

Mass Intentions for week beginning 15th March 2014

Sat 15	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Munnely & Cadam Families RIP Intentions of Chris Piotrowski The People of the Parish
Sun 16		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 17	ST PATRICK, BP PATRON OF IRELAND	10.00am	Bernard White RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Mass (1962 Missal)
Tue 18	Lent Feria	6.30pm	
Wed 19	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY	10.00am	Murphy & Killoran Families RIP
Thur 20	Lent Feria	10.00am	The Holy Father's Intentions (Anniversary of Inauguration)
Fri 21	Lent Feria	10.00am	For Peggy Mitchell (ill)
Sat 22	Lent Feria	10.00am	For Martin Walsh (special intention)
Sat 22	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 22	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm	Jean Hobbs RIP Jean Cockram RIP The People of the Parish
Sun 23		10.00am 12noon	

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Josie D'alters, 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: 341

Offertory Collection last weekend: £726.25

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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15th/16th March 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

On the Second Sunday of Lent

Today, the *Second Sunday of Lent*, as we continue on the penitential journey, the liturgy invites us, after presenting the Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert last week, to reflect on the extraordinary event of the Transfiguration on the mountain. Considered together, these episodes anticipate the Paschal Mystery: Jesus' struggle with the tempter precludes the great final duel of the Passion, while the light of his transfigured Body anticipates the glory of the Resurrection. On the one hand, we see Jesus, fully man, sharing with us even temptation; on the other, we contemplate him as the Son of God who divinizes our humanity. Thus, we could say that these two Sundays serve as pillars on which to build the entire structure of Lent until Easter, and indeed, the entire structure of Christian life, which consists essentially in paschal dynamism: from death to life.

The mountain - Mount Tabor, like Sinai - is the place of nearness to God. Compared with daily life it is the lofty space in which to breathe the pure air of creation. It is the place of prayer in which to stand in the Lord's presence like Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside the transfigured Jesus and spoke to him of the "exodus" that awaited him in Jerusalem, that is, his Pasch. The Transfiguration is a prayer event: in praying, Jesus is immersed in God, closely united to him, adhering with his own human will to the loving will of the Father, and thus light invades him and appears visibly as the truth of his being: he is God, Light of Light. Even Jesus' raiment becomes dazzling white. This is reminiscent of the white garment worn by neophytes. Those who are reborn in Baptism are clothed in light, anticipating heavenly existence (cf. Rev 7: 9, 13). This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses his glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father's voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims

Jesus his beloved Son as he did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: "Listen to him" (Mt 17: 5). To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following him on the way of the Cross, carrying in our heart like him the hope of the Resurrection. "Spe salvi", saved in hope. Today we can say: "Transfigured in hope".

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (2008)

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 neighbour.

This Monday:

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS *this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall*

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS *this Thursday 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

QUIZ in aid of the Redbridge Alzheimers Café on Saturday 12th April at 8.00pm. Tickets (£6 including supper) from Sheila (020 8500 0073), Vonnice (01708 761 317) or the Bar.

HIT THE ROAD – SATURDAY 3rd MAY 2014. The Campion School is organising a fourth fundraising walk for the Teenage Cancer Trust. If you enjoy a good walk in good company, please consider joining us. This year's 20 mile route – **the LONDON LOOP** - starts from Tower Hill Station (meeting at 10 for 10.30 start) and goes along the Regent's Canal via Little Venice, through several London Parks and then back along the Thames Path to St Katherine Docks. Two shorter routes are also available. The entry fee of £15

Adults/£10 Concessions includes a t-shirt. Entry forms are available from the school website www.campion.havering.sch.uk or telephone Caroline Meehan on 01708 452332 ext 244.

"HOW THE URSULINE SISTERS CAME TO BRENTWOOD": a talk by Sr. Anne Spilberg, Leader of the Brentwood Ursuline Congregation, to the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will take place on **Saturday 22nd March** at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood at 2.30 pm. All welcome. Any enquiries, please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

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.



Catechism of the Catholic Church



OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN (CCC 2797-2802)

Simple and faithful trust, humble and joyous assurance are the proper dispositions for one who prays the Our Father.

We can invoke God as "Father" because the Son of God made man has revealed him to us. In this Son, through Baptism, we are incorporated and adopted as sons of God.

The Lord's Prayer brings us into communion with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. At the same time it reveals us to ourselves (cf GS 22 # 1).

Praying to our Father should develop in us the will to become like him and foster in us a humble and trusting heart.

When we say "Our" Father, we are invoking the new covenant in Jesus Christ, communion with the Holy Trinity, and the divine love which spreads through the Church to encompass the world.

"Who art in heaven" does not refer to a place but to God's majesty and his presence in the hearts of the just. Heaven, the Father's house, is the true homeland toward which we are heading and to which, already, we belong.