

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Peter Manning RIP (Addicott)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)</b>		<b>Migrants' Day</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	David Henderson RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Galliers)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Jim Kennedy RIP (Anniv)
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Intentions of the Parishioners (Lewis Family)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.00 am	Tim Griffiths RIP (Anniv)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00 am	Intentions of Barbara Sheridan & The Sheridan Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>St Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>	
	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Terry Nuttall RIP</b> <b>Requiem Mass</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	10.00 am	Intentions of Sonia & Nalim Vitarana
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Alfred Bunker RIP
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)</b>		<b>Bible Sunday</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Dennis Driscoll RIP (Anniv)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Intentions of Heather Parish (Hayes)
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Bernard Regan RIP (Anniv)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 11am to 12 noon**  
**ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am (*not this week*)**  
**& SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon**

**Prayer for Vocations:** Please could you find time to pray this prayer:  
**Lord Jesus, you love us all so much that you gave your life for us upon the Cross. Thank you for the priests who have served in our parish.**  
**We ask you to continue to bless our parish by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.**  
**Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.**  
**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative** Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

**HALL BOOKINGS** The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted  
Tel: 07874 071058, e-mail [canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

### *The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church*

*Diocese of Brentwood - Brentwood Deanery Reg. Charity 234092*



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

One of the aspects of Advent that I have always enjoyed is the ritual of opening a different door on your Advent Calendar each day as you count down to Christmas. Even now, as an adult, my mum still buys an Advent Calendar for me every year but this year disaster struck.

My mum had entrusted the Advent Calendar to my sister who was meant to give it to me when I went to see her last Friday but she forgot to pass it on. Thankfully, the prospect of facing an Advent season without a calendar was avoided through the generosity of our pre school children.

When I went to talk to them about Advent I explained what had happened and the following morning the door bell of the Priest's House rang and two children were there holding a new Advent Calendar in their hands!

If Advent is all about preparing for Christmas then the kindness and generosity of the children and staff from the pre school shows how we should be approaching this season. Advent is an opportunity for all of us to take some time out from the busyness of our lives to reflect and to think about how we can grow closer to God and to be more appreciative of those around us. And with that thought in mind, you will be glad to hear that I have forgiven my sister and that she did send the Advent Calendar to me through the post the following day. *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, Wednesday & Friday: 8am-7pm

Thursday: 8am-9pm

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.

**Baptisms at Most Holy Redeemer:** If you would like your child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer then you must first arrange an appointment to see Father Dan. Rather than emailing or phoning the parish office the best way to do this is to speak to Father Dan after the Parish Mass that you normally attend at the weekend. In order for a child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer at least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic and we do expect parents to be attending Mass regularly with their children.

**Weekday Masses during Advent:** Please note that during Advent the weekday parish Masses will be at 10am rather than at 9.15am.

**Parish Advent Reconciliation Service:** On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm we will be having our parish Advent Reconciliation Service with priests from across the deanery.

**Name Badge Sunday:** At all of the parish Masses this weekend parishioners will be encouraged to write their names on a label which will be given to them by the ushers as they come in to the church. Please note that this is voluntary and there is no requirement to participate if you would prefer not to.

**Applications for Catholic Primary Schools:** It is no longer possible to make an appointment to see Father Dan about receiving a Certificate of Catholic Practice for a place at a Catholic primary school next year.

**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.

**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**. **We need more parishioners who would be prepared to help. If you come to a regular Mass, perhaps you would be prepared to give someone a lift. If you can help or need more information, please contact the Parish Office.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:**

Lucy Harding, Maureen Bewick, Mary Cronjaeger, Aileen Fleetwood, Mary Carr, Helen Harte, Martin Goldstone, Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Flynn, Jane Jowers, Maura Stone, Dorothy Wheeler, Margaret Bunker, Eileen Savory Pauline Wallace, Grace Howlett, Marlene Hawkins, Caroline Hill, Kirsti Dennett, Jean French, Jean Kenway, Anna Sullivan, Elsie Jackson, Julie Halstead, Beryl Barclay, Diane Bowen, 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, 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.**

**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.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:**

**Terry Nuttall R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Nuttall. Terry's body will be received into Church this Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup>) December at 4.30pm and his Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. Please note that this Mass replaces the normal parish Mass. May he rest in peace.

**Pam De Keyser R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pam de Keyser, the wife of Fr Nick de Keyser. Pam's funeral will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm at The Holy Family and All Saints Catholic Church Guithavon St, Witham CM8 1BN followed by burial at All Saints Church, Stock CM4 9BN. May she rest in peace.

**Ted McKenzie R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ted McKenzie, father of Mary Spurling. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tim Griffiths, Jim Kennedy, Sheila Hill, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peter Hawkes, Bernard Regan, Bridget Leighton.

**Clergy:** Fr Brian Drea, Fr Michael Healy, Fr Bernard Pownall, Fr John Lane. **Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**Ron Lidlow RIP Grateful thanks** – Mary Lidlow and family wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes, support and prayers at this sad time.

# KIDS' CORNER

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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Jesus	Guard	Awake
Time	Travelling	Man
Home	Left	Servants
Tasks	Master	Evening
Midnight	Cockcrow	Dawn
Find	Asleep	Told
Stray	Abroad	Say

**MHR Youth Club (Canon Roche Hall).** Next club night is Friday 8th Dec (7.30-9.00pm). Open to Years 6-8. Previous Yr 8 members (now Yr 9) welcome to meet-up in the upstairs rooms during same hours.

