

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 18th March 2017**

Sat 18	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Madeleine Selvini RIP ( <i>1st anniv.</i> )
Sun 19		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Terry Cook RIP
Mon 20	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY	10.00am 6.30pm	Martin Smyth RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Romeo Nardone RIP ( <i>1962 Missal</i> )
Tue 21	Lent Feria	10.00am	James Armstrong RIP
Wed 22	Lent Feria	10.00am	Thomas Stack RIP
Thur 23	Lent Feria	10.00am	For the Family of Ella Anern RIP
Fri 24	Lent Feria	10.00am	For Mary Mahon (ill)
Sat 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham
Sat 25	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)	6.00pm	Ron Handford RIP
Sun 26		10.00am 12noon	Peter Hetherington RIP & Intentions of Betty Hetherington The People of the Parish / Martin Tay RIP ( <i>10th anniv.</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'alters, 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: 411**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £870.23**

**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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**18th-19th March 2017**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

*(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)*

## *The Holy Father's Lent Message 2017 (Part 3)*

### **2. Sin blinds us**

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. *Jeremiah* 10:9) and kings (cf. *Judges* 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride.

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (*1 Timothy* 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches,

nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (*Matthew 6:24*).

*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:

**10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers**  
**6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**

#### *This Sunday:*

**5.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

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

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be an **EASTER RAFFLE** this year, to be drawn after the 10 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday – proceeds to **Aid to the Church in Need (Persecuted Christians)**. Tickets (£1 a strip) will be available from next Sunday. Refreshments in the Hall after the Mass.

**RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – Tuesday 21st March - 6.45pm to 9.00pm at St. Augustine's Barkingside – all welcome.**

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** for Mgr Canon Michael Corley RIP: Reception of his body on **Tuesday 4th April** at 6.30pm in Brentwood Cathedral. Requiem Mass the following day at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

#### 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. The Bishop 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).**

**NEW PUBLICATION: *The Diocese of Brentwood – 100 Years in Pictures***, a Souvenir Booklet to mark our Diocesan Centenary, 110 pages with more than 300 colour and black & white photographs. Copies may be ordered from: *Centenary Booklet, Brentwood Diocesan Archives, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT*. The Suggested Donation is £7 per copy (plus £2 postage & packing). Cheques should be made in favour of BRCDDT.

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

**ALDER HOUSE CHESHIRE HOME** are holding a Table Top Sale on **Saturday 8th April** from 10.00 till 12.00. No item will cost more than £1.00. Please come and support your local home for disabled people. The home is on Lambourne Road IG7 6HH

#### 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.