

Mass Intentions for week beginning 11th March 2017

Sat 11	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 12		10.00am 12noon	Osmund McMahon RIP (<i>anniv.</i>) Herbert Apaloo RIP (<i>birthday</i>)
Mon 13	Lent Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	The Holy Father's Intentions <i>followed by Novena Prayers Mass (1962 Missal)</i>
Tue 14	Lent Feria	10.00am	Patricia Clydesdale RIP
Wed 15	Lent Feria	10.00am	For Mary Mahon's recovery
Thur 16	Lent Feria	10.00am	Thomas Stack RIP
Fri 17	ST PATRICK, BISHOP PATRON OF IRELAND	10.00am	Frank McElroy RIP / Michael & Catherine Johnston RIP
Sat 18	Lent Feria	<i>No Rosary / No morning Mass</i>	
Sat 18	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Madeleine Selvini RIP (<i>1st anniv.</i>)
Sun 19		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Terry Cook RIP

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandle Majiyagbe, Alan & 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, 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: 410

Offertory Collection last weekend: £700.76

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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11th-12th March 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)

The Holy Father's Lent Message 2017 (Part 2)

1. The other person is a gift

The parable (cf. *Luke* 16:19-31) begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called *Lazarus*: a name full of promise, which literally means "*God helps*". This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast.

Lazarus teaches us that *other persons are a gift*. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

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 Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

This Sunday:

5.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 15th March 2017**. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

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

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. The Bishop 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).**



ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be an **EASTER RAFFLE** this year, to be drawn after the 10 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday – proceeds to **Aid to the Church in Need (Persecuted Christians)**. Tickets (£1 a strip) will be available shortly.

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

FROM FR DANIEL KULANGARA: I am finally appointed in a Parish at Pothencode near Trivandrum City along with two more Parishes. In one Centre a priest from our Major Seminary will come and assist me for the Holy Mass. The Parish is attached to a Lower and an Upper Primary School. The children are mostly from poor background. Along this my Cardinal asked me to look after the Department of Family apostolate as Director of one wing. Please pray for me. I have some days with my mum and she is very happy over it. It may take four hours from my residence to the home to meet her occasionally! Regards and Prayers.
Fr Daniel

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.