

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 28th November 2015**

Sat 28	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	The People of the Parish / Lawrence Tay RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> )
Sun 29		10.00am 12noon	Fr Brian Nash RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> ) Christy & Eileen Cremin RIP ( <i>ann.</i> )
Mon 30	ST ANDREW, AP.	10.00am 6.30pm	Mass <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers For William & Pia Jolliffe (1962 <i>Missal</i> )
Tue 1	Advent Feria	10.00am	Connie Liddard RIP
Wed 2	Advent Feria	10.00am	December Anniversaries RIP
Thur 3	St Francis Xavier, Pr.	10.00am	Margaret McGrath RIP
Fri 4	St John Damascene, Pr. & Dr	10.00am	Stella Stanton RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> ) / Mary Holmes RIP
Sat 5	Advent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Seamus & Josie Gorman RIP
Sun 6		10.00am 12noon	Thanksgiving (Michl) The People of the Parish

**Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm**

***Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:***

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

**Mass Attendance last weekend: 380**

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**Offertory Collection last weekend: £614.28**

***(Retiring Collection for Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: £134.00)***

**THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.**

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**28th / 29th November 2015**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## *The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Family (Part 31)*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Following the recent Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which reflected on the vocation and mission of the family, today we reflect on the importance of the family as the place where we learn ***the value of forgiveness***. Each day, in the words of the *Our Father*, we ask God to forgive us and to grant us the grace to forgive others. As difficult as forgiveness may be, it is essential for our personal growth, our capacity to acknowledge our failures and to mend broken relationships. It is a virtue we learn first in the family. Forgiveness strengthens families in love and, through them, makes society as a whole more loving and humane. It is a solid rock on which to build our lives and an eloquent sign of our Christian discipleship and obedience to the Father's will. May the coming ***Jubilee of Mercy*** encourage families everywhere to rediscover the power of forgiveness, and enable the great family of the Church to proclaim the power of God's reconciling love at work in our world.

***Franciscus PP.***

**THE ANGELUS**

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

THANKS to everyone who supported St Francis Quiz. A total of £845 was raised.

*This Monday:*

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers  
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

THE MONTLIGEON PRAYER GROUP for the Holy Souls in Purgatory meets this Wednesday for Mass at 10.00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for the Holy Souls and Benediction. The meeting will end no later than 11 o'clock.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

THE ROSARY is recited this Saturday half an hour before the morning Mass.

*Eucharistic Adoration this Friday*  
(the First Friday of December)

10.00am Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
ending with Benediction at 11.00am

*Come, let us worship!*



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: there will be a retiring collection for the Christmas Flowers next weekend (5th-6th December).

A VOLUNTEER is needed to arrange the flowers at Christmas as the two regulars are away. If you would like to help please see Sheila Mackay or ring her on 020 8500 0073.

**MARY HOLMES RIP:** the *Funeral Service* takes place this Friday at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace!

HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD: membership renewals are now due. Full membership £8. Concessions £2.

2016 PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE by air Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June. 8 days/7 nights - Gatwick to Split. Includes flight, transfers to hotel, half board with wine and full guided programme for the week. £539 per adult sharing (£30 discount if booked before the end of February 2016). Single rooms available with supplement. All rooms en suite. Further details from Gail Hewett on 020 3673 5838 / 07989 879148.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? May I draw your attention to the Sick Parishioner Care forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you! Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS: special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a particular anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

*The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins on 8th December 2015*  
(Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)

As the extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy approaches, let us consider the great open door of God's mercy, symbolized by the Holy Doors which will open in Churches throughout the world. The recent Synod of Bishops on the Family encouraged families in a particular way to enter this door of mercy and to open the doors of their hearts to others. Jesus tells us that he stands knocking at our door, asking that we open it to him (Revelation 3:20). How important it is for us to be good doorkeepers, capable of opening our doors and making our homes places of encounter and welcome, especially to our brothers and sisters in need! Jesus also tells us that he himself is the door (John 10:9) which leads to salvation; if we pass through him, we will find lasting security and freedom. As guardians of that door, we in the Church are called to be welcoming to all who seek to enter the fold of the Good Shepherd. May the doors of our Christian homes be signs and symbols of the door of God's mercy, a door ever open to all who knock and desire to meet Jesus. Franciscus PP.