

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY 10.15 am Jean Powell's Intentions

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Lawlor Family's Intentions

THURSDAY 10.30 am **Fred Porter RIP** **Requiem Mass**

FRIDAY 9.15 am Daniel Denham RIP **LENT FAST DAY**

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Francis Price RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT(A)

12th March 2017 9.00 am Roy Underhill RIP (Murphy)
11.00 am Joe Burchill RIP (Anniv)
5.00 pm The People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturdays 11am to 12 noon
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am
SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon
DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS from Week 1 of Psalter, for Week 1 of Lent

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LISTEN to 9am SUNDAY MASS in our Church by phoning **033 3443 3443**.
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
 Tel: 07437 443738, e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR (A)

5th March 2017

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

It was the actress Mae West who famously said: "I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it!" That quotation seems to accurately sum up our contemporary attitude to temptation. This is why many people find it so difficult to keep their Lenten resolutions and why it is easy for us to become seduced by things that we know are not good for us.

There is an old Arab fable which is told to illustrate the dangers of such an approach. It describes a miller who was startled by seeing a camel's nose thrust in at the window of the room where he was sleeping. "It is very cold outside" the camel said. "I only want to get my nose in." The nose was allowed in, then the neck and finally the whole body. Soon the miller began to be inconvenienced as he tried to find space in the room which was not large enough for the both of them. When he tried to explain this to the camel it said: "If you are inconvenienced then you may leave; as for myself I shall stay where I am."

It has become fashionable nowadays not to talk about the Devil. The only problem with this approach is that it is not biblical. Jesus talks about the Devil a lot and as we hear in the gospel the Devil tempted Jesus three times but each time he resisted. In the same way we too should be on our guard because the Devil's biggest victory takes place when we no longer take him seriously.

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.

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:

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 Topple R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geoff Topple, 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: Mary Tang, Margaret Williams, Dick Wheeler, Christopher Murphy, Marjorie Martin, Ian Glen, Irene Yarrow, Marie Bristow, Jessie Lane.

Clergy: Fr Malachy Kelly, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Fr Thomas Lawton, Fr John Gordon, Fr Edmund Meyer, Mr Maurice Roche.

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

1st Sunday of Lent

H	W	O	R	L	D	F	O	R	T	Y
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D	W	O	E	S	H	I	P	R	E	N

Spirit	Hungry	Devil
Loaves	Stones	Son
Temple	Mouth	Word
Angels	Hands	Hurt
Splendour	Worship	Foot
Mountain	World	Lord
Wilderness	Nights	Forty

Why did the doughnut go to the dentist?
To get a filling!

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

5th March 2017

Family Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall

12.30pm Baptisms: Keira Emily Harrison
Lewis Patrick Slade

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

TUESDAY Brownies
Baptism Preparation 8pm (Room 2)

WEDNESDAY Rainbows & Brownies
Social Committee meeting 7.30pm

THURSDAY Church Cleaning
Most Holy Redeemer Children's Choir practice 4.30pm
Choir practices: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**

FRIDAY Youth Club 7pm (Hall)
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

SATURDAY First Holy Communion Preparation 9.20am
Sacrament of Penance 11am-12 noon

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

12th March 2017

Retiring Collection after all Masses following CAFOD FAST DAY

12.30pm Baptisms: Isla Grace Alexandrou
Rosie Elizabeth Richardson

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of £2118.62 (£1570.44 Gift Aided). There was £78.97 in our CAFOD BOX to support Our Parish CAFOD PROJECT in Sebeya, Ethiopia.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: FRIDAY 10th MARCH - This Lent Fast Day, we come together as a Catholic community to help our poorest sisters and brothers who work hard every day of their lives, but want the chance to give their children a future. CAFOD works with local organisations like the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary in Zambia, to help people support themselves. This Lent Fast Day CAFOD is asking us to make a little sacrifice so that our poorest sisters and brothers can live lives free of poverty. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this weekend, remember to fast next Friday, Lent Fast Day and please give what you can afford to donate in next weekend's collection. **Please note: Cheques are payable to Catholic Church Billericay**

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.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening throughout Lent at 7.30pm in the church.

“From Galway to Empire”: A Talk in Brentwood Cathedral this **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

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.” Copies of the book can be obtained from the Repository at a cost of £10 each. In our next meeting we will be discussing chapters 2 and 3 of “Forming Intentional Disciples”.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 15th March**. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome.

Lent Lectures at the Catholic Church Hall, 11 Church Hill, Epping. Monday 6th March at 8pm. “The Privilege of Suffering” Dr Colin Harte will speak on suffering, as we find it difficult to cope with and understand. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ.

Monday 13th March at 8pm “The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia” Fr Alban McCoy OFM, Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, will speak on Pope Francis' reflection on the recent Synod of Bishops, on the family, and pastoral practice and moral issues.

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

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

BAPTISM *Congratulations to the families of Nina Paulina Lawson and Nora Hegarty who were Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

Billericay Civic Service Emmanuel Church on Sunday 5 March at 3pm

which celebrates the work of the churches and the town and prays for our town councillors as they pledge themselves to public service. All welcome.

Parish Social Committee: Our next meeting will take place at 7.30pm this **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: The hot water has now been restored to the kitchen and to the Men's toilets. The wall between rooms 2 & 3 in the upstairs part of the Centre has been taken down and in the next few weeks this enlarged room will be painted so that it can be used as a prayer and meeting room.

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

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. For tickets contact Gail Childs, 07411 592829 or gailchilds@hotmail.com.

Diocese of Brentwood Vacancies for a Primary School Link Adviser, Secondary School Link Adviser and a Secondary School RE Adviser – Full details are on the notice board.

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

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

Class Teacher and **Early Years Practitioner** required by New Hall Preparatory School. See notice board.

Vacancy for a **Midday Assistant** at St Peters Catholic Primary School, Billericay. Closing date is Friday 10th March More details and application forms can be found on the following link at Essex Schools Jobs:

www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=33123