects of sin and give us life through the Spirit living within us.

The **Psalm** (129) echoes this promise that “with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption”. The Lord does not treat us according to our guilt; he redeems us from all our sinfulness. We can count on his promise; he will hear our voice when we call to him.

The **Gospel** (John 11:1–45) tells of the raising of Lazarus from death. Jesus responds to the need and the grief of Martha and Mary, and demonstrates his power over death and sin by bringing Lazarus back to life.

As we pray this week, we ask the Lord to deepen our faith in him.

Collect:

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which,
out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

Easter Offertory Collection **Easter Offertory Collection** Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Second Collection This Week for St. Vincent de Paul (SVP).

Stations of the Cross Friday at 7.00pm. **Next Friday** Mass at 7.30pm. **Next Saturday** Exposition and Confessions from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Mass at 12.00.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Refreshments provided.

Reconciliation Service in preparation for Easter Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm.

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 7th April. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Easter There is a list in the porch for any Reader or Eucharistic Minister to volunteer for the Easter Triduum services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil). Please read the notes at the top of the list!

Lent – CAFOD The CAFOD boxes with your Lenten donation can be handed in after Easter on Divine Mercy Sunday 22nd/23rd April.

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).

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.

'Happy School Bags' Collection St Mary's PFA 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 at 9.00am.

Repository Shop Easter Eggs on sale which includes the '**Real meaning of Easter**' story - charity donation from every egg sold. £3.50 each.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes for tax year 2017-18 are in the church porch. Please take your box and start using them from Sunday 9th April. If you would like to Gift Aid your offertory offerings, take a form from the church porch, fill it in and return it to the parish office.

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.

Service of Healing Prayer at St. Joseph's Church, Upminster will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.00pm. Contact Richard & Frances Healy 01708 250717.

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 come please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, 9th April. Masses at 6.30pm on Saturday, 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.30am on Sunday. The 11.30am Mass will begin with a procession from the Parish Hall. Palms will be blessed at all Masses.

Maundy Thursday, 13th April. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm followed by watching 'til Midnight. The Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will be recommissioned during this Mass.

Good Friday, 14th April. 12.00 noon - Children's Stations of the Cross.
3.00pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.

Easter Vigil, 15th April. Mass at 8.30pm.

Easter Sunday, 16th April. Masses at 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

St Mary's 40th Anniversary School Reunion 12th May at 7.30pm at Dirty Dick's Public House, 202 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4NR. Please contact Avril Foley (Nee O'Sullivan). 07837 618939. Email: abpfoley@gmail.com.

Driver required to deliver Catholic papers to churches one evening each week. Own car necessary. Collecting from London for distribution. It is a paid job. Call Mike on 07973 337039 for further 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: 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, Josie Humphreys, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, 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 8TH/9TH APRIL 2017:

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

Sarah O'Connor/Jane Hull
Sergio Cantoni/Susan Squire
Emma McMillan/Ella Donald
Helen Cheshire/Philip Rodgers

Bidding Prayers: Susan Squire

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 8
Church Cleaning: Group 2

Offerings 26.03.17: Envs: £1,199.73 Loose: £979.19 Total: £2,178.92

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	1 st April	6.30pm	Simon Smith RIP Anniv Patrick Brennan RIP Anniv
Sunday	2 nd April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Nora Maguire RIP Anniv/Jimmy Long RIP All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP/Eamon Commins RIP
Monday	3 rd April	9.00am	Jack Louro RIP Anniv/Alice Pettengell RIP
Tuesday	4 th April	9.00am 7.30pm	Mr & Mrs McGarva RIP/Norah Lenehan RIP Parish Reconciliation Service
Wednesday	5 th April	7.30pm	Jisma Joseph RIP/Jackie Fisher RIP
Thursday	6 th April	9.00am 2.30-5.30pm	Bridget, Tom & T.J. Shea Int Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	7 th April	9.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Jim Shanahan RIP/Jackie Fisher RIP Stations of the Cross Nancy Hayes RIP
Saturday	8 th April	11.00am 12.00 noon 6.30pm	Exposition and Confessions Joan Carroll RIP Anniv Michael O'Donnell RIP Anniv All Parishioners
Sunday Palm Sunday	9 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Alan De Corte RIP Mrs Tweedie - Thanksgiving Margaret Gilsenan RIP Anniv Jackie Fisher RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP Ellen 'Kathleen' Myers RIP Anniv

***Hospital Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick
after all Sunday Masses.***