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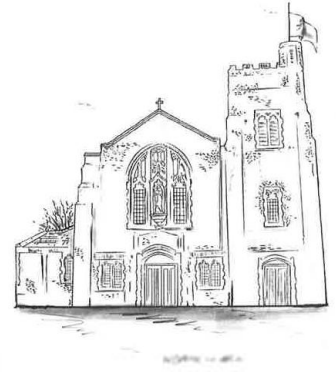
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9th July 2017

*Come to me, all you who labour and are over burdened
And I will give you rest.*

After several weeks of special Feasts, last Sunday we went back once again into Ordinary Time or, as they used to be called, Sundays after Pentecost when, as Jesus promised, he sent us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

St Paul confirms this in **the Second Reading** (Romans 8:9, 11-13): “The Spirit of God has made his home in [us]” and gives us life.

Whether we are troubled or bowed down with worries, the Lord, faithful and compassionate, will support and love us. [**Psalm 144**]

If we answer his gentle invitation and come to him as we are, in our weakness, as “mere children”, we will learn from him and he will give us rest. [**The Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30**]

The peace he promises to bring is not the result of exerting power and crushing his opponents. He is victorious and triumphant over the forces of evil, being gentle and humble, riding not a warhorse, but a donkey. [**The First reading - Zechariah 9:9-10**]

So this week, in my prayer, I may want to spend time reflecting on my life in the past weeks and seeing whether I have allowed him to guide me gently, whether I have turned to him for help. I may also look forward to the coming week and enlist his support for any difficulty I see looming ahead.

Second Collection This Week for Apostleship of the Sea.

St Mary's Summer Fayre Saturday 15th July from 1.00 – 4.00pm. Please could you start donating now food and drink, gifts and toys. Please leave donations in the church porch or in the trolley in the school playground or bring your donations to the School office. Bottles of alcohol can go directly to the Presbytery office. If you can help run a stall on the day please leave your contact details with the School Office/Parish Office.

Fr Angelus will be with us for the next five weeks approximately until he moves to his new parish. We look forward to welcoming him.

Year Five Children Will children and parent/s of those in Year *Five* at school say 'hello' to Fr Martin as you leave church and tell Fr Martin your name.

Holy Communion Programme 2017/18 URGENT APPEAL – Please would you consider becoming a Catechist for the Holy Communion programme. It is founded on the generous work of our Catechists and if we do not have enough it will not be able to continue in its present format. Please contact Jane through the church office.

Catholic Practice The Diocese has made it clear, based on the Law of the Church, that for the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, Mass attendance on every single Sunday is a requirement and 'it is clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the Canons'.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA)? Why not come and see? We meet for the first time this year on *Monday 4th September at 7.30pm* in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Each subsequent Monday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm. Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at church office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

St Mary's Parish Presents Meeting on Tuesday 11th July at 7.00pm in the *Van Meenen Room*.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th July at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

St Mary's Healing Service Wednesday 26th July at 6.00pm. Exposition, Confessions and Anointing. Mass at 7.30pm.

2017 Confirmation Photos are now available to view and purchase at handyphotography.com. You will need your password to access the photos, if you don't have one please email handyphotography@yahoo.co.uk. Any queries contact Andy on 07855 646153.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers Please collect your new rota from the Sacristy.

100 Club Winners April - No 6. May - No 69. June - No 10.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

St Mary's Baby and Toddler group - Teddy Bears Picnic Tuesday 11th July 2-3.10pm. This will be on the field if weather permits, otherwise in the Parish Hall. £2.50 per family group. Bring your own bear and blanket, sweets and drinks provided. Any queries contact Joanne on 01708 747026.

Afternoon Tea for Parish Elders on Sunday 16th July between 2.00 – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to come, or know someone who would like to come, please contact Brenda on 01708 452442 or 07958 605039 to book a place.

Volunteers still needed to help.

Calling all Jazz lovers Please join us for an informal hour of Jazz with the Michael Horner Standards Trio on Monday 10th July at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Song School.

Meeting the Living God Seminar Series Seminar 6: Saturday 15th July.

‘Contemplative Prayer—is it for me?’ Bishop Alan Williams. 10.30am - 12.00pm at Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT. For further information please contact jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285.

Four Day Summer Bible Session St Antony’s, Forest Gate from 21st – 24th August. Cost for the week - £25.00. Please contact the parish office on 0208 552 3670.

Diploma’s will be handed out to all who follow the whole course.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society is looking for Qualified Counsellors/Social Workers, educated to Diploma level, to work in schools in the Basildon, Chelmsford, Harlow and Southend area from September. Please contact the Head of Professional Services via email at dsealy@bccs.org.uk for further information.

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, Kevin Hartie, Jean Horan, Baby Nathan Howe, 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.**

