

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Michael Thurlow RIP (Anniv)
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)		Day for the Unemployed
26th Feb 2017	9.00 am	John Hasson RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Joseph Fallon RIP (Anniv)
	5.00 pm	Anne & Graham Lewis' intentions
MONDAY	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Jill Foote RIP
ASH WEDNESDAY – a Day of Fast & Abstinence		
	9.15 am	Ash Wednesday Service at St Peter's School
	10.30 am	Cathy Woodham RIP
	8.00 pm	Bridgie Doherty RIP
THURSDAY	9.15 am	Mary & Ron Lidlow's intentions (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
FRIDAY	Women's World Day of Prayer	
	9.15 am	Andy Somers RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Joyce Cannon RIP (Anniv)
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT(A)		
5th March 2017	9.00 am	Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Brian Parker RIP (Anniv)
	5.00 pm	Tom Rice RIP

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturdays 11am to 12 noon (not 25th Feb)
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am
SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon (changed to 5 – 5.30pm on Sat 4th March)
DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS for Week 7 - Week 3 of Psalter

PARISH MASS BOOK: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

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Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# followed by PIN Code 5286#. Others can hear sounds in your home if you do not turn on your phone's silent button

HALL BOOKINGS The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted
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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

26th February 2017

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Father Daniel Mason

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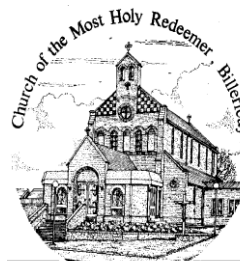
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Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa

It was the headline that first attracted me: "How to save £1,000 this Lent: Experts reveal how quitting coffee, cigarettes and chocolate could help you put aside enough to buy a designer handbag"

This was the start of an article in one of our newspapers this week which proceeded to quote a money saving company which had added up the savings that you could make by giving up meat, takeaways and caffeine during the six weeks of Lent.

They concluded that if you went vegetarian during Lent you could save as much as £353. If you gave up alcohol you could save £157 and if you managed to avoid having to purchase your morning coffee on the way to work you could save up to £92.

The article managed the feat of being able to talk about Lent without once mentioning Jesus or Christianity! Sadly this is the perception that many people have of Lent, that it's only about giving up things that are bad for you. But for us as Catholics Lent should be above all a time of spiritual renewal. As Jesus says in the gospel that is read on Ash Wednesday: "When you fast do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do."

During Lent we don't make Lenten resolutions to save money or to make us miserable. Instead all that we do during Lent should be aiming towards a deeper faith, not saving up for a designer handbag! **Fr Dan**

Church Opening Hours:

We are fortunate to be able to keep our church open most days during the week but sometimes the church has to be closed early if Father Dan is away or there is nobody available to lock up.

As a rough guide these are the hours that the church is normally open during the weekdays:

Monday: 8am-3pm

Tuesday: 8am-7pm

Wednesday: 8am-7pm

Thursday: 8am-9pm

Friday: 8am-7pm

If you are unsure about whether the church will be open please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office from 9am to 2pm Monday-Friday on 01277 624891.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know any parishioners who are now unable to come to Mass and who would like a visit from the Parish Visiting Group or from Father Dan please could you contact the Parish Office on 01277 624891 with their contact details.

If you have a relative who is going into **hospital** and you would like them to be visited please make sure that you contact the Parish Office with their name and the hospital ward that they are in.

Family Mass on Sunday, 5th March at 11am. If your child would like to read a Bidding Prayer or Reading, do the Offertory or sing the Psalms, please contact Liana Oldham on lianaoldham@yahoo.co.uk or 07414549095

Children's Liturgy: Parents are respectfully asked not to go out with their children for the Children's Liturgy at the 9am & 11am Masses unless their children are below school age and in the Toddlers' Liturgy.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER FACEBOOK GROUP: all are welcome to join. It's a great way to be in touch, share news, events and interesting things we've seen online relating to our faith. If you know of an event you want everyone to hear about, post it in the group and invite your friends from the parish. It helps the Admin of the group if you have already registered with the Parish. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/586790021360626/>

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017: Bishop Alan will lead our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year to celebrate the Patroness of our Diocese, from 23 - 28 July. The cost per person - full board and flights from £697. For full details and booking form call Cathy on 01206 735623 or email: cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org. Poster on notice board

