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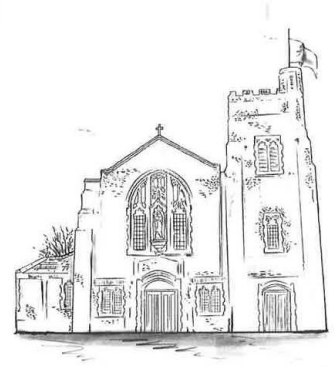
Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



First Sunday of Lent Year A 5th March 2017

Lord, give me again the joy of your help!

At the beginning of this season of Lent, I try to spend a little more time with the Lord if circumstances allow. I remind myself that this is a time to take stock, a chance to start again, an opportunity for renewal. It is also a time to examine the way we love others, as we try to reflect the way Jesus loves the Father, and loves each one of us.

Today's **First Reading** (Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7) tells the story of our first parents who, though created in love and for love, fell to the way of selfishness. In response, Christ (the 'new Adam') conquers the tempter (**Gospel** - Matthew 4:1–11) and offers us salvation that we could never earn or deserve (**Second Reading** - Romans 5:12–19).

God's kindness and compassion, revealed especially in Christ's loving sacrifice, create for us a pure heart and put a steadfast spirit within us (Psalm 50), giving us the power to choose life and to live in freedom.

This week, perhaps I will be drawn to choose one of the traditional Lenten practices: fasting, repentance or almsgiving, to help me to journey with our Lord towards his Passion and his Resurrection.

Collect:

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm.

Evening Mass on Fridays at 7.30pm during Lent.

Saturdays in Lent Exposition and Confessions from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Mass at 12.00 noon.

Second Collection Next Week for Lent Fast Day.

Lenten Project - CAFOD This weekend someone from CAFOD will say a few words at the end of all Masses about the work of CAFOD in developing countries. We will be distributing money boxes, one for each family, during Lent which you can put your donations towards our CAFOD project.

Fr Sabu Sadly Fr Sabu will be leaving us this week as he has been asked by Bishop Alan to go and help in the Parish of Springfield, Chelmsford where there is no priest. We thank Fr Sabu for all the wonderful work he has done in our parish and we wish him every blessing and happiness in the future.

Holy Communion Welcome Rainbows to your session.

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.

Please pray for Kathleen Bennet-O'Reilly, who died recently. Funeral details outside the church. May she rest in peace.

Sheila Cody RIP Sheila died on 24th February. Sheila spent many years laundering and caring for altar linen and priests' vestments at St. Mary's. Funeral details to follow.

CaFE Evening As a Catholic would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room. Refreshments provided.

Holy Communion Parents Meeting Tuesday 7th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

First Confirmation Session *Wednesday 8th March*. Starts at 7.30pm with Mass in the church and finishes at 9.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Candidates' Enrolment Mass Saturday 11th March at 6.30pm.

Birthday Card Found in Church If you lost a birthday card to a family member in church last weekend, please contact the Parish Office.

Meditation presents 'The Journey' A Lenten reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs led by Michael Wigley at St Mary's Church, Hornchurch. *Date has been changed to Wednesday 29th March at 8.00pm, immediately after the 7.30pm Mass.* Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

'My Day by Day' Booklets for Lent are on sale in the church porch for £1.00.

Church Cleaning Rota Please collect your new rota from the church porch, it is also available on the website.

Craft Fayre St Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday 12th March from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

"The Privilege of Suffering" Dr Colin Harte will speak on suffering, as we find it difficult to cope with and understand. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ. Monday 6th March at 8.00pm at the Catholic Church Hall, 11 Church Hill, Epping CM16 4RA.

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

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th March. Please call 01277 373959.

Study Day on the Gospel of John at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park on Saturday 18th March from 11.00am – 3.00pm. The theme will be ‘The Journey of Faith in the Gospel of John’. Led by Fr Victor Darlington, Professor of Scripture at St John’s Seminary, Womersley. Admission is free, tea and coffee provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Please book your place by email to gpstudydays@gmail.com.

Meeting the “Living God” Seminars Cathedral House, Brentwood. Seminar 3: *With Christ during Lent*. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams. Date: Saturday 18th March, 10.30am-12.00noon. For further information please contact 01277 265285.

Forthcoming events from the Havering Inter Faith Forum Wednesday 22nd March at 8.00pm. Inter Faith Quiz Night at The Salvation Army, High Street, Romford. Tuesday 25th April at 8.00pm AGM of the Havering Interfaith Forum, Romford Town Hall. All welcome. Web Site: haveringinterfaith.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 22nd July. Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. We will dedicate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to go please contact the Parish Office.

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, 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 11TH/12TH MARCH 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Peter Amey/Pat Martin
Sun. 8.00am Joshua Duah/Angela Joseph
9.30am Michael Olaniyan/Tilly Allen
11.30am Nonita Emilianus/Eddie Allen

Bidding Prayers: Pat How **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 5
Church Cleaning: Group 2

Offerings 26.02.17: Envs: £1,047.74 Loose: £1,011.84 Total: £2,059.58

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	4 th Mar	6.30pm	Esther Shepard-Brown RIP
Sunday	5 th Mar	8.00am	Jisma Joseph RIP
First Sunday of Lent		9.30am	All Parishioners/Sheila Broderick RIP
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP/Dr & Mrs Oganwu Int
Monday	6 th Mar	8.30am	Mrs Ball RIP/Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	7 th Mar	8.30am	Elizabeth Wilson RIP Anniv Carole Hounsom Int
Wednesday	8 th Mar	7.30pm	Mary Oram RIP/Maria Fackler RIP
Thursday	9 th Mar	8.30am	David Blair RIP/Mr & Mrs Hall RIP
		2.30-5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	10 th Mar	8.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP/Muriel Healy RIP
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm	Christina Neiland RIP
Saturday	11 th Mar	11.00am	Exposition and Confessions
		12.00 noon	George Fitzpatrick RIP
		6.30pm	Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP Eilis Amey RIP
Sunday	12 th Mar	8.00am	All Parishioners/James Medlin RIP
Second Sunday of Lent		9.30am	Eamon Commins RIP/Maria Fackler RIP
		11.30am	Josephine Camilleri RIP Douglas Wilson RIP (from KSC)

***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.***