

Mass Intentions for week beginning 1st March 2014

Sat 1	8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Constance & Allen Edwards RIP
Sun 2		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Bernard White RIP
Mon 3	Feria	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
Tue 4	St Casimir, King	10.00am	Kathleen Canacott RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Wed 5	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 8.00pm	March Anniversaries RIP The People of the Parish
Thur 6	Lent Feria	10.00am	Thomas Donoghue RIP
Fri 7	Lent Feria	10.00am	Jean Hobbs RIP
Sat 8	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 8	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Lilian Joan Horgan RIP
Sun 9		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Brendan Molloy RIP

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: 322

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £582.82

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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1st/2nd March 2014

8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*The Holy Father's Catechesis on the Sacraments:
Anointing of the Sick*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our catechesis on the sacraments, we now turn to the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*, which expresses God's merciful presence to the sick, the suffering and the aged. The parable of the Good Samaritan reflects our Lord's tender concern for those who suffer; like the Samaritan, and following Christ's example and teaching, the Church brings God's healing presence to the suffering through the sacramental sign of anointing with oil. As we learn from the Letter of James (5:14-15), the early Church continued his ministry to the sick through prayer and anointing by her presbyters. Through the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church accompanies us in facing the profound mystery of suffering and death. In a culture which all too often refuses to speak of these realities, we need all the more to recognize the beauty of this Sacrament and to appreciate, in spiritual solidarity with the whole Church, the presence of the Lord Jesus, who strengthens us in faith and hope, and reminds us that nothing – not even evil and death – can ever separate us from the saving power of his love.

Franciscus PP.

Ash Wednesday

**Mass with Imposition of Ashes
at 10am and 8pm**

(Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence)



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 followed by Mass in church at 8.00pm*

No FIRST COMMUNION CLASS *this Thursday (half term break). Classes will resume on Thursday 13th March 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

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).

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: at St Paul's Church, Arrowsmith Road, Hainault on *Friday 7th March at 2.00pm*. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

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 14th March.

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!



Catechism of the Catholic Church



THE BATTLE OF PRAYER (CCC 2752-2758)

Prayer presupposes an effort, a fight against ourselves and the wiles of the Tempter. The battle of prayer is inseparable from the necessary "spiritual battle" to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ: we pray as we live, because we live as we pray. In the battle of prayer we must confront erroneous conceptions of prayer, various currents of thought, and our own experience of failure. We must respond with humility, trust, and perseverance to these temptations which cast doubt on the usefulness or even the possibility of prayer.

The principal difficulties in the practice of prayer are distraction and dryness. the remedy lies in faith, conversion, and vigilance of heart. Two frequent temptations threaten prayer: lack of faith and acedia - a form of depression stemming from lax ascetical practice that leads to discouragement. Filial trust is put to the test when we feel that our prayer is not always heard. the Gospel invites us to ask ourselves about the conformity of our prayer to the desire of the Spirit. "Pray constantly" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). It is always possible to pray. It is even a vital necessity. Prayer and Christian life are inseparable. The prayer of the hour of Jesus, rightly called the "priestly prayer" (cf John 17), sums up the whole economy of creation and salvation. It fulfils the great petitions of the Our Father.

*The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
for the month of March*

General Intention: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.
Missionary Intention: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.