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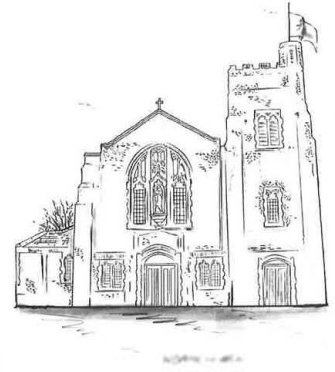
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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A

30th April 2017

Show us, Lord, the path of life

The readings for this Sunday speak of our faith and hope in God, as we continue to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus in this season of Easter.

Peter speaks to the crowds gathered at Pentecost (**First Reading** - Acts 2:14, 22–33). He tells them that Jesus, whose death they had sought, is no longer dead but has been raised to life by the power of God. The apostles are witnesses to this, and to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The first letter of Peter (**Second Reading** - 1 Peter 1:17–21) explains that the death and resurrection of Jesus have freed us to live as people with faith and hope in God.

The **Psalm** (15) is a hymn of joy and trust in God who preserves, directs and saves us, showing us the path of life that leads to happiness.

When the way forward seems unclear, or if it feels as though we have experienced the ending of all our hopes, we can learn from the **Gospel** (Luke 24:13–35) that tells of Jesus walking alongside those in sorrow. They are aware of being comforted without knowing why. Only later, as Jesus celebrates Eucharist with them, are they aware that he has been with them all along their journey.

In this Easter season, I ask for the grace of a deeper appreciation of the presence of Christ Jesus in my daily life.

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.

Statue of Our Lady For the month of May, the statue of Our Lady will be placed by the altar. Parishioners are invited to bring one flower to place before her during the Sundays of May.

Second Collection Next Week for Promotion of Vocations.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Come and spend time with the Lord during the day on Friday 6th May *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.

CAFOD Boxes Please return ASAP.

Holy Communion Welcome Rainbows to your session.

Confirmation Session Wednesday 3rd - Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. Coach leaving St. Mary's at 7.15pm sharp and arriving back at St. Mary's at 10.00pm.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Rota Please collect your new rota from the sacristy.

Chewing Gum Please refrain from chewing gum in the church. It is not fair to church cleaners who have to scrape it off the floor and benches.

Gift Aid Envelopes for tax year 2017-18 are in the church porch. If you donate by Standing Order, there is a 'Second Collection' box to be picked up. If you would like to Gift Aid, take a form from the church porch, fill it in and return it to the parish office. If you no longer wish to gift aid, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

The SVP would like to thank the parishioners and school for their generous support for our refugee clothes collection which has now finished. We will deliver the donated goods to our local refugee centre. 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 on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.00pm. For details contact Richard & Frances Healy 01708 250717.

Lunchtime Organ Recital Wednesday 3rd May from 1 – 1.45pm in Brentwood Cathedral to be given by Nicholas Mannoukas from the Royal College of Music, London. There will be refreshments provided afterwards in the Song School.

Question of Faith Evening Have you any questions about the Catholic faith? Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Panel – Fr Andrew Headon, Sr Anne Spielberg and Fr Adrian Graffy. Drinks and nibbles are provided and the event is free. Evening will finish at 9.00pm.

Havering Singers Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace for the fallen'. Musical director: Keith Motson. 6th May at 7.30pm. St Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Tickets £14. Ages 5 – 17 £5. Call – 01708 341265.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music at Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £25 which includes prosecco and nibbles. Please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 10th May. Please call 01277 373959.

Migrants Mass Saturday 20th May. The 12th Migrants Mass is being hosted this year by our Diocese for the first time at St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. Banners assemble at 10.30am on the Priory Lawn, Mass begins at 11.00am. Bishop Alan will be celebrating the Mass.

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 go please contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Centenary Exhibition Cathedral House Conference Room Foyer: April-June 2017. Opening Times: Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 9am-1pm & 3pm-8pm. Other times by arrangement: archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org. 01277 265238.

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 Crudginton, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Marie Edgley, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, 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 6TH/7TH MAY 2017:

Readers:	Sat. 6.30pm	Jane Hull/Sarah O'Connor
	Sun. 8.00am	Angela Joseph/Brian Rodgers
	9.30am	Alan & Albert Sabu Mathew
	11.30am	Ray John/Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers:	John Dawson	Coffee Morning Rota: Group 1
		Church Cleaning: Group 3

Offerings 23.04.17: Envs: £985.71 Loose: £923.59 Total: £1,909.30

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday St Catherine of Siena	29 th April	6.30pm	Ann Conlon RIP Michael & Kate McEvoy RIP
Sunday	30 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Michael Olaniyan Int – Thanksgiving Denis Reader RIP/Kathleen Barrett RIP
Monday	1 st May	9.00am	Jackie Fisher RIP/Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St Athanasius	2 nd May	8.30am	Donald McDiarmid RIP Bday Mr & Mrs Walsh RIP
Wednesday SS Philip & James	3 rd May	7.30pm	Joe Beattie RIP/Pat Church Int - Sick
Thursday The English Martyrs	4 th May	8.30am 2.30-3.30pm	Mr Akehurst RIP Bernard & Angela O'Neill RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	5 th May	8.30am	NO MASS due to John Manning's funeral
Saturday St John Payne	6 th May	12.00 noon 6.30pm	NO MASS due to First Holy Communions Mary Finan RIP
Sunday	7 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jisma Joseph RIP/Alayne Bone RIP All Parishioners Sam Farrugia RIP/Catherine Kearney Int

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