

Mass Intentions for week beginning 25th February 2017

Sat 25	8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Victor Housden RIP
Sun 26		10.00am 12noon	Peter Hetherington RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 27	Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	Tarling Family RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Jean Chapé RIP (1962 Missal)
Tue 28	Feria	10.00am	Beatrice Oghojafor (birthday)
Wed 1	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 8.00pm	March Anniversaries RIP The People of the Parish
Thur 2	Lent Feria	10.00am	Patrick Lobenhan RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Fri 3	Lent Feria	10.00am	Brenda Meehan RIP
Sat 4	Lent Feria	9.30am	John Kirkham RIP
Sat 4	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Kathleen Canacott RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sun 5		10.00am 12noon	Brian Nash RIP The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Alan & Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D’afters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O’Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, 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: 347

Offertory Collection last weekend: £664.10

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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25th-26th February 2017

8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reflections on Christian Hope (6)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, today we turn to the earliest writing of the New Testament, *Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians*. The Apostle writes to confirm this young Christian community in its faith in Christ's death and resurrection, but he also speaks of the meaning of this mystery for the life of each believer. For Christ is the first fruits of the future resurrection. Before the mystery of death, and the loss of our loved ones, we Christians are challenged to hope more firmly in the Lord's promise of eternal life. Paul tells the Thessalonians to wear the hope of salvation like a helmet (*1 Thessalonians 5:8*), in the knowledge that, because Christ is risen, the object of our hope is certain. Christian hope, then, is a way of life; we live daily in expectation of the resurrection. In that same hope, and in the communion of the Church, we pray too that those who have gone before us will live for ever in Christ. Let us ask the Lord to strengthen us in the sure expectation that one day we will be united with him, and all our loved ones, in the joy of the resurrection.

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 fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Ash Wednesday

Mass with Imposition of Ashes
at 10am and 8pm
(ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING
& ABSTINENCE)

This Friday:

10.00am Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

This Saturday:

9.00am Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

This Sunday:

5.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

WALK WITH ME IN LENT: a Lenten Journey of Prayer. Available at the back of church. **£1.00 per copy.**

LENT FAST DAY is on *Friday 10th March*. CAFOD envelopes will be available at the back of church. They should be returned the following Sunday with your offering.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 22nd July 2017

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. We will dedicate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. Our Parish contact is *Gail Hewett (07989 879148)*. *Tickets for the coach are available from her (adults: £15 / children under 12 FREE).*



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017: The next session is *THIS SUNDAY* at St John Vianney, Clayhall, starting at 3.00pm promptly.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, LISIEUX, PARIS, NEVERS & ROCAMADOUR by luxury coach *from 27th May to 3rd June* for £679 including all excursions, travelling from London E13.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND *from 4th to 12th September* for £1,197 including all excursions, flying from London Heathrow.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA celebrating 100 years of Fatima *from 26th November to 2nd December*, including all excursions for £689, flying from London Heathrow.

For further information call Mrs R. Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027301

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

The *Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima*, together with the *relics of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto*, are currently touring most of the cathedrals of England and Wales and will be at *the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street* on *Saturday 10th June*. I propose to lead a group from our parish. Further details will be available in due course but book the date now in your diaries!

Fr Selvini



(Extracts of the Act of Consecration of England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary made by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster on Saturday 18th February in the presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima)

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Refuge of the Human Race, Mother of the Church, we turn to you, confident that we shall receive mercy, grace, assistance and protection, through the great goodness of your Maternal Heart.

To you and your Immaculate Heart, in this centenary year of the apparitions of Fatima, we re-consecrate ourselves in union not only with the Church, the Mystical Body of your Son, but also with the entire world.

[...]

We consecrate ourselves forever to you and to your Immaculate Heart, Our Mother and Queen; that your love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God and that all nations, at peace with one another and with God, may proclaim you blessed and with you may raise their voices to sing the everlasting Magnificat of glory, love and gratitude to the Heart of Jesus, where alone they can find truth and peace.