

Mass Intentions for week beginning 23rd January 2016

Sat 23	3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Josephine Duggan RIP
Sun 24		10.00am 12noon	Pro Populo Remona Armstrong RIP
Mon 25	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Joan Smith RIP (1962 Missal)
Tue 26	SS. Timothy & Titus, Bps	6.30pm 10.00am	Lucy Byrne Ingle RIP
Wed 27	St Angela Merici, Rel.	10.00am	Patrick Bearfield RIP
Thur 28	St Thomas Aquinas, Pr. & Dr	10.00am	Gérard Ignasse RIP (<i>anniv.</i>) / Joe D'Souza RIP
Fri 29	Feria	10.00am	Piedade Dias & Francis Pereira RIP
Sat 30	Of Our Lady	9.30am	Mass
Sat 30	4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Harris Family RIP
Sun 31		10.00am 12noon	Pro Populo D'Souza & Fonseca Families RIP

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'after, 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: 352

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £554.90

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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23rd / 24th January 2016

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

Reflections for the Holy Year of Mercy (1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this Jubilee Year, our weekly catechesis will explore *the mystery of divine mercy*. In the Book of Exodus, God defines himself as the God of mercy. In words which echo throughout the Old Testament, he tells Moses that he is “the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (*Exodus* 34:6). The Hebrew word for *mercy* evokes the tender and visceral love of a mother for her child. The God of mercy is also *gracious*, ever ready to understand and forgive. He is *slow to anger*, prepared to wait patiently, like a wise farmer, for the seeds of repentance to grow in our hearts. Likewise, he abounds in *steadfast love and faithfulness*. God’s love, freely given, precedes any merit on our part; his faithfulness, like that of the father in the parable of the prodigal son, has no limits. He waits for us, ever ready to forgive our sins and to welcome us back to a right relationship with him. In this Year of Mercy, may we turn to God with all our heart, trusting in his mercy and grace, his infinite faithfulness and love.

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 & Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**

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

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

SINCE 1997 POLISH CAPUCHINS have been building a new church and a monastery for 9,500 Catholics in *Kielce*. *The church is not finished or decorated inside yet.* Must be built the tabernacle, the main altar, two small side altars or the floor. They must finish the place for the choir and build the organ in the church. The monastery has been standing without windows and doors since the autumn of 2014 and they have not done any work due to lack of money. *The monastery has only walls and roof without any internal installations.* To complete the construction of the church and monastery it will cost **£535,000**. They ask you urgently *this weekend* for any financial support as a second collection because they cannot cope alone with such enormous costs. May God reward your kindness and generosity with his blessing and good health.

Fr Józef Mizera

MASS in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes: on *Sunday 7th February* at 3 pm, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at Brentwood Cathedral in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Patroness of our diocese and all who are ill. Join the bishop to pray for our diocese, anyone who is ill and if you have a devotion to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to thank Our Lady for graces received at the shrine or should you be planning to make a pilgrimage.

Fr Paul Keane, Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 26th January - 6.45 to 9pm. at St. Augustine's Barkingside – all welcome.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - NURSERY APPLICATION: Application forms for children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 to attend the Nursery are now available. Children of this age will commence Nursery in September 2016. Closing date for completed applications is 4th March 2016. Please contact Mrs Brogan in the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919 for further details.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: We require a Class teacher to join our dedicated team in September 2016. There is an opportunity for a TLR depending on experience and expertise. For further information, please contact Mrs Brogan in the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919. Closing date for applications is Friday 29th January 2016.

MASS at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on *Wednesday 3rd February 2016*. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

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.

Use of the Sacristy Toilet

In view of the fact that personal self-discipline has been slackening a little recently, I would like to remind all potential users of the following rules:

- the toilet should **NOT** be used from the beginning of the *Preface* to the end of the *Our Father* (the most solemn part of the Mass);
- children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult;
- the toilet should be left in a reasonable state of cleanliness.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr Selvini