

Mass Intentions for week beginning 22nd March 2014

Sat 22	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Jean Hobbs RIP
Sun 23		10.00am 12noon	Jean Cockram RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 24	Lent Feria	10.00am	Bernard White RIP / Enrichetta Messinese RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
Tue 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Catherine & Michael Johnston RIP
Wed 26	Lent Feria	10.00am	Jean Hobbs RIP
Thur 27	Lent Feria	10.00am	Kay Fahy's intentions
Fri 28	Lent Feria	10.00am	Kay O'Donovan RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sat 29	Lent Feria	9.30am	Martin Tay (RIP) (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sat 29	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)	6.00pm	Geraldine Mahoney RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sun 30		10.00am 12noon	Peter Hetherington RIP / Intentions of Betty Hetherington (FM) The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Josie D'after, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Connie Liddard, Clive Sutton, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Dave Hobbs, 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, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 339

Offertory Collection last weekend: £695.07

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

From last Wednesday's General Audience

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, we celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary and Patron of the universal Church. Saint Joseph is venerated as the "guardian" of the Holy Family, and in this role he serves as a model for all fathers and educators. Joseph watched over Jesus' human development – his growth, as Saint Luke tells us, "in wisdom, age and grace" (2:52). We think of how Joseph, as the carpenter of Nazareth, taught the young Jesus his trade and the value of work. Joseph also quietly imparted to Jesus that wisdom which consists above all in reverence for the Lord, prayer and fidelity to his word, and obedience to his will. Joseph's paternal example helped Jesus to grow, on a human level, in his understanding and appreciation of his unique relationship to his heavenly Father. With Our Lady, Joseph guided the young Jesus as he responded to the working of the Holy Spirit in his heart and in his life. By his example and prayers, may Saint Joseph be a sure guide to all parents, priests and teachers charged with the education of our young.

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 WEEKEND:

after all Masses, Retiring Collection for the Easter Flowers



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:

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*
Parents' Meeting *this Tuesday at 8.00pm 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

GARDEN OPEN *in aid of St Francis Hospice. This Sunday 2.00 - 4.30pm.* 254 Ashurst Drive, Barkingside, Ilford. IG61EW. Come and see the glorious spring colour and other interesting features in this garden and support a good cause at the same time. Entry fee £2.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: The Governors are keen to appoint a practising Catholic who is an enthusiastic, innovative professional to join our Leadership team starting in September 2014. Someone, who will make a substantial contribution towards our aim of becoming an outstanding school. Application pack and further details can be obtained from the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please telephone to make an appointment. Closing date Tuesday 22nd April.

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE EMERGENCY APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who gave to the special collection. High winds and heavy rain in February caused damage to the roof at the hospice and lead to the closure of six beds. The Justice and Peace Group are happy to advise that a cheque for **£400** has been sent to the hospice to help towards their target. The repair work is expected to cost £30,000.

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



Catechism of the Catholic Church



THE LORD'S PRAYER: THE SEVEN PETITIONS (CCC 2797-2802)

In the Our Father, the object of the first three petitions is the glory of the Father: the sanctification of his name, the coming of the kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will. The four others present our wants to him: they ask that our lives be nourished, healed of sin, and made victorious in the struggle of good over evil.

By asking "hallowed be thy name" we enter into God's plan, the sanctification of his name - revealed first to Moses and then in Jesus - by us and in us, in every nation and in each man.

By the second petition, the Church looks first to Christ's return and the final coming of the Reign of God. It also prays for the growth of the Kingdom of God in the "today" of our own lives.

In the third petition, we ask our Father to unite our will to that of his Son, so as to fulfill his plan of salvation in the life of the world.

In the fourth petition, by saying "give us," we express in communion with our brethren our filial trust in our heavenly Father. "Our daily bread" refers to the earthly nourishment necessary to everyone for subsistence, and also to the Bread of Life: the Word of God and the Body of Christ. It is received in God's "today," as the indispensable, (super -) essential nourishment of the feast of the coming Kingdom anticipated in the Eucharist.

The fifth petition begs God's mercy for our offences, mercy which can penetrate our hearts only if we have learned to forgive our enemies, with the example and help of Christ.

When we say "lead us not into temptation" we are asking God not to allow us to take the path that leads to sin. This petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength; it requests the grace of vigilance and final perseverance.

In the last petition, "but deliver us from evil," Christians pray to God with the Church to show forth the victory, already won by Christ, over the "ruler of this world," Satan, the angel personally opposed to God and to his plan of salvation.

By the final "Amen," we express our "fiat" concerning the seven petitions: "So be it".

(the series is now concluded)