

Mass Intentions for week beginning 12th December 2015

Sat 12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>)	6.00pm	Peter Mackle RIP The People of the Parish Anne Lovett RIP / Elizabeth & Francis Hooton RIP
Sun 13		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 14	St John of the Cross, Pr. & Dr	8.00am 10.00am	Mass Mass <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i>
Tue 15	Advent Feria	10.00am	Intentions of Patricia Clydesdale
Wed 16	Advent Feria	10.00am	Mass for Bernie Kelleher
Thur 17	O Sapientia	10.00am	Jane Erhabor RIP
Fri 18	O Adonai	9.00am	Phyllis & Edward Hatfield RIP
Sat 19	O Radix Jesse	9.30am	Mass
Sat	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Fred Parker RIP & Irene Parker RIP The People of the Parish Dr Lucy Mitchell's intentions
Sun 20		10.00am 12noon	

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: 346

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £746.10

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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12th / 13th December 2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(GAUDETE SUNDAY – HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Family *(Part 33)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we conclude our series of catecheses on marriage and the family. In these past months, guided by the Word of God, we have reflected on the perennial value of the covenant between man and woman for the future of the entire human family. In the Creator's plan, marriage and the family have an essential role in shaping an ever more humane political, economic and social life. This role is all the more critical today, in a society increasingly subject to technology and to forms of economic colonization which subordinate ethics to profits. From the beginning, God entrusted his creation to man and woman. Despite our rejection of his original blessing, he continues to watch over our efforts to make this world our common home. In a special way, by the coming of Jesus his Son, he has maintained his promise (cf. *Genesis* 3:15) to bless and protect us in every generation. May families everywhere come to know this blessing!

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.

This Monday:

8.00am Mass & 10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers (no evening Mass)

CAROL SERVICE for John Bramston Primary School: this takes place *this Friday at 10.30am*. All parishioners are welcome. Please note that Mass on Friday will be at 9.00am.

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

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP will be taking a collection at all Masses this weekend for our annual Christmas charity **CRISIS**. Please do be generous as the need is probably bigger this year than ever. Thank you all.

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

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 22nd December - 6.45pm to 9.00pm at St. Augustine's Barkingside.

“IN CONVERSATION WITH” Mgr John Armitage on *Monday 21st December* at St Edward the Confessor Parish Hall, Romford. Further details on the poster in the porch.

THE COMMUNITY AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL, the mother church of the diocese, invites the stranger, the wounded and all those who may be searching for spiritual sanctuary, to cross the threshold of mercy and to join them in the presence of our all compassionate God. *Details of the Year of Mercy at the Cathedral are on the poster in the church.*

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – August 2016: Bishop Alan is leading the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from *Sunday 14th to Friday 19th August*. There are brochures at the back of church giving all the necessary details. For more information please contact Cathy O’Connor on 01206 501146.

LOURDES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - Summer 2016. If you are in school year 10 to 13 and would like to enjoy a week that includes times of serving pilgrims who need wheelchair assistance, lots of vibrant social time with more than 200 other young people,

and times of reflective and powerful prayer in the wonderful setting of Lourdes, then now is the time to apply: <http://bcys.net/event/summer-lourdes-2016/> or call 01268 515970 and ask for Roisin or Natalie.

HEADTEACHER POSITION at *St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay*. Our Headteacher is retiring and we are seeking to appoint a new Headteacher to start in September 2016. For further information about this position, please contact the Chair of Governors by email to chair@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

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.

***From last Wednesday’s General Audience
introducing the Holy Year of Mercy***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the opening of the Holy Door in Saint Peter’s (last Tuesday), we inaugurated ***the Jubilee of Mercy***. This extraordinary Holy Year reminds us that, amid profound changes in our world, the Church is called to bear convincing witness to God’s mercy, which alone can triumph over human sin and bring true freedom. God’s mercy, made present in our midst by the incarnation of his Son, is the very heart of the Gospel. This ***Year of Grace*** reminds us that mercy is what “pleases God most”, and that it has to find clear expression in our lives and in the Church’s structures. In today’s world, mercy and forgiveness often appear overwhelmed by self-interest, hedonism and venality, while in the Christian life they can be stifled by hypocrisy and worldliness. Forgetfulness of God’s mercy blinds us even to seeing sin for what it is. That is why this Holy Year of Mercy is so important. Let us ask the Lord to make us ever more aware of his mercy at work in our lives and ever more effective in testifying to its transforming power in our world.

Franciscus PP.