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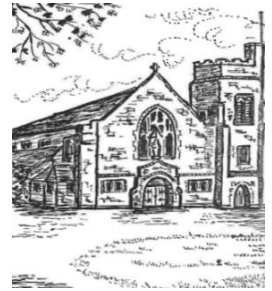
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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In the first reading today, the apostles stood firm in their faith when questioned by the high priest. They insisted on obeying God rather than men. This teaches us the importance of staying true to God's commands, even when it is difficult. Obedience to God requires courage and trust. The apostles knew that following God might bring them suffering, but they chose to obey Him anyway.

This kind of faith inspires us to make similar choices in our own lives. We face many situations where we must choose between obeying God or following the world. The apostles' example encourages us to stand firm in our faith. By putting God first, we show our commitment to His will.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Each time, Peter affirms his love, and Jesus tells him to look after for His followers. This conversation highlights the importance of love and action in our faith.

Loving Jesus means more than words. It means taking action. In Peter's case, Jesus asked him to show his love by feeding his sheep, that is, to fulfil his role as the first Pope in guiding and strengthening the nascent Church. Likewise, for us, our love for Jesus is authentic when we are faithful to our vocation, or more generally, when we live our Christians lives in prayer and helping and supporting others.

STATEMENT OF THE HOLY SEE: Cardinals ask for prayers for the Conclave

'The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God. For this reason, the Cardinals, conscious of the responsibility to which they are called, feel the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful. This is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12). Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what he is saying to the Church (cf. Rev 3:6). May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession.' **In view of this request, there will be a simple Holy Hour at St Mary's on Tuesday at 6pm, on the eve of the Conclave.**

MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). So, during this month of May, the Church encourages Catholics to take out their rosary beads and pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother for the different needs we have- for ourselves, our families, our community and for those in any kind of help.

WELCOMING OUR LADY INTO OUR HOMES: During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, St Mary's is organizing a special celebration of the rosary. Parishioners are asked to open their homes, inviting fellow parishioners to pray the rosary together. This will be a wonderful blessing for our homes, our families and our parish. Anyone who would like to host, or join a rosary, please contact Ray John on 07886814647. There are 10 available dates.

GIFT AID: New 2025/2026 gift aid boxes are available in the porch to collect. Please also remember to change your standing order reference if your gift aid number has been changed. Please note that if you make your regular offertory donations by standing order or bank transfer you will not have a packet of envelopes this year. Second collection offerings may also be made by bank transfer, please just state the purpose of the donation and gift aid number on the payment. If anyone would like to make one off donations by cash, you may place this in any envelope and just mark it 2nd collection etc and write your gift aid number too. There are also blank envelopes available in the porch.

If your box is not in the porch and you would like one – please call or email the parish office and Laura will get one for you.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection for Promotion of Vocations.

SAVE THE DATE...FOR OUR PARISH SUMMER FETE: The Parish will be holding a summer fete on **Saturday 14th June**. This is the first time we have held this event since Covid and we are really looking forward to bringing the Parish together on what will hopefully be a beautiful sunshine filled day. Please look out for updates over the next few weeks.

PARISH SUMMER FETE – STALLHOLDER INVITATION: Calling all **small business owners, crafters, bakers, and entrepreneurs!** We'd love to welcome you to set up a stall at this year's **Parish Summer Fete** to **sell your wares and promote your business.**

Booking is essential – for full details, please contact the **Parish Office.**

Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of a vibrant community event!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS: Register by using the link below and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from 29th April - 3rd June inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own '*Holy Door*' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year as "*Pilgrims of Hope*". Register here:

<https://mostholyredeemerchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/8gdpluw1>

SUMMER FETE KIDS WRISTBANDS: Wristbands are now on sale for unlimited bouncing on a fantastic selection of bouncy castles at the Summer Fete! Get yours for just £5 each — available after all weekend Masses. Don't miss out on the fun!

HOLY PLACES SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection for Holy Places that took place on Good Friday raised a total of £516.17. Thank you for your generosity.

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN/ INFANTS: We welcome Sophia Morales Kaur Rathour, Tea Bajade, Shae O'Donoghue, Harrison Price & Mary-Jane Madhovi who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

COFFEE MORNING: The next dates for coffee morning after 9.30am Mass on a Sunday are 11th May, 25th May & 22nd June. Everyone welcome, free for all.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 5 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until November and no Sunday Masses available for the rest of this year.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: Present, The Sisters of Life (NY, USA) speaking on 'Why Pro-Life Vigils Matter'. Tuesday 6th May at 7pm at The London Jesuit Centre, 2nd Floor, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Entry: Free. More details 07795205117

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please remember Philip Finn & Donal Bergin who have died recently. Please keep their families and all who knew them in your prayers. Philip's funeral will take place on Friday 9th May at 11am here at St Mary's.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Eileen Newman, Margeruite Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Baby Shae Christy O'Donoghue, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley, Greta Shanahan, & Anne Sullivan.

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: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	3 rd May	6.30pm	Terry Inkersole RIP
Sunday Third Sunday of Easter	4 th May	8.00am	Alayne Bone RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia & Evelyn Ward RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	5 th May	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family Kieron & John Fowley & Baby Donovan Int
Tuesday St John Payne	6 th May	9.15am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		6.00pm	Holy Hour incl. Rosary for the Conclave
Wednesday	7 th May	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Michael Sullivan RIP
Thursday	8 th May	9.15am	William McDiarmid RIP
Friday	9 th May	9.15am	Michael Olaniyan Int
		11.00am	FUNERAL Philip Finn RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	10 th May	9.15am	Maureen Shannon RIP
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter	11 th May	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Michael McDonagh RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and 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. Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

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