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5th Sunday of Lent
Year C
3rd April 2022

'All I want is to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection!'

We are invited today to recognise the utter completeness of God's forgiveness, and his desire to restore us to new life. The prophet Isaiah tells how the people learned anew that their God was to be known not only through remembering the past, but also in the experience of their lives in the here and now. (First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21)

Paul loves Christ very deeply, and vividly longs to '*have Christ, and be given a place in him*'. He yearns to be in an intimate relationship with him. Yet he also knows that he cannot be complacent and that he is still '*straining ahead*' for what is to come. (Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14).

The Gospel (John 8:1-11) tells the story of those who look for the public humiliation and condemnation of the woman taken in adultery, and also of Jesus himself. The accusers have a narrow view of the mercy of God, and wish to use the woman as an opportunity for scoring points against Jesus. However, Jesus understands wisely and demonstrates bravely the overwhelming mercy of God.

Let us pray to experience the complete acceptance and forgiveness of Jesus in our lives this day. As followers of Christ, may we be heralds of his life-giving love, mercy and freedom to the world. We also continue to pray for peace across the world, especially in Ukraine and eastern Europe

Fridays in Lent – Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Mass.

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.

Easter Mass times:

Tuesday 5 th April	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.30pm
Saturday 9 th April	Palm Sunday Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday (Mass begins in Parish Hall)	11.30am
Wednesday 13 th April	Chrim Mass at Brentwood Cathedral	11.00am
Thursday 14 th April	Holy Thursday – Last Supper Mass Followed by watching until 12 midnight	8.00pm
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday Children’s Stations of the Cross	12.00pm
	Commemoration of the Lords’ Passion	3.00pm
Saturday 16 th April	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	11.30am

Please note palms will be distributed at all the Palm Sunday Masses

Stations of the Cross: During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7pm followed by Mass.

Gift Aid: The Gift Aid envelopes (for use from April 10th, 2022) will be available for collection from the tables in the porch of the Church after weekend Masses for the next 2 weeks. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the Parish office.

Church Cleaning: Volunteers are needed to clean the church for Easter. If you can spare 30 minutes, please come along, and help on Saturday 8th April at 9am.

Clare McGill RIP: The McGill family will be holding a celebration of Clare’s life on Saturday 30th April. The Mass will be at 3.30pm. We would be delighted to see any of Clare’s friends who would like to join us. If you wish to get in touch with the family, please call Nicola on 07731945644.

9.30 Mass: We are looking for some adult volunteers to help supervise the children’s choir during Mass. Please see Father Martin

Easter Reception: Please keep in your prayers those who are being prepared to be received into the Church at Easter

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Lady Chapel in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. Everyone welcome.

Private Prayer and Adoration: Every Thursday after the 9.15am Mass until 12 noon.

Please note: Thursday 7th April – Adoration will be until 11am due to a funeral at 12 noon.

The Hornchurch Passion Play: On the 15th, 16th and 17th April at 7.30pm on the green by Queens Theatre, Hornchurch. A recreation of the Passion of our Lord. It will be a wonderful way to prepare for Holy week and to support the wider Christian Community in our local area.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order.

The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

Please remember in your prayers Roger Kidd RIP, Tom Carpenter RIP, Matthew Joseph RIP and Rita Ryan RIP who have died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish at home and in hospital, especially:

Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Ruth Carroll, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Victor Guy, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, John Loftus, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Picton, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Elaine Sullivan, Paddy Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward 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.

Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace,
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us
To love our neighbour as ourselves,
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine,
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world,
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –
Peace that will transform,
Peace that will heal,
Peace that will last,
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ,
The Prince of Peace,
Amen.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday	2 nd April	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	3 rd April	8.00am	Nora Maguire RIP / John Irwin RIP
		9.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP / Andrew Shanahan RIP
		11:30am	Jack Louro RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday	4 th April	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Carol Leggett RIP
Tuesday	5 th April	9.15am	Mr PJ Reilly RIP / Miss Fitzgerald RIP
		7.30pm	Reconciliation Service for Easter
Wednesday	6 th April	4.30pm	Reception of Rita Ryan RIP
		7.30pm	Teresa Woods RIP / Bernie Artingstall RIP
Thursday	7 th April	9.15am	Holy Souls & the dying / Mrs Helen Murphy RIP
		9.45–11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		12 noon	Funeral Rita Ryan RIP
Friday	8 th April	9.15am	Nicky Bayley RIP / Pauline McGlade RIP
		7pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
		7.30pm	Pat Darcy RIP / Helen Murphy RIP
Saturday	9 th April	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Terry Inkersole RIP / Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	10 th April	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / John Dennehy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	<i>(Begins in Parish Hall)</i> Bridget O'Connell Int / Jennifer-Anne Cuthill RIP

Hospital: If you are going in to hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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