

Mass Intentions for week beginning 14th February 2015

Sat 14	6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Frederick Priest RIP
Sun 15		10.00am 12noon	William John Collins RIP The People of the Parish / Anne Lovett RIP
Mon 16	Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	Matthew Lee RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Terry Weight's ints (1962 Missal)
Tue 17	Feria	10.00am	Thanksgiving (D'Souza)
Wed 18	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 8.00pm	The People of the Parish / Joan Creaner RIP Mildred Laing RIP
Thur 19	Lenten Feria	<u>8.00am</u>	For Irikefe Mekako (birthday)
Fri 20	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Ted Hatfield RIP
Sat 21	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Ellie Bynane RIP
Sun 22		10.00am 12noon	Mick Lawless RIP 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, Clare Kavanagh, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, 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: 432

Offertory Collection last weekend: £839.87

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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14th / 15th February 2015

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Family
(Part 3)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the family, and inspired by the Christmas image of Our Lady who presents her Son to the world, we now reflect on the **role of mothers** in society and in the Church. For all our symbolic glorification of mothers, their important contribution to the life of society, their daily sacrifices and their aspirations are not always properly appreciated. Mothers are an antidote to the spread of certain self-centeredness, a decline in openness, generosity and concern for others. In this sense, motherhood is more than childbearing; it is a life choice, entailing sacrifice, respect for life, and commitment to passing on those human and religious values which are essential for a healthy society. Archbishop Oscar Romero spoke in this regard of a "martyrdom of mothers", whose sensitivity to all that threatens human life and welfare is a source of enrichment for society and the Church. Today I ask you to join me in thanking mothers everywhere for what they are, and for all that they give to the Church and to 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).

Ash Wednesday
Mass with Imposition of Ashes
at 10am and 8pm
(Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence)



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
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

No CONFIRMATION CLASS *this Wednesday (half-term)*

No FIRST COMMUNION CLASS *this Thursday (half-term)*

THE LEGION OF MARY *meets this Thursday at 7.00pm*

This Friday

10.00am Mass & Eucharistic Adoration
7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

This Saturday

Rosary (*Sorrowful Mysteries*) at 9.00am

WALK WITH ME IN LENT: a Lenten Journey of Prayer. The theme is "The Joy of Living the Beatitudes". Available at the back of church. **£1.00 per copy.**

LENT FAST DAY is on **Friday 27th February.** CAFOD envelopes will be available at the back of church. They should be returned the following Sunday with your offering.

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU! In this year for consecrated life we invite young men aged 18-40 to dream big and consider a life on the spiritual vanguard. 'Come and See' the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, based in this diocese of Brentwood, a new religious community founded in 2004. As the male branch begins to take shape you are invited to consider if its spirituality speaks to you. Dates; **20th-22nd March.** Venue: Abbotswick House of Prayer near Brentwood in Essex. For further details visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org or call Jim on 01277 373848.

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.

A Reflection for Ash Wednesday

The liturgy of Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey that will culminate in the principal event of the liturgical year, the Easter Triduum, celebrating Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Jesus spent forty days in the desert before undertaking his mission; in the same way we are invited to enter an important season of reflection and prayer, in order to journey towards Calvary and later to experience the joy of the Resurrection. The beginning of this unique time of penance consists of a symbolic and significant action: **the imposition of ashes.** By recalling the transitory nature of earthly life it reminds us of the need for generous ascetical effort, which leads to the courageous decision not to do our own will but, following Jesus' example, to do the will of the heavenly Father.

The reception of ashes also emphasizes our condition as creatures who live in total and grateful dependence on the Creator. Indeed, it is God who, by a surprising act of love and mercy, drew man from the dust, endowing him with an immortal soul and calling him to share his own divine life. It will also be God who will raise him up from the dust on the last day and transform his mortal body.

The humble act of receiving blessed ashes on the head, strengthened by the invitation that rings out in the liturgy today: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel", counteracts the proud gesture of Adam and Eve who by their disobedience destroyed the bond of friendship with God the Creator. Because of this initial tragedy, we all run the risk, despite Baptism, of yielding to the recurring temptation that spurs human beings to live in arrogant autonomy from God and in perennial antagonism towards their neighbour. Here then is revealed the meaning and necessity of the Lenten season which, by its call to conversion, leads us through prayer, penance and acts of fraternal solidarity to renew or reinvigorate our friendship with Jesus in faith, to free ourselves from the deceptive promises of earthly happiness and once again to savour the harmony of the interior life in authentic love for Christ.

St John Paul II (General Audience, 25th February 1998)