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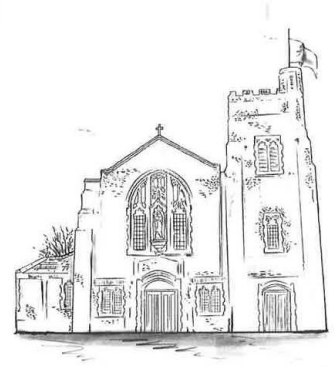
Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 5th February 2017



You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world

The readings this week invite us, in part, to reflect on the theme of darkness and light.

In the **First Reading** (Isaiah 58:7-10) the prophet Isaiah encourages his people to attend to those in need and to do away with angry words and clenched fists. If they do this they can be assured that the Lord will be with them, helping them out of the darkness into a healing light.

The **Psalm** (111) continues this theme and extols the virtue of the good person whose light is an example to others.

Matthew (5:13-16) in his **Gospel** recounts Jesus' words to his disciples. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Their light must be so attractive that others will want to come and join them.

Paul, in the **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 2:1-5) reminds the Corinthians that lofty words are not needed to tell people about Jesus. Relying on the Spirit and the power of God is all that is required.

This week, then, I could perhaps reflect on the example I give by using simple words, helping those I see in need, and giving hope to the discouraged so that the light of the love of God working through me can be clearly seen by all.

Collect:

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that,
relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they
may be defended always by your protection.

Inauguration of the Celebrations of the Centenary of the Diocese In union with all the parishes in the diocese, we will be gathering to pray for our diocese by holding a Day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 11th February from 10.00am – 6.00pm. Please put your name on the list in the porch to ensure there is someone watching at all times. There is Mass at 12 noon and Confessions will be from 11.00am – 12 noon and 5.30 – 6.00pm.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? You're invited to the first evening of CaFE on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Fr Martin will introduce the course which is based on very interesting DVD presentation. The course will run on a Monday evening until Easter. Refreshments provided.

Second Collection Next Week for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

Car Parking Our Parish Council has noticed that our Church and School car parks are becoming increasingly congested. Please help us to solve this problem by parking with care and due consideration for others and park only in designated spaces. Please avoid double parking and blocking the right of way/access to the church. For the health and safety of all our parishioners, it is important that emergency vehicles can have access at all times. Very many thanks for your help in this matter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament There will be no Exposition next Thursday 9th February from 2.30 – 5.30pm.

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.

First Communion Welcome Rainbows to your session.

Catholic Papers The Universe (£1.30), The Catholic Herald (£2.50) and The Catholic Times (£1.30) are on sale each week in the porch. This is an ideal way to keep yourself informed about what is going on in the world and in the church. While the general media largely ignores the work of the church, Catholic newspapers are an excellent way of getting to know what is really going on. Support our Catholic press.

St Mary's Mother & Toddler Group Every Tuesday, term-time, from 2.00 – 3.10pm. £2.50 per family including refreshments. All are welcome.

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.

Meditation presents 'The Journey' A Lenten reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs led by Michael Wigley. 7.30pm on Monday 6th March at St. Mary's Church, Hornchurch. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

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, even for the whole of its existence! If you have lived in St Mary's parish a very long time and might be able to talk about growing up in our Diocese, changes seen etc, please let the church office know.

Lourdes Diocesan Mass Our Lady of Lourdes is both patroness of our Diocese and the sick. As a Diocese we are invited to join Bishop Alan at 3.00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on 5th February, to celebrate our annual Lourdes Mass as part of the Diocesan centenary celebrations. During Mass the Sacrament of Anointing will be given to those

who are unwell. This Mass is replacing the Mass which is usually celebrated at the Cathedral.

Service of Healing Prayer at St. Joseph's Church, Upminster on Tuesday 7th February at 8.00pm. For details contact Richard & Frances Healy 01708 250717.

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country On Friday 10th February, your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting; www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting a Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 25th February at the Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School. Teams of eight people at a cost of £7.50pp with all funds going to BCCS. Starting at 7.00pm. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please contact Julie Abbot on 01268 784544.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting their Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 4th March. Tickets are £55pp to include a drinks reception, three-course dinner, tea & coffee, dancing & entertainment. To reserve tickets, or to donate a raffle or an auction prize, contact Julie 01268 784544.

Flame Congress, Wembley Arena, Saturday March 11th Travel with the BCYS to the largest Catholic youth event in the country! Open to all aged 15-23. Travel on your own or with friends, and we will meet you at Liverpool St or Fenchurch St station. Cost £15, plus your train fare. Book now by calling Gabby on 01268 515970.

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 McMahan, 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 11TH/12TH FEBRUARY 2017:

Readers:	Sat. 6.30pm	Sharon Flevin/Warren James
	Sun. 8.00am	Jackie Fisher/Nicola Stacey
	9.30am	Emma McMillan/Ella Donald
	11.30am	Eddie Allen/John Hawes

Bidding Prayers:	Siobhan Bowdler	Coffee Morning Rota: Group 2
		Church Cleaning: Group 2

Offerings 29.01.17: Envs: £849.71 Loose: £975.14 Total: £1,824.85

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	4 th Feb	6.30pm	Padraig & Carmel Garvey RIP Paul Bray Int
Sunday	5 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners/Jisma Joseph RIP Gretta Loughnane RIP/Jim Gilligan RIP Eamon Commins RIP/Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday <small>S Paul Miki</small>	6 th Feb	8.30am	Norah Lenehan RIP/Mathew Ward RIP
Tuesday	7 th Feb	8.30am	Mr & Mrs May RIP/John Long Int
Wednesday	8 th Feb	7.30pm	Felix & Eunice Oganwu RIP Rachel Riordan Int
Thursday	9 th Feb	8.30am	Roberto Caprari RIP Anniv
Friday <small>St Scholastica</small>	10 th Feb	8.30am	Selby Tweedie RIP/Jim Shanahan RIP
Saturday <small>Our Lady of Lourdes</small>	11 th Feb	12.00 noon 6.30pm	Colleen Mould RIP Michael Bray Int Micky & Pat Saunders - Sick
Sunday	12 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Paddy Ginty RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP

“We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another”.
Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

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.***