

Mass Intentions for week beginning 2nd April 2016

Sat 2	LOW SUNDAY (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	6.00pm	Kay O'Donovan RIP
Sun 3		10.00am 12noon	Maureen Fairbrass RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 4	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	For Evelyn Piotrowski followed by Novena Prayers
Tue 5	St Vincent Ferrer, Pr.	10.00am	Margaret Mullins RIP
Wed 6	Easter Feria	10.00am	April Anniversaries RIP
Thur 7	St John-Baptist de la Salle, Pr.	10.00am	Patrick John Donoghue RIP
Fri 8	Easter Feria	10.00am	Margaret Baker RIP
Sat 9	Easter Feria	9.30am	Albert Ignasse (anniv.)
Sat 9	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm	For Anna & Jack (engagement)
Sun 10		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Constance & Allen Edwards RIP

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland Selvini, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'asters, 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: 670
(Holy Thursday: 125 – Good Friday: 211)

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Retiring Collection for the Holy Places (Good Friday): £331.00

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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2nd/3rd April 2016 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

St John Paul II on Divine Mercy (Easter Octave 2002)

The liturgy today invites us to see in *Divine Mercy* the source of that authentic peace that the risen Christ offers us. The wounds of the risen and glorious Lord are *the permanent sign of God's merciful love for humanity*. From them flows a spiritual light that enlightens consciences and pours into hearts comfort and hope. In this complicated and difficult hour we repeat "*Jesus, I trust in you*", knowing that we need that Divine Mercy that more than a half century ago the Lord so generously manifested to St Faustina Kowalska. Wherever trials and difficulties are harsher, may the invocation of the Risen Lord be more insistent and may prayer for the gift of his Holy Spirit, source of love and peace, be more heartfelt. Let us entrust our prayer to Mary, whom we will remember in a special way tomorrow, on the liturgical feast of the *Annunciation of the Lord*. *The mystery of the conception of Jesus* in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, reminds us that human life, assumed by Christ, is inviolable from its first instant. Contemplation of the mystery leads us to *renew the commitment* to love, welcome and serve life. This is a commitment that unites believers and unbelievers alike because "the defence and promotion of life are not the monopoly of anyone, but the task and responsibility of all" (*Evangelium vitae*, n. 91). May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, who at the message of the angel conceived the Incarnate Word help us to respect life always and to promote peace everywhere.

THE EASTER ANGELUS

During the Season of Easter, the Angelus is replaced by the "Regina Caeli". It will be sung 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 and below the text of the Angelus).



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:

9.30am Mass followed by Novena Prayers ??

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday (Glorious Mysteries)* half an hour before the morning Mass.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

is celebrated at St Cedd, Goodmayes **today** from 2.00 to 6.30pm.
Further information from the posters.

EASTER COMMUNION: all Catholics are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (one's "*Easter duties*"). This duty requires us, if necessary, to seek the forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of penance. The Church teaches us that we must purify ourselves from sin and receive Christ worthily in Holy Communion. It is only by His grace that we are made worthy to enter in the presence of, and communion with, the All-Holy God.



BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Spring Concert : 'BCCS' requests the pleasure of your company at **Ingatestone Hall**, on the **14th May at 7.30pm**, for a fundraising concert. Graduates from The Guildhall School of Music & Drama will be performing a concert of operatic, classical and light musical favourites! We will be entertained by two professional singers (a Soprano and Tenor) and a pianist; the singers will perform duets and solo items. This should be a wonderful concert in the beautiful and historical venue of Ingatestone Hall. Tickets are £22, including prosecco and nibbles. Contact Amy Pether apether@bccs.org.uk / 01268784544 for more details and to reserve your place

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14 - 19 August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or via cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

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.

Reflections for the Holy Year of Mercy (5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing our weekly catecheses inspired by this Holy Year of Divine Mercy, we now consider the ***Bible's teaching on the right use of wealth and power***. The Scriptures show that these serve the common good if used in accordance with the demands of justice, charity and mercy. Used selfishly and arrogantly, they become a source of corruption and death, as we see in the story of Naboth, unjustly put to death so that King Ahab might take possession of his property. Jesus tells us that we show our greatness not by domineering but by humbly serving one another. Just as the Lord sent the prophet Elijah to call Ahab to repentance, he sent his Son to show the power of his mercy which triumphs over sin and injustice. Jesus is the true King, whose saving power is shown in the cross. During this Holy Year let us ask him to draw near to sinners, to show us his mercy, and to redeem the many situations of injustice in our world by the power of his grace and forgiveness.

Franciscus PP.