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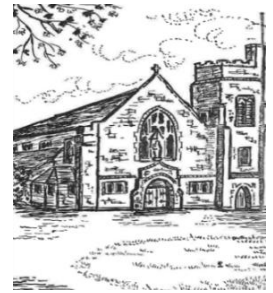
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Today, the Church celebrates the central mystery of our Christian Faith, namely, the Most Holy Trinity. By this mystery, we believe that God is one in essence but exists as three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person is fully God, eternal and infinite, yet they are not interchangeable: the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.

Each Person of the Trinity participates in the work of salvation: the Father is the creator of all that exists, and He plans redemption; the Son accomplishes redemption through His life, death and resurrection; and the Holy Spirit Sanctifies and guides the Church.

- The Holy Trinity is the source of the unity, reconciliation and life for believers.
- Today's celebration gives us the opportunity to reflect on our efforts to live a life of unity, reconciliation and love in imitation of the Most Holy Trinity.
- St Paul encourages us to live a life of unity, reconciliation and love by aiming for restoration, comforting one another and living in peace with one another (Cf 2nd Reading).
- We can always go back to the scriptures to see how the Triune God presents himself as a God of unity, reconciliation and love. This truth of faith was revealed by God to Moses on Mount Sinai when the Triune God proclaimed Himself as a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness (Cf 1st Reading).
- This truth was revealed in the most splendid way by the sending of the Son out of love for the world, so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life (Cf Gospel Reading).
- The incarnation of the Son and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit brought about a concrete revelation of God as a Trinity in whom there exists perfect unity and love (Cf Opening Prayer)
- Each time we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross, we immerse ourselves in the life of the Trinity. This gesture of faith should always remind us that we are called to reflect the life of the Holy Trinity by striving to uphold values that foster growth in unity, reconciliation, and love.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Congratulations to all our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them on their journey of faith.

DAY WITH MARY: The Day with Mary team will be with us here at St Mary Mother of God next Saturday 6th June. A poster is on the noticeboard along with handouts that show all the timings for the day. The day begins at 9.20am and ends at 5.00pm but you can come and go as you wish.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 12: Dear brothers and sisters, in today's catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, we turn our attention to the universal call to holiness. Every baptized person is called to be holy: to live in God's grace, to practice virtue and to become like Christ. At its heart is love for both God and neighbour, and its greatest expression is martyrdom, the supreme witness of faith and charity. For this reason, the Church teaches that believers should be ready to confess Christ to the point of shedding blood. However, the interior transformation that conforms us to Christ is not possible without the aid of the Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist. In this regard, I would like to make particular mention of those men and women who consecrate their lives to God through the evangelical counsels: poverty, chastity and obedience which express their complete trust in God's providence, modelled on Christ's gift of himself to the Father with a pure heart. By their lives, consecrated persons radically witness to the fullness of life in Christ, even to the cross.

NEW HEADTEACHER AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School are delighted to announce the appointment of Sinead Culora as the new Headteacher of our school. Sinead will join the St Mary's family in September 2026. We thank everyone in our Parish community for their prayers and support throughout the last academic year. We are truly grateful to God for His guidance and for answering our prayers as we look forward to this exciting new chapter in the life of our school. Please keep Sinead, our pupils, staff, and Governors in your prayers as we prepare to welcome her to St Mary's.

PARISH SUMMER FETE: The Parish will be holding a summer fete on Saturday 13th June. Last year was a wonderful community day for the whole Parish and we want to make this year even better! We are delighted to announce that the Scoops will be providing live music throughout the day and we have a great range of inflatables - wrist bands on sale after all Masses at £5 each. We already have a selection of food stalls, ice cream, beverages and fancy good stalls booked, but if anyone runs a small business or has a hobby and would like a stall, please contact the Parish office as we would like to support our whole community. Finally, we are in need of volunteers to help with marshalling, setting up and clearing away on the day. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the Parish office directly.

ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER WELCOMES POPE LEO'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL LETTER *Magnifica Humanitas*:

The Archbishop of Westminster, the Most Reverend Richard Moth, has welcomed the publication of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical letter *Magnifica Humanitas* relating to Artificial Intelligence (AI). "At every age, humanity lives with changes and the development of AI calls us to think about the opportunities and challenges it brings. We must respond to these, placing the centrality of humanity above all else, most especially the solidarity that is needed if we are to seek peace amongst peoples. We are made in the image of God and must never forget that we have a responsibility to one another, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Leo reminds us that 'more powerful does not necessarily mean better'."

BCYS YOUTH MASS: The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 4th June and 2nd July. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more info, cf. www.bcys.net/events

NEW FRONTALS FOR THE ALTAR AND LECTERN: As you know, the altar and the lectern are very important furnishings within the sanctuary, from which we proclaim the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. With that in mind, we are on the process of obtaining some special cloths to be hung in front of them (aptly known as 'frontals') to pay honour to their dignity. The Frontals are of high quality and, as such, are not inexpensive, so, if anyone would like to make a donation towards them, we would be very grateful. The frontals come in four different colours to match the liturgical seasons, so they will help to beautify the sanctuary as a whole.

NEW IMAGE OF ST CARLO ACUTIS: we are very happy that we now have an image of St Carlo Acutis in the church, which has been chosen by our Confirmation Candidates and was blessed at their Confirmation Mass last Sunday. For those of you who do not know much about him, Saint Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an English-born Italian teenager, widely known as the Catholic Church's first "millennial saint". He was an avid gamer and self-taught computer programmer who used his digital skills to catalogue global Eucharistic miracles, earning him the affectionate nickname of "God's influencer". The image of St Carlo Acutis replaces the image of Pope Francis at the back of the church, which will be relocated in the Van Meenan Room. Technically, we are only supposed to have images of the Saints in the church, and I am sure that Pope Francis will not mind making space for St Carlo, given his great love for young people.

VACANCY: A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator for the linked parishes of Our Lady Immaculate, Holy Name and St Augustine-Chelmsford- with financial experience, to provide admin and financial support to the Parish Office. The post will be full time working 35 hrs per week, Mon to Fri. The salary is £14.50 per hr. Cf www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us for full job description. The closing date for applications is 7th June 2026.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Billy Myers and Philippa Grima, who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. Philippa's funeral will take place on Tuesday 2nd June 11.00am here at st Mary's, and Billy Myer's funeral will be on Tuesday 23rd June at 11am

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, Claire Ramm, Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Paul Hiscock, Anne Sullivan and Bernard Frederick.

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:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	30 th May	6.30pm	Maurice Kirwin RIP
Sunday The Most Holy Trinity	31 st May	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harington Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Bridget O'Sullivan RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood	1 st June	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Joe O'Mahoney & Fr David Manson RIP
Tuesday	2 nd June	9.15am	Jisma Joseph RIP
		11.am	Requiem Mass- Philippa Grima RIP
Wednesday St Charles Lwanga & Comps,Mm M	3 rd June	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Joseph Ma RIP
Thursday	4 th June	9.15am	Nelson De Souza RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Boniface,Bp M	5 th June	9.15am	Tom Killeen & Robert Fitzpatrick RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 th June	9.20am-5.00pm	DAY WITH MARY <i>See schedule on noticeboard / or handout</i> Mass int David Kelly RIP
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Mary Magadlene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	7 th June	8.00am	Tommy Banks RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins 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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