

Mass Intentions for week beginning 30th January 2016

Sat 30	4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Harris Family RIP
Sun 31		10.00am 12noon	Pro Populo D'Souza & Fonseca Families RIP
Mon 1/2	Feria	10.00am	Michelle Lynch RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
Tue 2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE	8.00am 10.00am	Gilda Pednekar RIP Annabelle Lenaghan RIP
Wed 3	St Anne Line, M.	10.00am	February Anniversaries RIP
Thur 4	Feria	10.00am	Kitty Moran RIP
Fri 5	St Agatha, V.M.	10.00am	Lino Da Cunha RIP
Sat 6	The Martyrs of Japan	9.30am	Peter Smith RIP
Sat 6	5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sun 7		10.00am 12noon	Private Intention (Cooper) Patrick John Donoghue RIP

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: 353

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £563.29

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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30th / 31st January 2016

4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

Reflections for the Holy Year of Mercy (2)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing our weekly catecheses inspired by this Holy Year devoted to divine mercy, we now consider ***God's mercy at work in the history of the Chosen People***. The Scriptures show the Lord's merciful concern for Israel throughout its history, beginning with the call of Abraham. God's mercy is expressed particularly, however, in the experience of the exodus from Egypt. God heard the cry of his people, as he hears the cry of the poor and oppressed in every age. He raised up Moses to be the mediator of his mercy and salvation. Through Moses, he led Israel to freedom and, through the covenant, he made them his own possession, "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (*Exodus* 19:5-6), a people precious in his eyes. The mystery of God's mercy culminates in the sending of his Son, the Lord Jesus, in that "new and eternal covenant" inaugurated in his blood, whereby we are granted the forgiveness of our sins and become truly God's children, beloved sons and daughters of our good and merciful Father.

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:

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers
(no evening Mass)

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

A BIG "THANK YOU" from Fr Józef Mizera for your generous response to his appeal last weekend for the Capuchin Monastery in Kielce, Poland. £770 were raised!

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of *Keith Exley* who died last Monday. The Funeral Mass is *on Monday 8th February* at 1.45pm followed by Interment at Chigwell Cemetery. May he rest in peace and may Our Blessed Lady, Consoler of the afflicted, pray for his family in their bereavement.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is hosting a *James Bond-themed Charity Ball* at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on *Friday 12th February 2016*. Tickets are priced at £50 per person and guests will enjoy a Martini Reception, a delicious 3 course dinner in the Crystal Dining Room, and various 007 themed surprises throughout the evening. There will be a charity raffle and silent auction as well as our own fun 'Casino Royale', and dancing. To reserve tickets, or to donate a raffle or an auction prize, please contact Julie 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will be holding their *Quizzlympics* final on *Saturday 19th March 2016* in the Hall at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 pm. Many parishes have already held a Quizzlympics heat and therefore already have a team to represent them at the final. There are, however, a limited number of places available for those parishes who were unable to host a local quiz night. Teams must be made up of between 6 and 8 people over the age of 16 and the cost of entering a team is £50. Tea coffee and cake will be provided on the night but you are free to bring along your own drinks and nibbles. If you would like any further information or to enter a team, please call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.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!

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.

How to receive Holy Communion

According to current practice Holy Communion may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. Each communicant is free to decide how to receive. The important point is to try to do so in a dignified and reverent manner.

Please note that for practical reasons – mainly to avoid any risk of an accident – anyone carrying a small child or a baby will be given Holy Communion on the tongue.

Reception on the tongue

After making your response "Amen", present your tongue to the priest/minister who will place the Host upon it. Just opening your mouth is not sufficient as this makes it difficult for the priest/minister to place the Host reverently. The tongue needs to be easily accessible.

Reception in the hand

As you approach the altar, place one hand upon the other and extend them forwards so that the priest/minister sees clearly that you wish to receive in the hand, otherwise he will assume that you wish to receive on the tongue. The palm of the upper hand should be flat and fingers straight. When the priest/minister has placed the Host upon the palm of the hand, stand to one side to let the next person come forward and, *before walking away, reverently consume the Host in front of the priest or minister.* Since we believe that Our Lord is present in any particle of the Host, however small, care must be taken to ensure that no particles are lost and that any which remain in the palm of the hand are reverently consumed.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of February

General Intention: That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Missionary Intention: That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.