

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Sonny Condon RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B		
4th Feb 2018	9.00 am	Kathleen & Patrick Watters RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Eileen Corking RIP
	5.00 pm	Kathleen, Francis, Theresa & Andrew Skinner RIP
MONDAY	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
TUESDAY	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	
	10.15 am	Denzil & Louise Reeves RIP
	7.30 pm	Rite of Signing for RCIA Candidates
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Fr Michael Hutchings RIP
THURSDAY	9.15 am	Bridget Stevens RIP
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Charles Crasto RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Mavis Reed RIP (Padre Pio Prayer Group)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B		
11th Feb 2018	9.00 am	Intentions of Jennifer & Keith Warren on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary
	11.00 am	Maureen Briggs RIP
	5.00 pm	Jill Foote RIP (1 st 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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Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa

A number of parishioners have asked me over the last few weeks why it is that the crib in the church has remained in place for as long as it has. Let me reassure you: it's not because I've forgotten about it or because we weren't able to find anyone to dismantle it!

The reason why the crib has stayed in place until this weekend is because we have been waiting to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas) which takes place every year on the 2nd of February.

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we recall the journey that Mary and Joseph made to the Temple in Jerusalem in order to present Jesus to the priest Simeon. This was a custom which was expected to be performed for all first born males and it was while they were in the Temple that Simeon made his prophecy about Jesus being a light for the Gentiles. Hence the reason why this Feast is also known as Candlemas.

Candlemas occurs 40 days after the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas and so the 40 days after Christmas parallel the 40 days of Lent leading up to the celebration of Easter.

There is also another reason why we have had this extended length of time for the crib to remain up. All of the money donated to the crib offerings in parishes across our diocese goes to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and thanks to your generosity we have been able to raise just over £275 for the BCCS. It's lovely to think that as we recall the joy of the Holy Family on that first Christmas in Bethlehem, we are also able to do our bit to support children and families living in our diocese today. *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 5th February. We will be meeting at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Meeting this Thursday, 8th February, 7.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre we are holding a meeting for all of those who are going on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in June. It is essential that all of those who are going on the pilgrimage attend this meeting because we will be passing on important information regarding the pilgrimage.

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.

Healing Mass: Fr Eammon's Healing Mass resumes on Friday February 16th at 2pm. St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon. We are on the main line from London to Ipswich – trains from Shenfield & Brentwood. For more information please contact Angie Hart mahart66@outlook.com

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Eric Hollingworth, 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 Connew, 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Holben, Molly Lazaro, Alivera White, Jan Pawlowski, Lisa Ann Sharpe, Sarah Blogg, Bridget Stevens, Thomas Delaney, Rose Walmsley.

Clergy: Fr Francis Richardson, Fr Alan Wilcox, Canon Bernard Manning.

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**. **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.**

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.

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

KIDS' CORNER

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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James	House	John
Bed	Fever	Hand
Evening	Sunset	Sick
Crowding	Devils	Cured
Diseases	Cast	Speak
Morning	Prayed	Country
Preach	Lonely	Dawn

MHR Youth Club. The remaining club nights for 2017-2018 school year are:
9 Feb, 9 Mar, 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B

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Family Mass at 11am

3pm Confirmation Course

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Tea and coffee in the Lounge after Mass
Brownies
Parish Visiting Group 7pm (Lounge)
Baptism Preparation meeting 8pm (Room 2)

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows and Brownies

THURSDAY

Church Cleaners
MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm
Choir Rehearsal: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**
Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage meeting 7.30pm (Room 2)

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 **£2167.95** (**£1366.45** Gift Aided). There was **£115.22** 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.*

The 100 Club draw for January was won by Mrs K Diffley and at the same time a further £100 was donated to Fr Fiacra for his work with the poor in Malawi. The February draw was won by Mrs A Hogg, and the donation of £100 was forwarded to "Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC), Uganda", who care for orphaned, destitute, sick or abused children.

The Justice and Peace Group wish to thank all those who supported the fund raising 'soup lunch' on Sunday. The event raised £362.52 and a further £120 was donated so **£482.52** will be forwarded to Anchor House which provides shelter and rehabilitation for the Homeless.

Parish Hall Keys: One of the sets of keys for the Pastoral Centre which is kept in the key box has gone missing. If any group or individual has this set of keys please could you return it to the key box.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent: Ash Wednesday takes place on Wednesday, 14th February. Masses on this day will be at 10.30am and 8pm. Ash Wednesday also marks the start of the season of Lent when we are encouraged to make a Lenten resolution either to give something up or to take on an additional act of charity. During Lent we are also encouraged not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 7pm in the Church.

RCIA Deanery Rite of Signing Service this Tuesday, 6th February:

at 7.30pm in the church we will be hosting a Rite of Signing Service for all of those who are attending the RCIA sessions in the Brentwood Deanery. Candidates, sponsors, family members, friends and parishioners are all warmly invited to attend this service in preparation for the Rite of Election which will take place in the Cathedral during Lent.

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.

Retreat Day for Ministers of Communion, Readers and Welcomers/Ushers on Saturday, 3rd March The day will start with Mass at 9.30am in the church followed by input from Des Kelly, a parishioner from Our Lady Immaculate Parish, Chelmsford. The day will end at 3pm with a re-commissioning service. The lunch will be a shared lunch so please bring food that you can share.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 10th March. Tickets £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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/>

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, email info@catholicsingles.org.uk or visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk

Pastoral Centre Small Hall: On Monday, 12th February we are going to begin working on refurbishing the Small Hall in the Pastoral Centre. The work is estimated to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete and while the work is going on the Small Hall will not be available for use.

Vacancy: Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Hospitality, Retreats and Facilities Co-ordinator. Living on site, the person in this full time role will enable the smooth running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, ensuring a welcoming, safe and Christ-centred environment for all retreatants and visitors. The role includes the leadership of some youth retreats, as well as excellent team working with staff and volunteers. 2 year fixed contract, starting late August. £18,000pa + accommodation. Visit www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick/

Vacancies: Finance Office in Brentwood - HR/Operations Officer – part time vacancy, and Missio in London – proof reader – freelance vacancy. See notice board for more information.

Billericay Catholic Pre-School Our waiting list is open for enrolment. If you would like to enquire about our Pre-School, held in the Canon Roche hall, please contact billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com or look at our website www.billericaycatholicpreschool.co.uk. We have free funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Our team has a wealth of experience and success in providing a happy, safe environment which your children can learn and develop within. Contact us now for further information.

Time and Talents: Thank You to all of you who took the time to fill out the Time and Talents forms. If you have not already handed in your form, it's not too late. Spare forms are available at the back of the church and can be given to Father Dan or handed in to the Parish Office. Over the next few weeks we will be contacting all of you with more information about the group or organisation you expressed an interest in.

The Champion School is looking to appoint a casual **Examinations' Invigilator.** Experience is not required as training will be provided. However, the ideal candidate should have effective verbal and written communication skills and be a confident and reassuring presence to candidates in examination rooms. To apply, please complete the application form on the school website (www.thecampionschool.org.uk) or contact the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Noddings for an application form (cnoddings@thecampionschool.org)

BAPTISM Congratulations to the family of Edward Sison Johnson who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.