

Mass Intentions for week beginning 5th December 2015

Sat 5	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Seamus & Josie Gorman RIP Thanksgiving (Michl) The People of the Parish
Sun 6		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 7	St Ambrose, Bp & Dr	10.00am	Vic Harris RIP / Julienne Lucas RIP <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i>
Tue 8	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY	10.00am 6.30pm	Patrick John Donoghue RIP / James Khanna RIP (<i>anniv.</i>) Joyce Ray RIP (<i>1962 Missal</i>)
Wed 9	St Juan Diego	8.00am 10.00am	Arthur William Edwards RIP Pat Joe Godley RIP
Thur 10	Advent Feria	10.00am	Charlie Goggin RIP
Fri 11	St Damasus, Pope	10.00am	Mass
Sat 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30am	Mass
Sat	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>GAUDETE SUNDAY</i>)	6.00pm	Peter Mackle RIP The People of the Parish Anne Lovett RIP / Elizabeth & Francis Hooton RIP
Sun 13		10.00am 12noon	

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, 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: 346

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £646.67

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5th / 6th December 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Family (Part 32)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the family, today we consider *the importance of togetherness*. Sitting at table for the family dinner, sharing our meal and the experiences of our day, is a fundamental image of togetherness and solidarity. Because Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a meal, there is a close relationship between families and the Mass. The togetherness we experience in our families is meant, in the family of the Church, to extend to all as a sign of God's universal love. In this way the Eucharist becomes a school of inclusion, in which we learn to be attentive to the needs of everyone. Sadly, the family meal, this great symbol of togetherness, is disappearing in some societies. Food itself, the very sign of our sharing with other, is wantonly wasted in some places, while our brothers and sisters go hungry in others. The Eucharist reminds us that our bread is meant to be shared with all. May our families, and the entire Church, be signs of togetherness and solidarity for the good of the whole human family, especially during the coming Jubilee of Mercy.

Franciscus PP.

*The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins on Tuesday,
the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

From the Bull of Indiction, Misericordiae Vultus (1-3)

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, “rich in mercy” (*Ephesians 2:4*), after having revealed his name to Moses as “a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (*Ex 34:6*), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the “fullness of time” (*Galatians 4:4*), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (*cf. John 14:9*). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

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:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
(NO evening Mass – transferred to Tuesday)

This Tuesday:

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

10.00am Mass
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of **Arthur Edwards** who died recently. *The Funeral Service will be this Thursday at 3.45pm* followed by Committal at Forest Park (Hainault) Crematorium. May he rest in peace and may Our Blessed Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, comfort his family and friends in their bereavement!

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday* half an hour before the morning Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: *just a reminder that the retiring collection for the Christmas Flowers takes place this weekend.*

THANK YOU to those who kindly volunteered to arrange the flowers at *Christmas this year.*

“IN CONVERSATION WITH” *Mgr John Armitage* on *Monday 21st December* at St Edward the Confessor Parish Hall, Romford. Further details on the poster in the porch.

THE COMMUNITY AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL, the mother church of the diocese, invites the stranger, the wounded and all those who may be searching for spiritual sanctuary, to cross the threshold of mercy and to join them in the presence of our all compassionate God. *Details of the Year of Mercy at the Cathedral are on the various posters around the church.*

HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD: *membership renewals are now due. Full membership £8. Concessions £2.*

2016 PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE by air *Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June*. 8 days/7 nights - Gatwick to Split. Includes flight, transfers to hotel, half board with wine and full guided programme for the week. £539 per adult sharing (£30 discount if booked before the end of February 2016). Single rooms available with supplement. All rooms en suite. Further details from Gail Hewett on 020 3673 5838 / 07989 879148.

*The Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions
for the month of December*

General Intention: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.
Missionary Intention: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.