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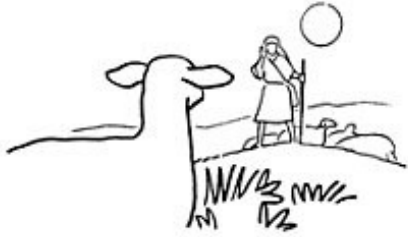
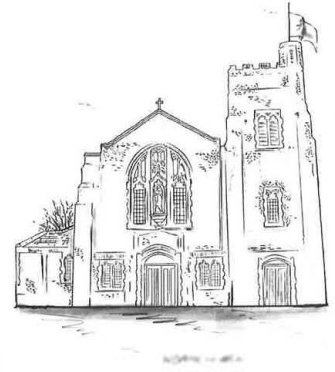
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam 07930 510218

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



4th Sunday of Easter

Year A

7th May 2017

Good Shepherd Sunday

The image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd **leads** the flock, calling each sheep by name. The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us.

The **First Reading** (Acts 2: 14, 36–41) anticipates Pentecost: Peter preaches the Lordship of Jesus Christ to the crowds in Jerusalem, inviting them to faith because the promises of God are for everyone.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Peter 2: 20–25) Peter writes to remind the followers of Jesus that Our Lord left us an example to follow, particularly in the difficulties with which we struggle, so that we might live in holiness: through Jesus our wounds are healed.

The **Psalm (22)** is a hymn of trust in the Lord who is my shepherd. I shall want for nothing, because the Lord will give me rest, comfort and guidance.

In the **Gospel** (John 10:1–10) Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd who has become the gateway to fullness of life for his followers, a source of unity among divided Christians – an issue for John's followers, and also for us today.

This week in my prayer, I may want to take time to speak with Jesus as my Shepherd and Lord.

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). Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. All are welcome.

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.

Teresa Madden RIP Funeral will take place on Monday 8th May at 1.00pm.

A big thank you to those who gave of their time to come and clean the outside of the church last Saturday and to those on Bank Holiday Monday who cleaned the front of the church. Both the inside and outside look very clean and lovely. Thank you to you all.

Volunteers needed on an occasional basis to open/lock up the church and set up for weekday and weekend Masses, to cover for holidays, sickness etc. of regular volunteers. Full training will be provided. For more information or if you can help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Martin.

Calligrapher If anyone knows how to do calligraphy/has very neat handwriting, please would you see Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Second Collection This Week for Promotion of Vocations.

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.

CAFOD Boxes Please return ASAP.

Sunday Confirmation Session 7th May. Rite of Acceptance in the Cathedral with Bishop Alan presiding. The coach will leave St Mary's at 1.15pm sharp.

Wednesday Confirmation Session 10th May. Starts at 7.30pm with Mass in the church and finishes at 9.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10th May at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

James Smith RIP A parishioner who lived in Harrow Drive and served as M.C. with Fathers Van Meenen, Shanahan and Corley in the 60's, has died in the USA.

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.

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.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. 26th - 28th May. Location: Broadstairs, Kent. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

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 Crudgington, 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 McMahon, 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 13TH/14TH MAY 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Kathleen Brooker/Maureen O'Brien
Sun. 8.00am Joshua Duah/Seb Hough
9.30am Michael Olaniyan/Tilly Allen
11.30am John Hawes/Nneamaka Ajoh

Bidding Prayers: Pat How **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 2
Church Cleaning: Group 4

Offerings 30.04.17: Envs: £1,454.80 Loose: £1,032.89 Total: £2,487.69

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday St John Payne	6 th May	6.30pm	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
Monday	8 th May	8.30am	Mr & Mrs Long RIP/Roy Grimes RIP
Tuesday	9 th May	8.30am	Maureen Shannon RIP Anniv Norah Lenehan RIP
Wednesday	10 th May	7.30pm	Joyce Cougill Bday Int/Eileen Int
Thursday	11 th May	8.30am 2.30-3.30pm	David & Michael RIP Mr & Mrs Buchanan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St John Houghton	12 th May	8.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP/Kieran Connors RIP
Saturday St Erconwald	13 th May	12.00 noon 6.30pm	NO MASS due to First Holy Communions All Parishioners
Sunday	14 th May	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Nell Sullivan RIP/John McCarthy RIP Angela McEvoy Int/Marie Fitzmaurice RIP Josephine Camilleri RIP Michael McDonagh 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.***