

Mass Intentions for week beginning 29th November 2014

Sat 29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Betty & Bill Kellick RIP (FM)
Sun 30		10.00am 12noon	Peter Hetherington RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 1/12	Advent Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	Christie & Eileen Cremin RIP <i>followed by Novena Prayers Mass (1962 Missal)</i>
Tue 2	Advent Feria	10.00am	The Catholic fellowship
Wed 3	St Francis Xavier, Pr.	10.00am 2.00pm	December Anniversaries RIP Funeral Mass (<i>Bill Middleton RIP</i>)
Thur 4	St John Damascene, Pr. Dr	10.00am	Stella Stanton RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Fri 5	Advent feria	10.00am	Michael Wallace's intentions
Sat 6	St Nicholas, Bp	<i>no Rosary / no morning Mass</i>	
Sat 6	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Special Intention (IP)
Sun 7		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, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Butch Rogers, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Connie Liddard, Clive Sutton, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Mary Holmes, Peggy Wright, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Lola-Teresa Durojaiye, 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: 325

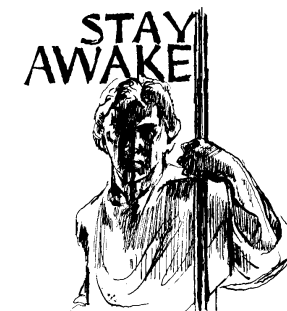
Offertory Collection last weekend: £584.93
(Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: £224.23)

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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29th/30th November 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the Season of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, with the **First Sunday of Advent** we begin a new liturgical year. The God of the covenant revealed himself in history and in history the Church celebrates the mystery of salvation: the Incarnation, Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, the journey of believers is continually renewed, extending between what Christ has "already" realized and the "not yet" of his full revelation.

God is the future of the human person and of the world. If humanity loses the meaning of God, it will close itself to the future and inevitably lose the perspective of its pilgrim journey in time. Why birth, why death? Why sacrifice, why suffering?

To these questions, Christianity offers a satisfying answer. For this reason, *Christ is the hope of humanity.* He is the true meaning of our present, because he is our sure future.

Advent reminds us that he has come, and that he will come. The life of believers is a continuous and vigilant waiting for his coming. Today, the invitation to watch and to wait is underlined with insistence by St Mark, who, throughout the new liturgical year, will guide us in the discovery of the mystery of Christ.

In today's passage taken from the second of the great discourses of Jesus, the evangelist points out the final meaning of history and of creation and exhorts us to make of our lives an unceasing quest for Christ. From our being with him and from the contemplation of his countenance come the missionary vigour that will help us to leave our grey daily routine in order to be his courageous witnesses.

On this journey of conversion and of apostolic dedication, Mary, the bright dawn and the sure guide of our steps, accompanies us. She does it in a special way by inviting us to contemplate the joyful mysteries of the Rosary.

St John Paul II (Angelus 2002)

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.

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 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS meets this Thursday at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

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!



PLEASE NOTE: no Rosary / no morning Mass this Saturday because of the Ordination at Chelmsford

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of **William Joseph (Bill) Middleton** who died recently. The Funeral Mass is **this Wednesday at 2.00pm** followed by Committal at Forest Park (Hainault) Crematorium. May he rest in peace and may Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, pray for his family in their bereavement.

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

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 9th December - 6.45pm to 9.00pm at St. Augustine's Barkingside.

THE NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY has arrived and is available at the back of church. **Price: £2.75 per copy.**

IN CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP ALAN – an evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. Bishop Alan has served as a school chaplain, university chaplain, parish priest, shrine director and superior of his religious order. He is a mountaineer and a scientist. But what inspired him to become a priest? Hear his story on **Thursday 18th December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30-10.00pm** including fish & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org, on the Brentwood Vocations Facebook Page and on the poster in the porch. The evening is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

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 Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
for the month of December**

General Intention: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Missionary Intention: That parents may be true evangelisers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.