

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Michael Enright RIP (Anniv)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th Jan 2018 9.00 am Dan Sullivan RIP (Anniv)

11.00 am Mary Butler RIP (Cubitt)

5.00 pm Ken Robertson RIP

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY 10.15 am Geoff Topple RIP (Watters)

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Intentions of the Galligan Family

THURSDAY 10.30 am **Raymond Cavanagh RIP** **Requiem Mass**

FRIDAY 9.15 am Brigitte Cronin RIP

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Ken Robertson RIP

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Peace Day

14th Jan 2018 9.00 am Sylvia Monaghan RIP

11.00 am Philip Sidney Bell RIP (Anniv)

5.00 pm Janusz Stanc RIP (Anniv)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 11am to 12 noon
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am
& 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

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7th January 2018

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

Every year, the publishers of the Collins Dictionary name their word of the year. You probably won't be surprised to learn that for 2017 they selected the term "fake news" as their word of the year. Since 2016, the use of the phrase "fake news" has increased by an astonishing 365%, mainly thanks to the activities of a certain American President.

It is perhaps a sign of the times that a phrase which refers to "false, often sensational information" should be so popular. It reveals the suspicion that many people have of being manipulated by the mainstream media, by big companies and by the social network platforms.

In contrast to this we have the Feast of the Epiphany which we are celebrating today. The word "Epiphany" in Greek literally translates as a "manifestation" and it refers to the appearance or the making known of Jesus Christ. This manifestation came about through the journey of the Magi, the Wise Men, who made the long and dangerous trek to pay homage to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem.

You couldn't get a greater contrast between on the one hand the Feast of the Epiphany and the hope and joy that it symbolises, and on the other hand, the cynicism and scepticism that is linked to the phrase "fake news".

As we begin this new year, we pray that like the Magi we too may be guided towards Christ. We pray also that we may try to avoid the cynicism and the pessimism which is so pervasive in our culture. Rather than focusing on fake news, instead let us concentrate on proclaiming the "Good News": that God sent His son into our world in order to show us a new way of living and a new way of loving.

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.

RCIA: Our RCIA course for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith will continue on 8th January. We will be meeting at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Tuesday (9th January) at 7.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre. If there is anything that you would like brought up at this meeting please speak to Father Dan or email the Parish Office.

Time and Talents Weekend: On the weekend of the 20th and 21st of January at all of the Masses we will be inviting parishioners to fill out a questionnaire listing all of the different groups and ministries that we have in our parish. Over the coming weeks please take some time to pray about how God is calling you to serve in our parish community.

Churches Together in Billericay United Service will be held on Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm at Queens Park Community Church.

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.

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.

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, Peter Patterson, Michael Pierce, John Sheldon, Michael Howlett, Tommy Campbell, Francis Monk, Peter Bion, Jamie Taylor, Gerald Connaw, Brian Mardle, Keith Warren, John Sheridan, Priska Wiederkehr. Children: Daisy Locker, Cecilia Fisk, Moriah Egan, Daniel Chesterman, Lucy Wyatt.
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:

Raymond Cavanagh RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray, husband of Rose, who died recently. Raymond will be received into the church at 4.30pm this Wednesday (10th) and his Requiem Mass will take place at 10.30am on Thursday, 11th January. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal Parish Mass on that day.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gregory Canty, Jerry Lyons, Bernard Tayler, Dan Sullivan, Ivy Butler, Ida Callcott, Bill Smith, Eileen Stannard, Margaret McCreanor, Katie Knight, William Allison, Charles Sproul.

Clergy: Canon Wilfrid Thompson, Fr Francis Greenan, Fr Francis Wilson, Canon John Byrne, Fr Brian Reeves, Canon Patrick McKenna, Fr Francis Heenan.

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



KIDS' CORNER

The Epiphany of our Lord

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PRAISE	TRIBUTE	GIFTS
REVELATION	PROPHETS	APOSTLES
BETHLEHEM	HEROD	HOMAGE
CHILD	MARY	FRANKINCENSE
GOLD	MYRRH	DEVOTION
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MHR Youth Club. The remaining club nights for 2017-2018 school year are: 12 Jan, 9 Feb, 9 Mar, 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
12.30pm

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Baptisms: Nicole Chisom Uzus
Xavier Bukuku

MONDAY

Restorative Exercise 1st Session **10am**
2nd Session **12 noon**, 3rd Session **2pm** (Small Hall)
Guides

TUESDAY

Brownies
Parish Visiting Group 7pm (Lounge)
Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm (Room 2)

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows and Brownies

THURSDAY

Church Cleaners
Choir Rehearsal: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**

FRIDAY

Youth Club 7.30pm (Hall)

SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

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OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of **£1847.55 (£1399.90 Gift Aided)**. There was **£125.37** in our **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.*

HALL BOOKINGS The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted Tel: 07437 443738, e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Parish Centre Alarm: All parish groups should be aware that the Parish Centre is frequently alarmed. If any groups do not know the code for the alarm then they should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Emmanuel Church Car Park: A gentle reminder to parishioners to avoid parking in the Emmanuel Church car park when you come to Mass at the weekend.

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 previously raised. There is still a long way to go to reach the £430,000 needed, so please visit 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 13th January 2018** for anyone who would like to visit and see the completed refurbishments.

Understanding The Creed On Wednesdays 24th & 31st 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 Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Mass for Travellers on Saturday, 24th 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.

Ceilidh-Barn Dance on Saturday, 3rd February Wash the winter blues away by coming along to a Ceilidh on Saturday, 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. Tickets will be on sale at all of the Masses next weekend but if you’d like to pre-book you will be able to at the end of Mass today. Single tickets are £5 per head and family tickets are £15 per head. This event is being run in conjunction with the Friends of St Peter’s School and any profits from the event will go to supporting the school.

A date for your diary. Billericay Twinning is holding its annual quiz at the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 27th January 2018, at 7.30pm; all parishioners are very welcome. £5 entrance, tables of up to 8 or we can seat you. Please contact: Grace Herbert, 01277 657550 or Jeannine Watson, 01277 657624

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.**

Vacancies – Diocesan Representatives to carry out the work of the Medaille Trust in Brentwood. Do you want to be part of the Church’s fight against Modern Slavery? Could you help us raise awareness of Human Trafficking in our midst? Want to be part of a growing Catholic charity? We are now looking for Diocesan Representatives with good people skills, the ability to make presentations in schools and churches, plus sympathy with a charity such as ours. It is an enjoyable and flexible people-facing fundraising role that would suit a range of individuals. For an application pack, please visit the website www.medaille-trust.org.uk, or e-mail recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk.

Bookkeeper (Sage Accounts experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working two days a week (14 hours). For a copy of the job description and person specification Contact finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 12th January 2018. Interviews week commencing 22nd January 2018.

St John Payne Catholic School Sixth Form Information Evening on Wednesday 10th January 2018 from 5pm-8pm in their recently opened sixth form centre - presentations either 5pm or 7.30pm. There is the opportunity between these times to visit subject leaders to learn about the courses on offer. A prospectus is available in the Sixth Form area of the school website.

BAPTISM Congratulations to the family of Catherine Yvonne Farrell, who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2018 giving details of all parishes and organisations in the Diocese is on sale in the Church porch at **£2.75**. Please put money in the wall money box.

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/>