

Mass Intentions for week beginning 22nd February 2014

Sat 22	7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	The People of the Parish Bernard White RIP Maureen & Alexander Armstrong RIP
Sun 23		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 24	Feria	10.00am	Jim Geagen RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
Tue 25	Feria	10.00am	Kitty Barden RIP
Wed 26	Feria	10.00am	James McTiernan RIP
Thur 27	Feria	10.00am 12noon	Esperance Pereira RIP Funeral Mass (<i>Cornelius Nihill RIP</i>)
Fri 28	Feria	10.00am	Intentions of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Sat 1/3	ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES	9.30am	Mass
Sat	8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Constance & Allen Edwards RIP The People of the Parish Bernard White RIP
Sun 2		10.00am 12noon	

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Josie D'alters, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Connie Liddard, Clive Sutton, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Dave Hobbs, 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, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 339

Offertory Collection last weekend: £620.30

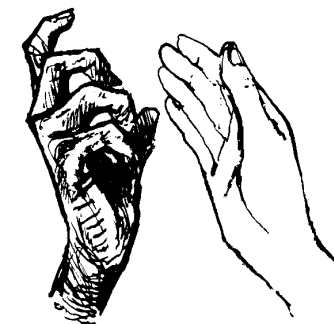
THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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22nd/23rd February 2014

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

***The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Sacraments:
Reconciliation (Penance)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we receive new life in Christ. This life we carry in earthen vessels, however, and we still experience temptations, suffering, and death. Because of sin, we can even lose this new life. Jesus therefore willed that the Church continue his works of salvation for her members, in particular through the ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***, which flows from the Paschal Mystery. The forgiveness we receive is not the result of our own efforts, but is the gift of the Holy Spirit reconciling us to God and to each other. While the celebration of the Sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the community of the Church, in which the Holy Spirit is present, uniting us all in Jesus Christ. When confessing our sins then, we confess to the priest who represents not only God but also the community of the Church that accompanies us on the path of conversion. Though this Sacrament is a great treasure, we may be tempted to dismiss it, perhaps due to laziness or embarrassment, or because of a diminishing sense of sin and its effects. Too often, we see ourselves as the centre and measure of all things, and our lives can go adrift. The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God, and embraces us with his infinite mercy and joy. May we allow his love to renew us as his children and to reconcile us with him, with ourselves, and with one another.

Franciscus PP.

THIS WEEKEND we welcome *Fr Tomislav Dukez* and *Fr Ivan Kovac*, both from Croatia. Fr Tomislav is a good friend of our parish and works as Secretary to the Nuncio in Pakistan. Fr Ivan works at the Congregation for Bishops in Rome. I am grateful for their help this morning, which enables me to supply for Fr John Corbyn at Wickford. *Fr Selvini*

THIS FRIDAY
marks the first anniversary of the end of the pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI. Let us continue to pray for his intentions, especially at Mass on Friday morning.



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)

CONFIRMATION CLASS *this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall*

No FIRST COMMUNION CLASS *this Thursday (half term break). Classes will resume on Thursday 13th March at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall.*

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

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

JEAN HOBBS RIP: the Funeral Service is *this Wednesday at 12.45pm* at Forest Park (Hainault) Crematorium. May she rest in peace!

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of *Cornelius Nihill* who died recently. The Funeral Mass is *this Thursday at 12noon*, followed by Committal at Chigwell cemetery. May he rest in peace and may Our Blessed Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, pray for those who mourn his death.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: at St Paul's Church, Arrowsmith Road, Hainault on *Friday 7th March at 2.00pm*. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

LENTEN RETREAT: Please join us for a residential Lenten Retreat led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at Abbotswick, the Diocesan House of Prayer,

Brentwood from *7th - 9th March 2014*. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for further details.

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.



Catechism of the Catholic Church



THE LIFE OF PRAYER (CCC 2720-2724)

The Church invites the faithful to regular prayer: daily prayers, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the feasts of the liturgical year.

The Christian tradition comprises three major expressions of the life of prayer: *vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer*. They have in common the recollection of the heart.

- **Vocal prayer**, founded on the union of body and soul in human nature, associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart, following Christ's example of praying to his Father and teaching the Our Father to his disciples.
- **Meditation** is a prayerful quest engaging thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. Its goal is to make our own in faith the subject considered, by confronting it with the reality of our own life.
- **Contemplative prayer** is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery.

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).