

Mass Intentions for week beginning 3rd January 2015

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| Sat 4 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | 6.00pm | Scanlon & Keville Families RIP Donald Macaree RIP (<i>anniv.</i>) The People of the Parish |
| Sun4 | | 10.00am 12noon | |
| Mon 5 | Christmas Feria | 10.00am | Emy Fernandes RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers |
| Tue 6 | Christmas Feria | 10.00am | Valerie Exley RIP |
| Wed7 | St Raymond of Penyafort, Pr. | 10.00am | The Holy Souls RIP / January Anniversaries RIP |
| Thur 8 | Christmas Feria | 10.00am | Intentions Mgr Michael Corley |
| Fri 9 | Christmas Feria | 10.00am | Intentions Aimée Fahey |
| Sat 10 | Christmas Feria | 9.30am | Mass |
| Sat 10 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 6.00pm | Special Intention (IP) Peter Tighe RIP The People of the Parish |
| Sun 11 | | 10.00am 12noon | |

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Clare Kavanagh, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Butch Rogers, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D’afters, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Connie Liddard, Clive Sutton, 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: 353

Offertory Collection last weekend: £546.10

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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3rd/4th January 2015

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today the Church celebrates the ***Solemnity of the Epiphany***, “a manifestation” of Christ to all peoples, represented by the Magi come from the East.

This feast helps us to discern the profound meaning of the Church’s universal mission, which can be understood as a movement of radiation: the radiation of Christ’s light, reflected on the face of his Mystical Body. Since this light is a light of love, truth and beauty, it is not forcibly imposed, but illumines minds and draws hearts.

By radiating this light, the Church obeys the mandate of the risen Christ: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). It is a movement that spreads in all directions from the centre, from the Eucharist, through the witness and proclamation of the Gospel. This “going” is motivated by an inner urge of charity, without which it would produce no fruit.

The experience of the Magi is particularly eloquent in this regard: they move, guided by the light of a star that draws them to Christ. The Church must be like that star, that is, able to reflect Christ’s light, so that individuals and peoples in search of truth, justice and peace may come to Jesus, the one Saviour of the world.

On this day a special thought goes to our brothers and sisters of the Christian East, many of whom are celebrating Christmas today. Before the icon of the Child Jesus, lovingly watched over by Mary and St Joseph, let us invoke the grace of deeper relations of understanding and communion between Christians of the East and West. Indeed, not only must different liturgical traditions not become an obstacle to unity, but they must be an incentive to reciprocal knowledge and enrichment.

St John Paul II (Angelus 1997)

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 neighbour.

ADVANCE NOTICE: the annual *White Flower Appeal* organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be held at the end of all Masses over the weekend of *10th/11th January*.

This Monday:

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers

THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: *Classes resume on Thursday 29th January 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.

CRIB COLLECTION:

during the Christmas Season, offerings at the Crib will be given to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.



OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of *Fr Afam Patrick Okoye*, a young priest from the diocese of Awka (Nigeria), whose sister and her family live in our parish. Fr Afam Patrick Okoye died a few days ago in Rome where he was undertaking further studies. May he rest in peace and may Our Blessed Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, pray for those who mourn his death.

Confirmation Programme 2015

Wednesday 14th January: Parents' Meeting in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm
Saturday 17th January: First Session starting with Mass at 9.30am & "Getting to Know You" in the Parish Hall
Sunday 18th January: Mass of Enrolment at 10.00am

Fr Selvini

PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER

(following the Gospel on the Solemnity of the Epiphany)

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 18th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 5th day of April, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 14th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. *

On the 24th day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 4th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. *

On the 29th day of November, the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

** transferred to the following Sunday in England and Wales.*

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for the late *Anne Lovett* is *this Tuesday at 1.00pm* followed by Committal at the Forest Park (Hainault) Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

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*

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*).

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of January

General Intention: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Missionary Intention: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.