

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 19th December 2015**

Sat 19	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Fred Parker RIP & Irene Parker RIP The People of the Parish Dr Lucy Mitchell's intentions
Sun 20		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 21	O Oriens	10.00am	Thanksgiving (Oghojafor) <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i> For William & Pia Jolliffe (1962 <i>Missal</i> )
		6.30pm	
Tue 22	O Rex Gentium	10.00am	Michael Kenny RIP
Wed 23	O Emmanuel	10.00am	For Robert Reed (FM) / Charlie Goggin RIP
Thur 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00pm 9.30pm	Ronald Taylor RIP The People of the Parish
Fri 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	8.30am 10.00am	Mass (1962 <i>Missal</i> ) Dominic Tran Am & Bill Tang RIP
Sat 26	ST STEPHEN, DN & M.	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> )
Sat 26	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	6.00pm	Mass Sheila Eales RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> ) The People of the Parish
Sun 27		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'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: 326**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £728.17**

**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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**19th/20th December 2015      FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**(HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)**

**Beannachtai**

**na  
Nollag**

**Nadolig  
Llawen**

**Buon  
Natale**



**Bon  
et**

**Joyeux  
Noël**

**Wesołych  
Świąt**

**Fröhliche  
Weihnachten**

**A holy and blessed Christmas  
to you and all your loved ones!**

*from Fr Jean-Claude Selvini  
& Fr Daniel Kulangara*

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday 24th)**  
**6.00pm First "Vigil" Mass of Christmas**  
**9.30pm Carol Service followed by**  
**Mass during the Night ("Midnight")**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday 25th)**  
**8.30am Mass of the Dawn (1962 Missal)**  
**10.00am Mass of the Day**



**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.

**CRIB COLLECTION:**

during the Christmas Season, offerings at the Crib will be given to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.



**RECEIVED WITH GRATITUDE** a legacy to the parish of **£4,000** from the estate of the late **Anne Lovett**. May she rest in peace!

**RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 22nd December - 6.45pm to 9.00pm** at St. Augustine's Barkingside.

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

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** the annual *White Flower Appeal* organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be held at the end of all Masses over the weekend of **9th-10th January 2016.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – August 2016:** Bishop Alan is leading the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Sunday 14th to Friday 19th August.** There are brochures at the back of church giving all the necessary details. For more information please contact Cathy O'Connor on 01206 501146.

**LOURDES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - Summer 2016.** If you are in school year 10 to 13 and would like to enjoy a week that includes times of serving pilgrims who need

wheelchair assistance, lots of vibrant social time with more than 200 other young people, and times of reflective and powerful prayer in the wonderful setting of Lourdes, then now is the time to apply: <http://bcys.net/event/summer-lourdes-2016/> or call 01268 515970 and ask for Roisin or Natalie.

**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!

**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 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).*

*From last Wednesday's General Audience*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The *Jubilee of Mercy* was inaugurated this past week by the opening of the Holy Door, not only here in Rome but in dioceses worldwide, as a visible expression of our communion in the universal Church. Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is called to be, in Christ, the visible sign of God's merciful love for the entire human family. Each of us, by practicing charity, mercy and forgiveness, can be a sign of the power of God's love to transform hearts and to bring reconciliation and peace. By passing through the Door of Mercy during this Holy Year, we show our desire to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's redemptive love. Jesus tells us that he himself is the door to eternal life (cf. *John* 10:9), and he asks us, through genuine conversion, to open the doors of our hearts to a more sincere love of God and neighbour. A special sign of grace in this Jubilee of Mercy is the *sacrament of Penance*, in which Christ invites us to acknowledge our sinfulness, to experience his mercy, and to receive the grace which can make us ever more effective signs of his reconciling love at work in our world.

*Franciscus PP.*