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Lucy Harding, Mary Cronjaeger, Aileen Fleetwood, Mary Carr, Helen Harte, Terry Nuttall, Elizabeth Smith, Pam De Keyser, Isabel Jasinska, William Lawlor, Barbara Flynn, Dai James, Jane Jowers, Maura Stone, Madge Folkard, Maureen Tall, Dorothy Wheeler, Margaret Bunker, Bernadette Reardon, Clare Wilson, Eileen Savory Pauline Wallace, Mary Shane, Grace Howlett, Marlene Hawkins, Caroline Hill, Kirsti Dennett, Anna Sullivan, Jean French, Jean Kenway, Elsie Jackson, Julie Halstead, Gloria Dixon, Beryl Barclay, Diane Bowen, Mavis Reed, Gertie Walsh, Margaret Sefton, Jenny Flack, Julie Bouchel, Debbie Dowds, Eileen Molloy, John Gaut, George Pritchard, Jim Bowen, Erroll Newman, Christopher Browne, Frederick Stocks, Raymond Cavanagh, Peter Patterson, Michael Pierce, John Sheldon, Michael Howlett, Tommy Campbell, Francis Monk, Peter Bion, Jamie Taylor, Gerald Connew, Brian Mardle, Mark Fernandes, Keith Warren, John Sheridan. Children: Daisy Locker, Cecilia Fisk, Moriah Egan, Daniel Chesterman, Lucy Wyatt. Savannah & Cayde Lewis. May the healing power of the Holy Spirit come down upon all who are ill.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

Jessie Kaye R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jessie Kaye, mother of Jan Watts. Jessie's Funeral Service will take place at 2pm on Friday 3rd March at Great Burstead Church.

Fred Porter R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fred Porter, husband of Mary, who has died recently. Fred will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Wednesday, 8th March and his Requiem Mass will take place at 10.30am on Thursday 9th March, followed by burial at Great Burstead. Please note this replaces the normal 9.15am Mass on that day.

Geoff Topp R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geoff Topp, husband of Jac, who has died recently. Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday, 16th March at 11am followed by committal at Bentley Crematorium

Marie Liddall R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Liddall, who died on Thursday, 23rd February. Funeral arrangements pending.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gertrude Bradshaw, Harry Folkard, George Court, Vittoria Clayton, Kitty Keane, Imelda Kirk, Rhona Sullivan, Eamonn Young, Maureen Boon, Olga Wilson, Joyce Cannon & Ann Gilliam.

Clergy: Mgr Jules Van Meenan, Fr Clifford Beecroft, Fr David Chapman, Fr John Wall, Mgr Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Brian Galvin, Fr Francis Hastings.

Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH HELP SCHEME assists parishioners who need transport to Mass; to doctor or hospital appointment; collecting prescriptions in emergency or shopping Contact **Pat Griffiths 651789** or **Joan Forbes 655636**

KIDS' CORNER

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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D	E	S	C	O	R	N	C	A	R	E
T	R	O	U	B	L	E	T	Y	H	W

Disciples	Slave	Mater
Hate	Love	Respect
Scorn	Money	Worry
Food	Sow	Reap
Gather	Flowers	Grass
Field	Eat	Drink
Tomorrow	Care	Trouble

Joke: What do footballers and magicians have in common?
Both do Hat-tricks!

MHR Youth Club. For your diaries, the club nights for the remainder of academic year 2016/17 are: **10/03, 21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 14/07.**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

26th Feb 2017

12.30pm Baptism: Nina Paulina Lawson

MONDAY

Restorative Exercise 1st Session **10am**
2nd Session **12 noon** (Small Hall)
Guides
RCIA 8pm (Room 2)

TUESDAY

Brownies

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
Rainbows & Brownies

THURSDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group 11am (Lounge)
Most Holy Redeemer Children's Choir practice 4.30pm
Choir practices: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

SATURDAY

Day of Recollection 10am – 2.30pm (Pastoral Centre)
Sacrament of Penance **5-5.30pm (note time change)**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

5th March 2017

**12.30pm Baptisms: Keira Emily Harrison
Lewis Patrick Slade**

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous **Offerings last Sunday** of **£2001.17** (£1501.77 Gift Aided). There was **£53.79** in our **CAFOD BOX** to support Our Parish **CAFOD PROJECT in Sebeya, Ethiopia.**

The 100 club draws for January & February were won by Mr J L'Estrange and Mrs M Field and each will receive £100 and £100 will be donated to Survive Miva, a charity which provides a means of transport (such as a "dirt bike") to reach sick people in remote outlying areas of the Congo Basin, in order to alleviate their poor health and extreme poverty and to Father Fiacra, to help with his work with the very poor people in Malawi.

Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 10.30am at Emmanuel Church This year the Service has been written by the women of The Philippines.

HCPT Race Night Saturday 18th March (in the Pastoral Centre)
HCPT Group 127 - Basildon & Billericay is a new group travelling to Lourdes for the first time at Easter. We are taking children from both parishes to enjoy a week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers. Basildon Parish have already started fund raising now it's our turn. Tickets on sale this weekend or contact Gail Childs, 07411 592829 or gailchilds@hotmail.com.

Lent Leaflets: Leaflets describing all the different events and activities that are taking place in our parish during Lent and Holy Week are available at the back of the church.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and takes place this Wednesday, 1st March. Masses will be at 10.30am and 8pm in the church.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening throughout Lent at 7.30pm in the church starting on Friday, 3rd March.

Parish Lent Day of Recollection: “Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free” Next Saturday (4th March) we will be holding a Day of Recollection in the Parish Centre led by Fr John Hemer who teaches Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. The day will begin at 10am and finish at 2.30pm with a shared lunch halfway through. Please bring food with you to share and please bring a bible.

Change of time to Confessions on Saturday, 4th March: Because of the Lenten Day of Recollection taking place in the Parish Centre, confessions will take place from 5pm to 5.30pm in the church on Saturday, 4th March.

Faith Development Group on Wednesday, 15th March.

The next meeting of the Faith Development Group will take place on Wednesday, 15th March at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Even if you weren't able to attend the first two sessions you are very welcome to attend our next session but you will need to obtain a copy of a book by Sherry Weddell called “Forming Intentional Disciples.” In our next meeting we will be discussing chapters 2 and 3 of “Forming Intentional Disciples”.

Meeting the “Living God” Seminars 2017- Cathedral House, Brentwood.

Seminar 2: The three marks of Easter Faith

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon

Date: Saturday 4th March 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

Seminar 3: With Christ during Lent **Speaker:** Bishop Alan Williams, sm

Date: Saturday 18th March 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

For more details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel.01277265285

“From Galway to Empire”: A Talk in Brentwood Cathedral On Tuesday, 7th March at 7.30 pm David Worsfold, a parishioner at Brentwood Cathedral, will give a talk about Dr Thomas Kelly DSO, an officer in the British Army who fought in Afghanistan and in the two World Wars. The talk is free and will take place in the Cathedral Parish Hall

Parish Social Committee: Our next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on **Wednesday, 8th March** in the Pastoral Centre in order to begin planning some of the events that were discussed at our previous meeting. If you were not able to attend our first meeting you are very welcome to come to this meeting

Pastoral Centre Improvements: Over the next few months we are planning a series of improvements to the Pastoral Centre. In the coming months some of the downstairs windows will be replaced, the upstairs rooms will be re-plastered and painted and the floor in the Main Hall will be sanded. Please be patient with us as these improvements take place.

Messenger needed to deliver Parish Easter cards to **Lilford Road & The Grove** (approx 8 houses). If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

Fire Warden Training: It is a Health and Safety Requirement that there are trained Fire Wardens at each of the parish weekend Masses in order to be able to safely guide parishioners in the event of the church needing to be evacuated. On Monday, 20th March at 7.30pm there will be training offered in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm. All Ushers and any other parishioners who are interested in becoming Fire Wardens are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. For more info please speak to Fr Dan

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Leigh-on-Sea. The governors are seeking to appoint an inspirational, dedicated **Headteacher** to lead our school into an exciting future, from 1st September. See the Catholic Teachers Gazette or email recruitment@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk for an application pack. Closing date: 10th March 2017

St Vincent de Paul Society **The National President** has sent thanks to all the members of the SVP for their work in our parish over many years. Medals and Certificates will be presented to the Officers of our SVP, Paddy Reardon, Betty Hayward and Gerry Diffley, at the 6pm Mass this Saturday.

John Boyton has retired after 40 years service with Farrers Funeral Directors in Billericay. He has asked to pass on his very best wishes to all our parishioners. We wish John a long and happy retirement.

Clerk required by New Hall Multi Academy Trust. See notice board.

BAPTISM *Congratulations to the families of George Edward Alavoine and Mary Rosemary Quilligan, who were Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*