

Mass Intentions for week beginning 13th February 2016

Sat 13	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Jiri Pechan (Snr) RIP
Sun 14		10.00am 12noon	Salvador & Ligia Fernandes RIP Pro Populo
Mon 15	Lent Feria	8.00am 10.00am	Gilda Pednekar RIP Marie Keegan RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
		6.30pm	Private Intention (FC) (1962 Missal)
Tue 16	Lent Feria	10.00am	Jim O'Brien RIP
Wed 17	Lent Feria	10.00am	Kathleen Smyth RIP
Thur 18	Lent Feria	10.00am	Intentions of Baker Family RIP
Fri 19	Lent Feria	10.00am	For Irene Mekako (<i>birthday</i>)
Sat 20	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 20	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Jerry Baker RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sun 21		10.00am 12noon	Camilo & Romaldina Vas RIP Pro Populo

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: 364

(Ash Wednesday: 194)

Offertory Collection last weekend: £699.48

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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13th / 14th February 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

The Holy Father's Lent Message 2016 (Part 1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. *Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized*

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative “24 Hours for the Lord”, I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God’s word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God’s closeness and forgiveness.

After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her *Magnificat*, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related – even on the etymological level – to the maternal womb (*rahamim*) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (*hesed*) shown within marriage and family relationships.

Franciscus PP.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

Dear Parishioners,

I strongly encourage you to read this week's newsletter insert and reflect upon it. If you feel that you are called to be a Steward of the Gospel in our parish, please contact me (email is the best method!) as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Fr Jean-Claude Selvini



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.

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).

This Monday:

8.00am Mass

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers

6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

This Sunday:

4.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

This Saturday:

9.00am Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Next Sunday:

4.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

THE CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is *this Friday (19th February)* with the collection on *Sunday 21st*. This year the emphasis is on the provision of water for the poorest countries where many girls are not able to attend school as they are having to walk many miles each day to collect water for their families. Cafod is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to these families and the good news is the Government will double all monies donated so please be as generous as possible. Envelopes will be available at the back of church.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY (REDBRIDGE DEANERY): each month during the Year of Mercy a *Reconciliation Service* will be held in one of the parishes of Redbridge Deanery. The first of these will take place at St Cedd's Church, Goodmayes, on *Tuesday*

16th February at 7.30pm. The next will be at St John the Baptist, Ilford, on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 16th February - 6.45 to 9.00pm at St. Augustine's Barkingside – all welcome.

The Four Ends of the Mass:

- *Adoration* - through the Mass, we give God solemn worship, praise and honour.
- *Thanksgiving* - through the Mass, we thank God for all He has bestowed.
- *Propitiation* - through the Mass (the re-presentation of the Sacrifice of Christ upon Calvary), God's justice for the sins of mankind is satisfied.
- *Petition* - through the Mass, we present God with our needs and ask for graces.

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.

Holy Year of Mercy

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- * To instruct the ignorant;
- * To counsel the doubtful;
- * To admonish sinners;
- * To bear wrongs patiently;
- * To forgive offences willingly;
- * To comfort the afflicted;
- * To pray for the living and the dead.

Corporal Works of Mercy:

- * To feed the hungry;
- * To give drink to the thirsty;
- * To clothe the naked;
- * To shelter the homeless;
- * To visit the sick;
- * To visit those in prison;
- * To bury the dead.

During this Lenten Season let us reflect upon the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and decide how we can incorporate them into our daily life as Followers of Christ.