**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/>

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017

<b>MONDAY</b>	Restorative Exercise 1st Session <b>10am</b> 2nd Session <b>12 noon</b> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session <b>2pm</b> (Small Hall) Guides RCIA 8pm (Room 3)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Brownies Baptism Preparation meeting 8pm (Room 3)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Church Cleaners Rainbows and Brownies Confirmation Session for Parents 7.30pm (Room 3)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Padre Pio Prayer Group 10am (Lounge) MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm Choir Rehearsal: <b>11am Choir:</b> 7pm <b>9am Choir:</b> 8pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Youth Club 7.30pm (Hall)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon Christingle Service 2pm MHR Children's Choir concert after 6pm Mass

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

**Appeal at all Masses – Empowering Vulnerable Children in Uganda**  
**12.30pm Baptisms: Jessica Catherine Lilley**  
**Luke Stuart Lilley**

**OFFERINGS** Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of £2237.40 (£1541.50 Gift Aided), and £56.50 in the CAFOD BOX to support our parish CAFOD Project in Sebeya, Ethiopia.

**For Taxpayers: Gift Aid & Standing Order** forms are available in the Church porch and when completed may be posted through Presbytery letter box for processing. *Please pass the standing order form to your bank.*

**Empowering Vulnerable Children Appeal:** At all Masses next weekend a representative from the charity "Empowering Vulnerable Children" will be making an appeal to support the work of this charity in helping children in Uganda. For more information visit the website at: [www.evucuganda.org](http://www.evucuganda.org)

**Advent Leaflets:** You will find at the back of the church a free leaflet listing all of the different events that are taking place in our parish over the Advent Season.

**Christmas Cards – There is a good supply of Christmas cards and Advent Calendars now available in the Repository. We need someone to open up and "man" the shop at the Saturday 6pm Mass. If you can help, even occasionally, please contact Lorna on 656695 or phone the Parish Office.**

**Car Parking on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Please note that during the day on these dates the parish car park will be busier than usual due to services taking place in the church.

**Christingle Service:** Next Saturday (9<sup>th</sup> December) all children are invited to take part in our parish Christingle beginning at 2pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**St. Peter's School** invites all **senior members** of the parish to an **Advent Concert of Carols and Music** at the school on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at **1.45pm for 2.00 pm start**. For catering purposes, please let Claire Wallis know if you are coming. Tel: **658783**. Lifts available ring Claire.

**Confirmation Parents Evening:** This Wednesday, (6<sup>th</sup> December) at 7.30pm there is a meeting for all parents of the Confirmation candidates in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre.

**Confirmation Rite of Enrolment:** Next Sunday, (10<sup>th</sup> December) at the 5pm Mass our Confirmation candidates will be enrolled into the Confirmation programme.

**“Walsingham House Canvey Island – Goodbye, and thanks for the memories!”** On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon – 4pm**, you are very welcome to pop in to Walsingham House, Lionel Road, Canvey Island SS8 9DE for a final look around. There will be Adoration in the chapel, an exhibition of Walsingham House history from Chingford and Canvey Island in the Ark, and refreshments in the dining room. Everyone welcome - feel free to arrive and leave any time throughout the afternoon.

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Fundraising Appeal.** Thank you for your great generosity to the appeal; so far over £60,000 has been raised from parish collections, individuals, and donations from Religious Orders and Companies, to add to the £125,000 raised before the Diocesan Appeal began. However there is still a long way to go to reach the £430,000 total needed, so if you are able to donate please visit [www.bcys.net/abbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/abbotswick) for online donations or send a cheque payable to “Abbotswick Funding” to Fr Dominic Howarth, Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH. There will be an open afternoon on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018** for anyone who would like to visit and see the completed refurbishments.

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** will be hosting a Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. There will be a two course lunch with tea & coffee in a private room over-looking the golf course. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your ticket, please call Libby on 01268 784544 / [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

**The Justice and Peace Group** are collecting imperishable food items, Men's and Ladies socks and underwear in a labeled container in church porch. The collection will continue until 19 Dec. and the items will be delivered to The Bradbury Centre Southend - HARP (Homeless Action Resource Project) before Christmas.

**Christmas Card Campaign** At this time of year we send greetings to people all over the world. Prisoners who have been tortured, human rights defenders and persecuted Christians welcome your messages of encouragement and solidarity. Next weekend, 9th/10th December, there will be an opportunity in the Church porch after each Mass to sign greeting cards and write messages of support. A priceless gift you can give a prisoner is the knowledge that they have your support and are in your prayers.

**Understanding The Creed** On Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January 7pm- 8.30pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These ‘Gidea Park Faith Evenings’ will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

**Mass for Travellers on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Westminster Cathedral, 2.30pm** celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan at Westminster Cathedral for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities. For more information please contact Fr Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891.

**Summer Lourdes, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018** For those wishing to book a place on our Summer Lourdes pilgrimage next year, we are now taking applications and will continue to take these until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. After this date places will be allocated to ensure young people from as many schools and parishes are able to enjoy this magnificent pilgrimage. For more information and prices, and to apply please visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). **All applications must be made online.** The pilgrimage is open to all those currently in school year 10 and above.

**MHR Children's Choir** will be presenting the Christmas Story in words and music after 6pm Mass on Saturday 9th December. All are welcome to join them. There will be a collection which will be donated to the Mission Appeal being held that weekend.

**WEDDINGS: Congratulations and best wishes to Patrick Rooney & Madison Clarke who were married in our Church recently. We wish them a blessed, long and very happy marriage.**