

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 6.00 pm** Ida & George Zarb RIP

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

**18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 9.00 am** Francis (Frank) Finnigan RIP

**11.00 am** Brian Parker RIP

**5.00 pm** Intentions of Mavis Reed's family

**MONDAY** *No morning Mass*

**TUESDAY 6.30 am** Maurice O'Carroll RIP

**10.15 am** Susan Mahon RIP

**WEDNESDAY 9.15 am** Norman Wheeler RIP (Anniv)

**THURSDAY** **The Chair of St Peter**

**9.15 am** David Graham RIP (Allen)

**FRIDAY** **LENT FAST DAY**

**9.15 am** Padre Pio Prayer Group's Intentions

**SATURDAY 6.00 pm** Patricia Stocks RIP (Anniv)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

**25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 9.00 am** John Hasson RIP (Anniv)

**11.00 am** Canon Aloysius Roche RIP (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**5.00 pm** Michael Thurlow 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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## *The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church*

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

One of the sayings that we frequently use in English is the phrase "the thin end of the wedge" For example, you might say that a change in legislation is "the thin end of the wedge" when you fear that by allowing the law to be passed, something much worse will come about.

The origin of the phrase is an interesting one. A wedge is a piece of wood, metal, or some other type of material which has one thick end and one thin pointed end that you use to keep two things apart or to split wood or rock. There is hardly any power in the mechanical world which is greater than that of the wedge and once you get the thin edge in, it is only a matter of time before the remainder of the wedge will be driven in as well.

In today's gospel we hear how Jesus was tempted in the desert by the devil in order to try and prevent him from doing his Father's will. The temptations that Jesus experienced are striking because they are still so relevant to us today. The devil tempts Jesus with offers of riches, power and material comfort but each time Jesus refuses these offers because he understands that if he gives in to any of these temptations it will be "the thin end of the wedge" and will lead to far worse consequences.

As we begin our Lenten discipline maybe this is a time for us to think about the temptations in our own lives and to take inspiration from the example Jesus gives us in resisting the lure of sin and committing himself to doing his Father's will. *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 19<sup>th</sup> February. We will be meeting at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Parish Pastoral Centre.

**Meeting for New Welcomers and Ushers:** On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the church we will be holding a meeting for parishioners who are interested in becoming Welcomers and Ushers at the weekend Masses. Existing Ushers and Welcomers are also welcome to attend.

**Visiting New Parishioners:** On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Small Hall in the Pastoral Centre we will be holding a meeting for parishioners who would like to be part of a ministry of welcome for people who are new to the parish.

**Forming an Alpha Group:** On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre we are holding a meeting for those who are interested in forming an Alpha Group within the parish. If you have attended an Alpha group before or if you would like to find out more, please speak to Fr Dan after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

**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.

**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.

**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 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:**

**Patrick Moyne RIP**, formerly of Billericay, who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

**Annette Denby-Brewer RIP**, who died on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10am.

**Alice Fudger RIP** (mother of Jean Adshead) who died on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February in hospital in Solihull.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tommy Mains, Ida Zarb, Charles Hand, Iset Harper, Bernard Yarrow, Joseph Morley, Paul Moyne, Margaret Hunter, Catherine Moyne, Marie Liddall, Helen Butler, Joseph Fallon, Patricia Stocks, Olga Gladwin. **Clergy:** Fr Thomas O'Connor, Fr Archibald O'Brien, Deacon Sidney Lewis, Canon Aloysius Roche, Fr Gerard Murphy.

**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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Spirit	Drove	Jesus
Wilderness	Remained	Forty
Tempted	Satan	Days
Wild	Beasts	Angels
John	Arrested	Good
Kingdom	News	Time
Believe	Looked	Hand

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

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

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**Group 127 HCPT fundraiser:**  
selling bacon sandwiches after 9am and 11am Mass  
12.30pm **Baptism:** Cassidy Grace Hayden

#### MONDAY

Guides

#### TUESDAY

Tea and coffee in the Lounge after Mass  
Brownies  
Parish Visiting Group 7pm (Lounge)

#### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Group 9.30am (Lounge)  
Rainbows and Brownies  
Faith Development Group 7.30pm (Room 2)

#### THURSDAY

Church Cleaners  
MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm  
Choir Rehearsal: **11am Choir:** 7pm **9am Choir:** 8pm

#### FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 7pm

#### SATURDAY

First Holy Communion Preparation 9.20am (Hall)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

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12.30pm **Baptism:** Hannah Bryant

**OFFERINGS** Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of **£2011.17** (£1412.60 Gift Aided). There was **£87.74** 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.*

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY** - This Lent we are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Hunger can kill children, but CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this weekend, remember to fast next Friday, and please give what you can afford to donate in next weekend's collection. **Please note: Cheques are payable to Catholic Church Billericay.**

**Group 127 HCPT fundraiser:** On **Sunday 18th February** after both our 9am and 11am masses we will be selling bacon sandwiches to help fundraise our Lourdes trip. Group 127 are taking two children from St Peters to Lourdes this Easter and we are very grateful for your support and prayers. We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Centre for a bite to eat and a nice cup of tea/coffee.

**Lent Leaflets:** At the back of the church you will find leaflets listing all of the different events that are taking place in our parish during Lent and Holy Week.

**Walk With Me Calendars and Booklets:** To help us with our Lenten preparations we have Walk With Me calendars available for children and Walk With Me booklets for adults. Both of these are free.

**Lent Early Morning Tuesday Masses:** During Lent we will be having an additional early morning Mass every Tuesday at 6.30am followed by a simple breakfast in the Pastoral Centre. Our first Mass will be this Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup> February) so set your alarm clock! If you are available to assist with setting up and organising the breakfast, please contact the Parish Office.

**Faith Development Group:** The next meeting of our parish Faith Development Group will take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre.

**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.

**Deanery Vocations Holy Hour** Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm.** This year the Vocations office has planned to host a Holy Hour in all twelve deaneries within the Diocese, one for every month 2018. All are welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those who are. This event will include a Vocations testimony from Fr. Martin Boland, dean of the Cathedral.

**Retreat Day for Ministers of Communion, Readers and Welcomers/Ushers on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**Women's World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 2nd March 10.30am** at St Mary Magdalene Church Great Burstead all are welcome, women *and* men.

**Churches Together:** Lectio Divina takes place in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gt. Burstead. Next meeting 14th March, gather from 7:30pm for 8pm start.

**Pastoral Centre Small Hall:** The work on the Small Hall is progressing well but the Small Hall will still be out of action for the whole of the week. Apologies for any disruption this causes.

**World Youth Day, January 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.** Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to Costa Rica and Panama; Cost £1,750. More details [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net), or email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or come to the **information evening on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 5-8pm, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Nr Brentwood, CM14 5SH.**

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** has been chosen as one of the Charities of the Month at Waitrose, Billericay for the month of February. If you are shopping in Waitrose this month, please would you consider dropping your token into the 'bccs' box near to the entrance of the shop and asking your families and friends to do the same. Thank you.

**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/](http://www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick/)

**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](mailto:billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com) or look at our website [www.billericaycatholicpreschool.co.uk](http://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.

**The Champion School** is looking to appoint a casual **Examinations' Invigilator.** Experience is not required as training will be provided. To apply, please complete the application form on the school website ([www.thecampionschool.org.uk](http://www.thecampionschool.org.uk)) or contact the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Noddings for an application form ([cnoddings@thecampionschool.org](mailto:cnoddings@thecampionschool.org))

**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.

**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.