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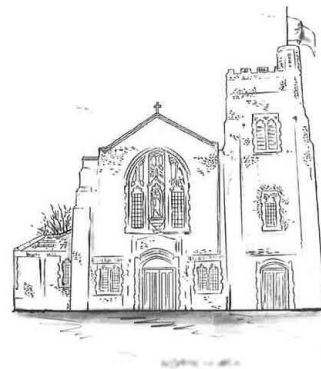
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Parish Priest: Father Martin Fletcher

Sacramental Coordinator: Jane Tatam

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment



Palm Sunday **Year A** **9th April 2017**

**“Blessed are you,
who have come in your abundant mercy!”**

As we begin this greatest of weeks when we solemnly remember God’s loving mercy for us, we ask for a greater trust in that love.

Today’s **First Reading** (from the Prophet Isaiah 50:4–7) foretells of the humiliation of the ‘suffering servant’ but also of his vindication. Because he trusts, the servant knows that ultimately he will be safe.

The **Psalm (21) response** has us repeating the cry of the suffering Christ from the cross. Yet the last verse is a proclamation of trust and hope in the Lord who is ever near, and who will have the last say.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul (Philippians 2:6–11) wants to reveal to us that it is through the emptying of Christ that true love is shown. By allowing himself to be made low through humility and trust, and by accepting suffering and even death, Christ is raised to the highest height.

Finally, the long Passion account from St Matthew’s **Gospel (26:14–27:66)** gives us the detail of what loving to the end really means. It deserves to be read in its entirety. Let’s pray, this week, that whatever trials we face, we might do so with ever greater trust in the Lord, who knowing suffering at first-hand, does not leave us to face them alone.

Easter Offertory Collection **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.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Easter There is a list in the porch for any Reader or Eucharistic Minister to volunteer for the Easter Triduum services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil). Please read the notes at the top of the list!

Second Collection on Good Friday for The Holy Land.

Exposition Please note there will be no Exposition on Maundy Thursday.

Altar Servers Easter Rota in the Sacristy – please put your name down. *Please note that on Holy Saturday the Vigil Mass is at 8.30pm. No 6.30pm Mass.*

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, who died recently. Funeral details to follow.

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.

'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.

Repository Shop Easter Eggs on sale which includes the '**Real meaning of Easter**' story - charity donation from every egg sold. £3.50 each.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) would like to say a huge thank you for your very generous response to their second collection last week. It is very much appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 come please contact the Parish Office.

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

Good Friday 14th April: After the 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 15th April: 9.00am

Easter Sunday 16th April: 11.00am

Monday 17th April – Friday 21st April: After Mass.

Saturday 22nd April: After 12.00 noon Mass

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

Driver required to deliver Catholic papers to churches one evening each week. Own car necessary. Collecting from London for distribution. It is a paid job. Call Mike on 07973 337039 for further details.

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.

St Mary's 40th Anniversary School Reunion 12th May at 7.30pm at Dirty Dick's Public House, 202 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4NR. Please contact Avril Foley (Nee O'Sullivan). 07837 618939. Email: abpfoley@gmail.com.

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 McMahon, 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 15TH/16TH APRIL 2017:

Readers: Sat. **8.30pm**
Sun. 8.00am
9.30am
11.30am

To be arranged separately
Nicola Stacey
Alan & Albert Sabu Mathew
Eddie Allen/Nonita Emilianus

Bidding Prayers: Siobhan Bowdler

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 9
Church Cleaning: Groups 3 & 4

Offerings 02.04.17: Envs: £1,093.55 Loose: £933.56 Total: £2,027.11
SVP: Total: £ 838.95

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	8 th April	6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	9 th April	8.00am	Alan De Corte RIP/ Mrs Tweedie Int
Palm Sunday		9.30am	Margaret Gilsenan RIP Anniv
		11.30am	Jackie Fisher RIP
			Josephine Camilleri RIP
			Ellen 'Kathleen' Myers RIP Anniv
Monday	10 th April	9.15am	Morning Prayer followed by Mass at 9.30am
			Jim O'Connell RIP Bday
			Bridget O'Connell RIP Anniv
Tuesday	11 th April	9.15am	Morning Prayer followed by Mass at 9.30am
			Mr & Mrs Williams RIP
			Mr & Mrs Horner RIP
Wednesday	12 th April	9.15am	Morning Prayer followed by Mass at 9.30am
			Maureen McSherry RIP
		7.00pm	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral
Maundy Thurs	13 th April	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
			Watching 'til Midnight – Len Rice RIP
			Jackie Fisher RIP
Good Friday	14 th April	9.45am	Walk of Witness (meet at St Andrews)
		12.00 noon	Children's Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	15 th April	8.30pm	All Parishioners
Easter Sunday	16 th 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

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