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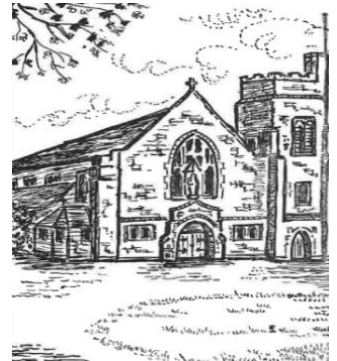
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B are a reminder of God's love for humanity and the gift of salvation that He offers to all who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness to bring physical healing to the people of Israel, Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection brings spiritual healing and eternal life to all who believe in Him.

As Catholics, we are called to reflect on the depth of God's love for us and the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross to redeem us from our sins. We are invited to believe in Him and to trust in His grace and mercy, knowing that salvation is a free gift that we cannot earn through our own works.

At the same time, the readings also remind us of the importance of living out our faith through good works and a life of service to others. We are called to be witnesses to the love of Christ in the world, reflecting His light and sharing His message of hope with all those we encounter.

In this Lenten season, let us take time to reflect on the profound love that God has for us and the sacrifice that Jesus made for our salvation. May we renew our commitment to live out our faith through works of love and service, sharing the good news of the gospel with all those around us.

SVP COLLECTION today. At Masses this weekend there will be a second collection for the Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP). Money raised will go towards supporting them in their ongoing work within the Parish, that is, their outreach to those who are poor and in need.

THE FUNERAL OF FR JOHN TAYLOR RIP: The Requiem Mass of Fr John Taylor will be celebrated on Wednesday 20 March at 12 noon at the church of Our Lady of Light and St Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea. Father John's body will be received in the chapel at St Michael's Care Home on Tuesday 19 March at 3 p.m. and will repose there overnight.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (19)

In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of men and women of every time and place. Today we consider Saint Káteri Tekakwitha, the first native American saint of North America. The daughter of a Mohawk chief and an Algonquin mother, Kateri was scarred by smallpox at an early age; her sufferings drew her to a great love of the cross and a close identification with Christ in his redemptive love for humanity. Persecuted for her faith, she found refuge in a Jesuit mission. Her deep piety and prayer, marked by devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and acts of penance, was accompanied by charitable concern for the elderly and the sick, and for the instruction of children in the faith. A year before she died, Kateri sealed her complete dedication to the Lord by taking a solemn vow of perpetual virginity. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha's example shows us the power of the Gospel to bear rich fruit in a holiness expressed in quiet, everyday actions that nonetheless have the power to transform our world.

LENTEN TALK AT ST MARY'S. Fr Mark will give a talk on Thursday 14th March at 7pm in the church entitled 'Embracing the Cross' as he explores 'how' we should respond to the suffering in our lives, as well as looking at the 'why' of suffering. The talk will end with a short period of Adoration, followed by Benediction. Afterwards teas and coffees will be available in the hall.

THE LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place on Tuesday 19th March at 7pm. This is a graced opportunity to experience the mercy and healing that only God can give us, especially during this season of Lent. There will be a number of priests to hear confessions.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish office will be closed this week on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March. It will be open Thursday 14th and Friday 15th 9am-2pm.

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers are needed to clean the church for Easter. If you can spare 30 minutes, please come along, and help on Good Friday 29th March at 9am.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: is now open to children in School years 1, 2 and 3 during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We congratulate Malachi Alleyne D'Souza, Riley Hurrell, Emily Mehra, Theodore Wild, Gabriel Akpudje, Albie Defreitas & Mia Lewis who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: We have beautiful gifts and cards on display: pop into the Repository and have a look! But if you don't see what you want you can browse through our catalogue, and we can order it for you!

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until mid June.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 25TH MAY 2024: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. **If you would like to come, please leave your name & contact telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.**

VOLUNTEERS AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, from 27th July – 3rd August, help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024. The fundraising concert is on Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 12-14 April in Brentwood; for further details please contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Philip Summerfield RIP who has died recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, Hannah Haughey and for all our family and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

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All payments are gratefully received.



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	9 th March	6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent	10 th March	8.00am	Frank McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	Pat O'Shea RIP
		11.30am	The Ford Family RIP
Monday	11 th March	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	12 th March	9.15am	Hannah & Dan Falvey RIP Followed by stations of the Cross
		7.00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	13 th March	7.15pm 7.30pm	<i>Evening prayer</i> Marie Edgley RIP
Thursday	14 th March	9.15am	Deceased members of the Ireton & How families RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		7.00pm	Fr Mark's talk on Suffering
Friday	15 th March	9.15am 7.00pm	Mr Dennis Jefferies RIP Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Eric & Dorothy Dodkins RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	16 th March	9.15am	Bridget & Ollie Gilsenan Wedding Anniversary
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent	17 th March	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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