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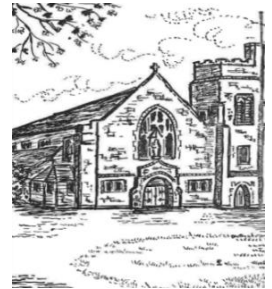
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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is an important moment for Catholics. This basilica, located in Rome, is the cathedral church of the Pope and is called the “mother of all churches.” It reminds us that our faith is not only personal but shared by millions around the world. The Lateran Basilica stands as a sign of unity, showing that we are part of something much larger than ourselves.

This feast also helps us reflect on the importance of places of worship. Just as the Lateran Basilica is a sacred space for the Church, our local parishes are also holy places where we gather to pray, celebrate the sacraments, and be in community with each other. We don't just come to church for our own benefit but to be part of the body of Christ.

The history of the basilica, which goes back to the time of Emperor Constantine, reminds us that our faith has deep roots. The Church has gone through challenges, yet it continues to stand strong. This encourages us to stay committed to our faith, even when things are difficult. Our lives, like the basilica, can be rebuilt and renewed through God's grace.

THE HOLY LAND GROUP - BETHLEHEM CROSSES: A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, is visiting us on this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families: any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This will be held on **Saturday 6th December**. More details will follow in due course, but this year we want to try something a little different and so we are kindly asking for the following donations ONLY: Full bottles for the bottle tombola, new toiletries and new toys. Please do not donate any other items as we do not have the capacity to sort, store and sell other items on the day.

PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE GROUP: We will be starting the "praying with the Bible group" on Monday the 10th November at 7pm in Van Meenan room, to be led by Fr Jude. Those who are interested and who will want to learn how to pray with the Bible are welcome to attend.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'JESUS OUR HOPE' JUBILEE 2025: Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," today we contemplate Jesus' death on the cross. What can strike us is that our Lord does not die in silence, but cries out in a loud voice. The cry of the crucified Christ is not weakness, nor a crisis of faith, but an act of enduring trust. In this way, Jesus reveals a life surrendered and given totally to the Father. This act of hope amid extreme trial touches hearts. Think of the Centurion who, moved by the cry of Jesus, makes the first profession of faith after Jesus' death, He said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" Learning from the Centurion, may our cries of faith, united with the voice of Christ, be a sign of hope and trust in a heavenly Father who hears the cry of his children.

THANK YOU FROM THE BCCS: All of the staff and trustees of BCCS would like to thank the parish for raising £284 in raffle ticket sales. Thank you very much.

MUSIC WORKSHOP: the music workshop for the parish has been postponed until the New Year due to unforeseen circumstances. We will advise you of the new date when it is agreed. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining one of our choirs, please speak with Fr Mark.

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT! We are delighted to announce that "The Scoops" will be performing live in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 22nd November** from 7.30pm. Playing a range of well-loved songs from the 1960s to present day. Tickets are available via the Parish office and are priced at £10 per adult, £5 per child or £30 for a family of 2 adults plus your own children. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please note, no unaccompanied under 18s are allowed.

ST MARY'S PARENT, BABY AND TODDLER GROUP:

Every Tuesday during term time 2.00-3.00pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. Tea & Coffee available. Free Entry. All welcome! Access: Please buzz on the school gate and tell the staff you are attending Parent Baby & Toddler Group.

KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER

Month of November.

In November we honour and pray for the dead, especially for our own departed loved ones. *YouCat*, the *Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church* (London, CTS: 2011) explains well what we pray for in November in two of its questions:

159 *What is purgatory?* Purgatory, often imagined as a place, is actually a condition. Someone who dies in God's grace (and therefore at peace with God and people) but who still needs purification before he can see God face to face is in purgatory. When Peter had betrayed Jesus, the Lord turned around and looked at Peter: "And Peter went out and wept bitterly"—a feeling *like being in purgatory*. Just such a purgatory probably awaits most of us at the moment of our death: the Lord looks at us full of love—and we experience burning shame and painful remorse over our wicked or "merely" unloving behaviour. Only after this purifying pain will we be capable of meeting his loving gaze in untroubled heavenly joy.

160 *Can we help the departed who are in the condition of purgatory?* Yes, since all those who are baptized into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. When a man is dead, he can do nothing more for himself. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the afterlife. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 14 November. Catholics are being encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has issued guidance on how to write to peers with reasons that can be emphasised in a letter.

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishops-urge-catholics-to-write-to-peers-on-assisted-dying-bill/

SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING:

Thursday 13th November. Come and discover the wide range of subjects, enrichment opportunities, and exceptional support available at our vibrant Sixth Form community. There will be two Headteacher addresses, taking place at **6:00pm** and **7:00pm**, followed by opportunities to meet staff and current students, explore our facilities, and learn more about life at Sacred Heart of Mary. Ample parking will be available at Hornchurch Stadium.

FR EMILE NKUMU RIP: Please pray for the soul of Fr Emile Nkumu who died on 2nd November. Fr Emile was ordained for the Diocese of Inogno in the Republic of the Congo on 14 October 1984 and was incardinated into the Diocese of Brentwood on 15 March 2022 after spending many years in this diocese. Until his recent retirement he was Parish Priest of St Helen's, Ongar and St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst where he was appointed on 3 September 2016. Details of his funeral will be sent once the arrangements have been made. Please remember Fr Emile and his family in your prayers and Masses.

VACANCY: St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Higher Level Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=114585>

Closing date is Midday on 24th November 2025. Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

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, Patricia Magson nee Shanahan, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Baby Shae Christy O'Donoghue, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Paul Hiscock & 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

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	8 th November	6.30pm	Brian Spicer RIP
Sunday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9 th November	8.00am	Charlie Killington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes & Helen Ging RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday St Leo the Great,P,D	10 th November	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan Family, The Pellay family, Tracey & Trixie Middleditch RIP
Tuesday St Martin of Tours,Bp	11 th November	9.15am	Paddy Shanahan RIP
Wednesday St Josphat,Bp,M	12 th November	7.15pm	Evening Prayer
		7.30pm	Ndidi Wood Int
Thursday	13 th November	9.15am	George & Joaquina De Souza RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	14 th November	9.15am	Hannah Haughey RIP
		7.00pm	Kathleen McDonagh RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	15 th November	9.15am	Sue Boyton RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Thomas Fay RIP
Sunday 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 th November	8.00am	Grant Cambridge RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commings 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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