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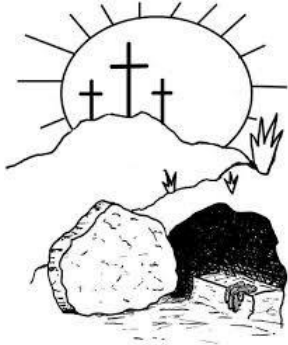
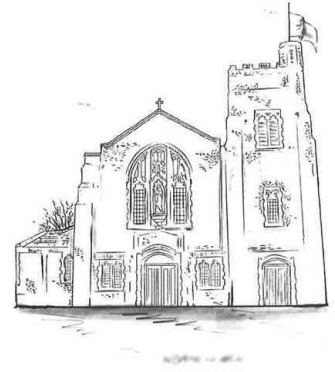
Website: www.stmaryshornchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Easter Sunday (A)

16th April 2017

Alleluia!

Christ our hope is risen! The readings for Easter Sunday are full of this joyful response and of the understanding of what this great mystery means to us.

The **First Reading** from Acts (10:34, 37–43) is Peter's succinct account to Cornelius of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He is witness to all of this and is called to proclaim it to everyone. As followers of Jesus we are called to do likewise.

Psalm 117 is very much an Easter psalm, which we shall meet several times over the season. Today's verses are a prayer of thanksgiving for God's love and for his power in raising Christ in victory.

Both alternatives for the **Second Reading** (Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6–8) emphasise the meaning of the 'new life' we have as the baptised in Christ. We are the 'new bread' living the 'true life' in Christ, celebrating God's mercy and forgiveness.

The **Gospel** (John 20:1–9) narrative shows Peter and John slowly coming to realise that Jesus has truly risen from the dead. Until then, they had not understood, had not grasped the teaching of scripture.

FR MARTIN WISHES EVERYONE A VERY
HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER.

Easter Offertory Collection Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday 14 April to Divine Mercy Sunday 23 April

Easter Sunday 16th April: 11.00am

Monday 17th April – Friday 21st April: After Mass (except on Tuesday 20th April it will be at 9.15am).

Saturday 22nd April: After 12.00 noon Mass

CAFOD Boxes Please return on Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April.

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).

Please pray for John Manning, Patrick McGrath and Anthony Gilligan, who died recently. May they rest in peace. Funeral details outside the church.

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.

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.

Happy Easter Jane would like to wish all the young people and their families on the Holy Communion course, and all parishioners, a very happy and holy Easter.

Catechists Jane thanks all the catechists for their hard work and dedication during the year and wishes them and their families a happy and holy Easter.

'Happy School Bags' Collection St Mary's PTA will be running a recycling collection on Sunday 23rd April at all Masses. Please bring to the Van Meenen Room unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts & bedding to be collected on Monday 24th April.

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 will be collecting good quality second hand baby and toddler clothes, towels and toys for local refugee pregnant women and young families. There is a box in the church porch for your donations. If you would like to help us in our work or would like further details on this appeal please contact Paul on 07778 031489. 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April: A Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood. Arrival at 10.30am for 11.00am start. Confession available. Mass 3.30pm. Refreshments available - please bring a packed lunch. For more information, call Claire Wallis 01277 658783.

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. Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. St Peter’s Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Tickets £14. Ages 5 – 17 £5. Call – 01708 341265.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on 29th May. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place, we would love to have you on our team, any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. Please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

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, Alan Fisher, Kevin Hartie, 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 22ND/23RD APRIL 2017:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm Sharon Flevin/Warren James
Sun. 8.00am Seb Hough/Alex Rowley
9.30am Michael Olaniyan/Tilly Allen
11.30am Nneamaka Ajoh/John Hawes

Bidding Prayers: Maureen Boorman **Coffee Morning Rota:** Group 10
Church Cleaning: Group 1

Offerings 09.04.17: Envs: £962.00 Loose: £955.22 Total: £1,917.22

MASS INTENTIONS:

Holy Saturday 15th April **8.30pm** All Parishioners

Easter Sunday 16th April 8.00am Frank McDonagh RIP/Jackie Fisher RIP
9.30am William Elliott RIP Anniv
11.30am Baby Rosemary Bray RIP
Richard Collins Int - Sick

Monday 17th April **11.00am** Tara, Jeff, Fiona & Liam Leandro Int

Tuesday 18th April 8.30am **NO MASS** due to Funeral for Patrick McGrath RIP at 12.00 noon

Wednesday 19th April 9.30am Funeral – Anthony Gilligan RIP
7.30pm Bridget Hayes RIP/Mr Baird RIP

Thursday 20th April 8.30am **NO MASS – Eucharistic Service**

Friday 21st April 8.30am Jackie Fisher RIP/Norah Lenehan RIP

Saturday 22nd April 12.00 noon Maria Fackler RIP
6.30pm Jackie Fisher RIP

Sunday 23rd April 8.00am All Parishioners
9.30am James Kane RIP Anniv
11.30am Jack Hughes RIP Anniv/Liam Lawlor RIP

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