

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 10th December 2016**

Sat 10	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ( <i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i> )	6.00pm	Arthur Edwards RIP
Sun 11		10.00am 12noon	Thanksgiving (Michl) The People of the Parish
Mon 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	10.00am 6.30pm	Carmel Maher RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Fergus Ray RIP ( <i>1962 Missal</i> )
Tue 13	St Lucy, V.M.	10.00am	Simon Newell RIP
Wed 14	St John of the Cross, pr. & Dr	10.00am	Atty Marsh RIP
Thur 15	Advent Feria	10.00am	Joseph Reynolds RIP
Fri 16	Advent Feria	10.00am	For Kathleen Gallagher (birthday)
Sat 17	O Sapientia	9.30am	Umile Coletti RIP
Sat 17	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 18		10.00am 12noon	Madeleine Selvini RIP Anne Lovett RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> )

**Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm**

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

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, 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: 376**

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**Offertory Collection last weekend: £807.74**

**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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**10th-11th December 2016**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## *Reflections for the Holy Year of Mercy (32)*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Among the spiritual works of mercy, we now consider those of ***counselling the doubtful*** and ***instructing the ignorant***. These two works are related and both can be practised daily in our families and communities. The Church’s mission of evangelization has always been accompanied by teaching and the founding of schools, since education promotes the dignity of the person and provides for the full development of his or her God-given gifts. Illiteracy and lack of access to education are in fact a form of poverty and injustice. Education develops our ability to think critically about ourselves and the world around us. By raising questions it also helps us to find satisfying answers. It is a true work of mercy to counsel those troubled by doubts about the meaning of life or shaken in their faith. Let us be grateful to all who devote themselves to this work through catechesis and religious education. All of us are called to support one another by our witness of living faith and generous concern, for these are eloquent signs of the love of God which gives meaning and direction to our lives.

*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).*

**NEXT SUNDAY at 3.30pm**  
**NATIVITY PLAY & CAROLS**  
*Presented by the First Communion Children*  
*Mince-Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards*  
*in the Parish Hall*

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24th December)**  
6.00pm First "Vigil" Mass of Christmas  
*Sherry & Mince-Pies afterwards in the Parish hall*  
9.30pm Carol Service followed by  
Mass during the Night ("Midnight")  
**CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25th December)**  
8.30am Mass of the Dawn (1962 Missal)  
10.00am Mass of the Day



**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)

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

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

**CRISIS APPEAL** - Please help the homeless find shelter, food, medical and legal services over the Christmas period. *The Justice and Peace Group will be collecting for Crisis after Masses this weekend.* Due to the generosity of volunteer helpers it costs Crisis £22.32 to provide five days of services to each homeless person. Last year £595 was donated by parishioners and we hope you will be equally generous this year.

**FR DANIEL KULANGARA**

After seven years in this country Fr Daniel has been recalled back to Kerala by his superiors. To show our appreciation for his 3½ years' ministry in our parish there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend. I count on your generosity. *Fr Selvini*

**HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD: Membership now due: £6. Concessions £2.**

**SEMINARIANS & ENQUIRERS MASS:** The venue for the seminarians and enquirers mass is on *29th December 2016* at 11:00 and will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Leigh on Sea. Lunch will be provided and will be in the hall afterwards so if there are any dietary requirements then please let me know. Any enquirers for the Priesthood are encouraged to come along as this will a great opportunity to help them discern their vocation.  
*Fr Graham Smith, Vocations Director*

**NEW YEAR RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (16-35 years),** in Central London and organised by Youth2000. Poster and details in the porch.

**APPLICATION FORMS FOR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

I will be available to meet with parents and sign such forms on *Saturday 17th December between 10.00am and 11.00am* in the Servers' Sacristy. *Kindly note that this is the only date available.* Thank you for your cooperation. *Fr Selvini*

**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 their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

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.

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