

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Liam Lawlor RIP (1 st 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
MONDAY	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
TUESDAY	6.30 am	Intentions of Margaret Andrews
	10.15 am	Ted McKenzie RIP (Johnson)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Raymond Cavanagh (K&R Smith)
THURSDAY	9.15 am	Charles Crasto RIP (Topleft)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Intentions of Maureen Galligan
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Alicia & Joseph Skelton RIP (Anniv)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
18th March 2018	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Charles Crasto RIP (11am Choir)
	5.00 pm	Denzil & Louise Reeves RIP

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

11th March 2018

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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

In addition to being the Fourth Sunday of Lent, a Sunday which traditionally is known as "Laetare Sunday" ("Laetare" being the Latin word for "Rejoice") this is also Mothering Sunday.

There is an old Jewish proverb which says that God couldn't be everywhere and so He created mothers, and Mothering Sunday is an opportunity for us to say thank you to our mums for giving us life and for the love that they have for us.

As well as Mary, the Mother of God, there are many examples in the history of the Church of saints who were also mothers. One of my favourite examples is that of St Monica, the Patron Saint of patience.

Although Monica was a practising Catholic, her husband and her son were not. Her husband was a violent drunk and her son led a life devoted to hedonistic pleasure. In all of this, Monica never stopped praying for their conversions and after seventeen years her prayers were finally answered. Her son, Augustine, experienced a dramatic conversion and was baptised by St Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan, before going on to write some of the most important books about the Catholic Faith that we possess.

Before he died, Monica's husband also made the decision to be baptised and to change his life for the better. Both men attributed their conversions to Monica's prayers and her refusal to give up asking God to work in their lives.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday we should also celebrate the countless women like St Monica who, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, kept their faith and through their prayers helped the people around them to come to love God. *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 12th March. We will be meeting at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Parish Pastoral Centre.

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 next 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.

Faith Development Group: The next meeting of our parish Faith Development Group will take place on Thursday, 22nd March at 7.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre.

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Sara Abbs, Margaret Andrews, 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 RIP 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.

Joan Papa RIP We pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Papa (wife of Tony) who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jessie Lane, Margaret Geoghegan, Elizabeth Lillywhite, William Overs, Mollie Hosegood, Lillian Cox, Philip Parks.

Clergy: Fr William Luby, Canon Martin Horkan.

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**.

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.

KIDS' CORNER

4th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Darkness	Man	Son
Moses	Avoids	Evil
Lift	Serpent	Desert
Believes	Eternal	Life
Condemn	World	Loved
Refused	Name	God
Grounds	Sentence	Light

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

11th March 2018

12.15pm **Baptism: Emily Amber Smith**

MONDAY

Restorative Exercise 1st Session **10am**
2nd Session **12 noon**, 3rd Session **2pm** (Small Hall)
Guides
RCIA 8pm

TUESDAY

Tea and coffee in the Lounge after Mass
Brownies
Lent Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Church cleaning
Parish Gardening Group meeting 10am (Room 2)
Rainbows and Brownies

THURSDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting 10am (Lounge)
MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm
Choir Rehearsal: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**
Justice & Peace Group meeting 8pm (Lounge)

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 7pm

SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

18th March 2018

12pm **Fire Warden Training (Church)**

3pm **Confirmation Course**

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of £2181.08 (£1606.40 Gift Aided). Our retiring collection for **Marist Mission Appeal** raised **£1254.97** Thank you for your generosity.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year are now available in the Church porch, please collect today. They are in numerical order so please remember your personal number as this helps. If you are a UK tax payer and not in the scheme then we encourage you to join as we can claim back £1 for every £4 donated. **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.*

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.

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

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 (13th March) so set your alarm clock!

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

Lent Reconciliation Service: This 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.

Lent Talks in Epping: The next talk on Tuesday 13th March is on “CAFOD’S AID & Development Projects especially the Sebeya Project in Ethiopia”. Venue: Catholic Church Hall, 11 Church Hill, Epping at 8pm. All welcome.

Palm Sunday Procession: Please note that on Palm Sunday (25th March) we will be beginning the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses in the park opposite the church provided it is not raining.

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.**”

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.

Bishop Alan goes #SiLent! For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27th March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, “Million Minutes,” adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood To sponsor Bishop Alan <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent> To find out more about all our opportunities go to www.bcys.net

AN INVITATION The Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to join them at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH, for a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday 8th April. Arrival 10.30am for 11am start. Confession available. Mass 3.30pm. Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. Tel: Claire Wallis on 658783 for more details.

Vacancy Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School, Rayleigh from September 2018 The Governing Body is looking to appoint two enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teachers, one in Early Years and one in KS1/2 to join our friendly and dedicated team. See website www.olorcps.net for full details or contact Mr Parascandolo (Head Teacher) 01268-785741 to visit the school.