

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 4th March 2017**

Sat 4	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Kathleen Canacott RIP ( <i>anniv.</i> )
Sun 5		10.00am 12noon	Brian Nash RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 6	Lent Feria	6.30pm	Special Intention (Pinto) (1962 <i>Missal</i> )
Tue 7	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Wed 8	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Thur 9	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Fri 10	Lent Feria	10.00am	Madeleine Selvini RIP (birthday)
Sat 11	Lent Feria	No Rosary / no morning Mass	
Sat 11	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 12		10.00am 12noon	Osmund McMahon Rip ( <i>anniv.</i> ) Herbert Apaloo RIP ( <i>birthday</i> )

**Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm**

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

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Alan & Kathleen Newell, 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, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, 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: 371**

**(Ash Wednesday: 190)**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £767.93**

**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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**4th-5th March 2017**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)*

## *The Holy Father's Lent Message 2017 (Part 1)*

*The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel 2:12*), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. *Luke 16:19-31*). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

*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 fellow parishioners.

### THIS MONDAY:

6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)  
(no morning Mass / no Novena Prayers)

### *This Sunday:*

5.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

LENT FAST DAY is on *Friday 10th March*. CAFOD envelopes will be available at the back of church. They should be returned the following Sunday with your offering.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** meets *this Thursday at 7.00pm*

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017:** The next session is *NEXT SUNDAY* at St John Vianney, Clayhall, starting at 3.00pm promptly.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, LISIEUX, PARIS, NEVERS & ROCAMADOUR** by luxury coach *from 27th May to 3rd June* for £679 including all excursions, travelling from London E13.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** *from 4th to 12th September* for £1,197 including all excursions, flying from London Heathrow.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** celebrating 100 years of Fatima *from 26th November to 2nd December*, including all excursions for £689, flying from London Heathrow.

*For further information call Mrs R. Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027301*

### 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 their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

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.

### LENT LECTURES AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

11 CHURCH HILL, EPPING CM16 4RA

“The Privilege of Suffering” Dr Colin Harte will speak on suffering, as we find it difficult to cope with and understand. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ. *Monday 6th March 2017 at 8.00pm*

“The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia” Fr Alban McCoy OFM, Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, will speak on Pope Francis' reflection on the recent Synod of Bishops, on the family, and pastoral practice and moral issues, on *Monday 13th March 2017 at 8.00pm*

“Being a Catholic Doctor in 21st Century England & staying true to the Catholic Faith - lessons for a lay Catholic”. Dr Charlie O'Donnell FRCP, Consultant on Emergency Medicine & Intensive Care, will speak on the challenges facing doctors who follow Christian and moral principles on *Monday 20th March 2017 at 8.00pm*.

All are welcome and admission is free.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

*Saturday 22nd July 2017*



Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. We will dedicate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. Our Parish contact is *Gail Hewett (07989 879148)*. *Tickets for the coach are available from her (adults: £15 / children under 12 FREE).*

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

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.