

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY 6.30 am Patty Toner RIP (Anniv)
10.15 am Ronald Lidlow RIP (Strub)

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Carol Harte RIP (Anniv)

THURSDAY 9.15 am Tracy Harte RIP

FRIDAY 9.15 am Charles Crasto RIP (Moore)

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Jan Pawlowski RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

25th March 2018 9.00 am The People of our Parish
11.00 am Nick Fayers RIP (Johnson)
5.00 pm Joan Papa 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

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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

There is a story told about a man living in Hungary during the Soviet occupation of that country. The man went to a police station in Budapest and asked for permission to emigrate to Western Europe.

The police officer began to question him about why he wanted to leave the country. "Aren't you happy here?" the policeman said. "I have no complaints" said the Hungarian.

"Are you dissatisfied with your work?" the policeman asked.
"I have no complaints" replied the man.

"Are you discontented with your living conditions?" the policeman asked.
Again the man replied: "I have no complaints."

Puzzled by these answers, the policeman then said to the man: "Then why do you want to go to the West?" "Because there I can have complaints!" explained the man.

If I asked you, I'm sure that every one of you would be able to list something that you don't like about your life but how many of us stop to think about how fortunate we are to be able to live in a country where, by and large, we are able to express our opinions freely and without fear of arrest by the authorities.

Today's gospel tells us not only about the fate that Jesus will suffer at the hands of the authorities in Jerusalem but it should also serve as a reminder for us to continue to pray for our fellow Christians who live in countries where religious freedom is not respected. May they be inspired in their witness by the words of Jesus: "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." *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.

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 this 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 this Thursday, 22nd March at 7.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre.

Clocks Change:

Next Sunday (25th March) the clocks all go forward by 1 hour.

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, May Alvares, 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: Patrick Fernando, Mary McGarr, Ernest Hales, Walter Pease, Con O'Rourke, Delia Carvill, Pat Ferriss, Maureen Guppy, Michael Glavin. **Clergy:** Fr Sidney Williams, Canon Arthur Holmes.

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

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Greeks	Worship	Feast
Philip	Galilee	Sir
See	Andrew	Hour
Amen	Wheat	Fruit
Follow	Heaven	Save
Thunder	Servant	Angel
Ruler	Earth	Die

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

18th March 2018

12pm Fire Warden Training (Church)

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)

Parish Finance Committee 7.30pm (Room 2)

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Group 9.30am (Lounge)

Priests' Deanery Meeting 11am (Room 2)

Rainbows and Brownies

THURSDAY

Church cleaning

MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm

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

Faith Development Group meeting 7.30pm (Room 2)

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 7pm

SATURDAY

First Holy Communion Preparation 9.20am (Hall)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

PALM SUNDAY

25th March 2018

1pm **Baptisms: Imogen Alice Raymond**

Cairo Francisco João Dias Brandão Mead

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of **£2031.58** (£1492.52 Gift Aided).

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.

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: Our last early morning Lent Mass will take place this Tuesday (20th March). There will not be an early morning Mass during Holy Week.

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

Lent Talks in Epping: The next talk on Tuesday 20th March is on “The Missionary Journeys of St Paul” Especially in countries where Christians & the Church are in great difficulties. Speaker: Deacon Duncan Whitehouse, 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, weather permitting.

Children's Good Friday Service: 30th March, 10am. If your child would like to take part in reading one of the Stations of the Cross or playing an instrument, please contact Nicole at nicoleahumphreys@hotmail.com or 07788 412672

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday (29th March): Mass at 7.30pm followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday (30th March):

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10am

Veneration of the Cross at 3pm

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Holy Saturday (31st March)

Confessions from 11am to 12pm

Blessing of Easter Food at 2pm in the Church.

Easter Masses:

Holy Saturday (31st March): Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday (1st April): Masses at 9am and 11am.

Please note that there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

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.

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

Vacancy: St Peters Catholic Primary School in Billericay are currently advertising for two positions – Teacher and Teaching Assistant. Details can be found on Essex School Jobs following the links below.

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=40940>

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=40941>

The closing date for applications is noon on Friday 23rd March 2018.

Further information from the school office on 01277 653770.

Vacancy: Two teachers one in Early Years and one in KS1/2 at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School, Rayleigh from September 2018. See website www.olorcps.net for full details or contact Mr Parascandolo (Head Teacher) 01268-785741 to visit the school.

Vacancy: Headteacher, St John Payne Catholic School. An application pack can be downloaded from the online advert at www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk or contact: Monica Morley, School Business Manager, Tel: 01245 256030 or Email: mmo@sjp.essex.sch.uk. Please also include a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role. Deadline for applications: Wednesday 21st March.

Vacancy: New Hall School – various. See notice board for information.

Vacancy: Admin Manager (paid position) in the offices of **Holy Family Parish, Benfleet**. 20 hours pw timing - can be negotiated. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, contact Fr. Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or office on 01268 799649 – or email to priest@holyfamily-church.org for a job description and person specification. You should then send your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date Tuesday 3rd April.

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