

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Deacon Norman Wiseman RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

4th March 2018
9.00 am Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)
11.00 am Cathy Woodham RIP
5.00 pm People of our Parish

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY
6.30 am Special Intention
10.15 am Intentions of Padre Pio Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Intentions of Con & Esther Galligan

THURSDAY 9.15 am Tommy Brennan RIP

FRIDAY 9.15 am Francis Patrick Price RIP

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Liam Lawlor RIP (1st Anniv.)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B (Mothering Sunday)

11th March 2018
9.00 am Parishioners' intentions (Cavanagh family)
11.00 am Catherine & Christopher Whitfield RIP
5.00 pm Intentions of Margaret Delaney

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

It is hard to believe, given the weather that we have had over the last week, but we are actually in the first days of spring.

It is a cliché to say that this country doesn't cope well when it snows but as my old English teacher used to say, a cliché is only a cliché because it is expressing a truth.

Many of you will have had days off school due to the snow or will have struggled to get to the station to go to work only to find that the trains have been cancelled or been badly delayed.

However, despite the extreme cold, essential work must still continue and this was brought home to me by two different events this week. I carry the pager for Basildon Hospital one day a week and on Wednesday I was paged to visit a patient who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. What struck me was not only her own fortitude but the dedication of the medical staff who had ensured that they had made it into work in order to continue to provide care.

On Thursday, I celebrated two funerals, one here in the church and one at Upminster Crematorium, and again what impressed me was the resilience of the funeral directors who braved some very difficult weather conditions in order to ensure that the two funerals went ahead and that all the mourners arrived and left safely.

Maybe the next time we have the kind of weather that we have had over the last week, spare a thought (and a prayer) for those who, whatever the weather, continue to serve the public whether it's in the health service or by ensuring that those who have died are given the dignity they deserve as they are put to rest. They deserve our appreciation. *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 March. We will be meeting at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Visiting New Parishioners: On Tuesday, 6th 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, 7th 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.

Fire Warden Training: It is a Health and Safety requirement that there are designated Fire Wardens at all of the weekend Masses. In order to meet this requirement we are having a meeting for all of those who are interested in becoming Fire Wardens on Sunday, 18th March after the 11am Mass in the church. We would particularly like those who attended the Fire Wardens training at Brentwood last year to come to this meeting.

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. They have no spaces available for Funeral parking this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Sara Abbs, 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:

Patrick Lane R.I.P. We pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Lane (the brother of Sheila Parker) who died recently. Patrick's Requiem Mass will be at 3pm on Friday, 16th March in the church.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Boon, Olga Wilson, Joyce Cannon, Ann Gilliam, Mary Tang, Margaret Williams, Dick Wheeler, Christopher Murphy, Marjorie Martin, Liam Lawlor, Ian Glen, Irene Yarrow & Marie Bristow.

Clergy: Mgr Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Brian Galvin, Fr Francis Hastings, Fr Malachy Kelly, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Fr Thomas Lawton, Fr John Gordon, Fr Edmund Meyer, Fr Maurice Roche. Mgr Canon Michael Corley.

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

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Jewish	Passover	Temple
People	Selling	Cattle
Money	Stop	Father
Destroy	House	Market
Three	Raise	Body
Name	Signs	Trust
Sanctuary	Evidence	Coins

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

4th March 2018

Family Mass at 11am

Mission appeal on behalf of The Society of Mary (Marist Fathers)

12.30pm Baptism: Edward Dennis Hall

3pm Confirmation Course

MONDAY

Guides

RCIA 8pm

TUESDAY

Tea and coffee in the Lounge after Mass

Brownies

Parish Visiting Group 7pm (Lounge)

Meeting re: Visiting new parishioners 7.30 (Small Hall)

Baptism Preparation 8pm

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows and Brownies

Alpha Meeting 7.30pm (Room2)

THURSDAY

Church cleaning

MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm

Choir Rehearsal: 11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Youth Club 7 – 9pm

SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

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12.15pm Baptism: Emily Amber Smith

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of **£1883.05** (**£1246.09** Gift Aided). Our retiring collection for **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** raised **£1470.23** Thank you for your generosity.

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.*

Marist Mission Appeal This weekend Brother John McAllister will be speaking at all of the Masses about the work of the Marist Order. There will also be a second collection at the end of each Mass. **Cheques payable to Catholic Church Billericay.** Gift Aid envelopes may be used.

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.

Blessing of Small Hall:

After the 11am Family Mass Father Dan will bless the newly renovated Small Hall in the Pastoral Centre. This work has been made possible by the generosity of the Veolia Trust who awarded us a grant of £13,000.

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 are having an additional early morning Mass every Tuesday at 6.30am followed by a simple breakfast in the Pastoral Centre. Our next Mass will be this Tuesday (6th March) so set your alarm clock!

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the church.

Lent Reconciliation Service: On Tuesday, 13th March at 7.30pm in the church we will be celebrating our Lent Reconciliation Service with priests from across the diocese. Please use this opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter.

Civic Service this Sunday 4th March from 3- 4pm. Billericay Baptist Church is organising the Civic Service and is liaising with the Town Council to ensure that there is a balance of Christian and community input. All welcome at Billericay Baptist Church, Perry Street CM12 ONS.

St John Payne Lenten Service You are warmly invited to attend St John Payne Catholic School's annual Lenten Service, taking place on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in Aquinas Hall. The staff and students have put together a creative and reflective service with music, readings, drama and more. Please do come along to enjoy the service, preparing for the joy of Easter. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a programme that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places – apply soon. Full details at www.bcys.net

“Almshouse Vacancy. A vacancy has arisen at the Sir William Petre’s Almshouses in Ingatestone for someone over 50 who is in need of accommodation. The cottage, which is one of a group of twelve with a chapel, is small – it has a living room, bedroom, fitted kitchen and bathroom. It is suitable for a single person who can live independently, as there is no warden care available. Because of the listed nature of the building we cannot make major adaptations for someone with a disability. Please note that priority may be given to Roman Catholics. For more details and an application form, please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, on 07935 959388 by **Thursday 15th March.**”

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 in providing a happy, safe environment which your children can learn and develop within.

Sion Community Charismatic Teaching Weekend From 6pm Friday 13th April to 2pm Sunday 15th April 2018. Theme: 'Moving in the Anointing' - Learning to walk in the Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to grow in faith and be a blessing to others. This weekend is a great follow-up to 'Life in the Spirit' seminars. Guest Speaker: Fr Pat Collins. Cost: £110 residential, £80 non-residential. Book early as we have limited spaces. For details e-mail allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk or call 01277 215011.

Lent Talks in Epping: The first talk on Tuesday 6th March is on “Dealing with Human Trafficking & Slavery today”. Venue: Catholic Church Hall, 11 Church Hill, Epping at 8pm. All welcome.

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

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.

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/>