

Mass Intentions for week beginning 21st February 2015

Sat 21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Ellie Bynane RIP
Sun 22		10.00am 12noon	Mick Lawless RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 23	Lenten Feria	8.00am 10.00am	Mass Ted Hatfield RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
Tue 24	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Connie Liddard RIP
Wed 25	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Andrew Jeffries RIP
Thur 26	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP
Fri 27	Lenten Feria	10.00am	George Price RIP
Sat 28	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	For Beatrice Oghojafor (birthday)
Sun 1/3		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Andrew Jeffries RIP

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Clare Kavanagh, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, 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: 336

(Ash Wednesday: 215)

Offertory Collection last weekend: £580.27

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Family
(Part 4)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the family, we now turn to the **dignity and role of fathers**. Jesus, by teaching us to call God our Father, gave new depth and richness to this relationship, so fundamental to the life of society. Sadly, in our modern societies, we are experiencing a crisis of fatherhood; from an image of the father as authoritarian and at times even repressive, we now sense uncertainty and confusion about the role of the father. Today we can speak of an "absence" of the father figure in society. Yet responsible fathers are so necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue. Without father figures, young people often feel "orphaned", left adrift at a critical moment in their growth and development. Society itself has a similar responsibility not to leave the young as orphans, without ideals, sound values, hopes and possibilities for work and for authentic spiritual fulfilment. Jesus promised that he would not leave us orphans (cf. *John* 14:18). Let us ask him to deepen and renew our appreciation of fatherhood and to raise up good fathers for the benefit of our families, our Church and our world.

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 neighbour.

This Monday:

8.00am Mass

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers (no evening Mass)

CONFIRMATION CLASS *this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall*

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS *this Thursday at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall*

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

This Friday

**10.00am Mass & Eucharistic Adoration
 7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

This Saturday

Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries) at 9.00am

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – *Friday 27th February.* Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day. There is good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5 m. Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long term deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – *Tuesday 24th February - 6.45 to 9pm* at St. Augustine's Barkingside.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held at All Saints Church Chigwell Row on ***Friday 6th March at 2.00pm***. It is an inter-denominational event and everyone is welcome and that includes Men! The theme is "The Bahamas" and there is a guest speaker. Please wear something bright and colourful. Refreshments after the service.

Christine Barber

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU! In this year for consecrated life we invite young men aged 18-40 to dream big and consider a life on the spiritual vanguard. 'Come

and See' the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, based in this diocese of Brentwood, a new religious community founded in 2004. As the male branch begins to take shape you are invited to consider if its spirituality speaks to you. Dates; ***20th-22nd March***. Venue: Abbotswick House of Prayer near Brentwood in Essex. For further details visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org or call Jim on 01277 373848.

CAN YOU HELP? A small charity needs the part-time help of an accountant/bookkeeper. If you are interested in doing some voluntary work and are able to be of assistance please contact Sister Camilla on: info@walsinghamcommunity.org or 07931 795769.

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.

THE TABERNACLE

The Third General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that *"the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, readily visible, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer"* [GIRM #314] In the 70s and 80s, there was a move among liturgists and such like to side-line the tabernacle, moving it from its central place in the sanctuary to a side chapel. This was particularly widespread in the diocese of Brentwood. All this was done in the name of Vatican II, although one would be hard put to find such a mandate in the documents of the Council. With the arrival of a new Bishop now seems a good time to return our tabernacle to its original (and proper) place in the sanctuary. I had hoped to have the original plinth moved together with the tabernacle. However, for technical reasons, this was not possible. A new marble plinth was therefore commissioned in keeping with the altar and the lectern as far as feasible. The original plinth remains in place and serves as a base to support an altar table, also in marble. The total cost (£3,700) has been met by a generous legacy of £2,700 from the estate of the late Bernard White RIP and an anonymous donation of £1,000 in thanksgiving for blessings received. ***Bernard White had a great love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, both in the Mass and in the tabernacle. It was therefore appropriate that the re-location of the tabernacle should be carried out in his memory.***

Fr Selvini