

Services During the Week

(Morning Prayer - 20 mins prior to each weekday Mass)

Sat 09 Feb 6.00 pm	Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Our Parish Community.</i>
Sun 10 Feb 08.00 am 10.30 am	The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Sr Margaret Keane. RIP</i> <i>Mass Mick Herbert. RIP</i>
Mon 11 Feb 09.30 am 2.00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Mass Francis Britto. RIP Anniversary</i> <i>Funeral Mass for Douglas Veron Lobo. RIP</i>
Tues 12 Feb 09.30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Private Intentions</i>
Wed 13 Feb 09.30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Dermot O'Leary. RIP Anniversary</i>
Thur 14 Feb 09.30 am	St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop <i>Mass Rosa Rodrigues. RIP Anniversary</i>
Frid 15 Feb 09.30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Andrew Fontenelle. RIP</i>
Sat 16 Feb 5.00 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions</i>
Sat 16 Feb 6.00 pm	Vigil Mass for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Kathleen Delaney. RIP</i>
Sun 17 Feb 08.00 am 10.30 am	The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass Therese Lin Sin Cho. RIP Anniversary</i> <i>Mass Our Parish Community.</i>

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Unless otherwise stated, there is a Holy Hour every Saturday from 5 pm, during which time the priest will be available in the Reconciliation Room to hear confessions. Confessions are also available on request after weekday Masses or whenever Fr Matthew is in the Presbytery, or by appointment at any time.

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 10 February 2019

On Monday we celebrate the feast of the principal patroness of the Diocese of Brentwood, Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. To visit Lourdes is to be given a wonderful reminder of the innate dignity of every person, a worth measured not on productivity or spending power but on the depth of love God has for each one of us. In our 'throw away' culture those who are frail, elderly, sick or disabled are often seen as a burden rather than the gift that every person is, and we should resist this tendency with every ounce of our being. Another form of this evil of dehumanizing the children of God is that of slavery and human trafficking. On Friday the Church commemorated St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese woman sold into slavery as a young girl, treated so harshly that she forgot her name; eventually she gained her freedom aided by a community of religious sisters in Venice, whom she joined after coming to faith and being baptised. She said later "If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today" – a profound testament to her faith and her love of God but no justification for the way she had been treated. Her feast day is fitting also the Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking. Let us pray for all whose human dignity is in any way denied by others; all who are treated as commodities, and all who are considered burdensome.

The celebration of our Diocesan feast is an opportune time to give some thought – and prayer – to the plan for the restructuring and renewal of our diocese. Many of you will have read the Vision Document "Shaping Our Future" which is still online at the diocesan website. Alongside the 12 strands for renewal, the plan for restructuring involves groups of parishes being formed into Parish Partnerships. Every parish in the diocese (except the Cathedral) belongs to a partnership. These are not formal linkages, but a means of encouraging close collaboration whilst also working towards a sustainable local plan for the pastoral and sacramental care of the communities within each partnership.

Our parish is joining St John the Baptist, Ss Peter & Paul's, St Cedd's, and St Bede's. In the diocesan plan this is referred to as the 'Ilford Partnership' but locally we are calling it the 'Palmer Partnership' in honour of Canon Palmer who was a great builder of schools and churches in this area. Stewards and clergy of these five parishes have met to start thinking about the local plan we will need to submit to the Bishop at the end of the year. It seems a given that two priests of the Missionaries of La Salette will continue to be based at St Cedd's, and it is likely that they will eventually (i.e. at least a few years from now) become responsible for St Teresa's. However, there will be a significant degree of collaboration between all five parishes and the clergy of the partnership. We will be discussing what this collaboration will look like in future meetings, and some things such as shared catechesis may happen well before there are any changes in the number of priests. We will also be looking at Mass times, to ensure that the weekend Mass schedule is sustainable with four priests in the future. There is no sense of us being in competition with our partnership parishes and whilst some changes may be harder to accept there are also exciting possibilities of working together for the spread of the gospel in our area, which is ultimately what we are about.

Please pray for this work, and feel free to make any suggestions to myself or our Steward of the Gospel, Jane McParland.

God Bless

Fr Matthew

Church Rotas

This Week: Cleaning - Team B.

Next Weekend:

Readers - 6.00 pm: Giuseppe. **08.00 am:** Angela. **10.30 am:** Julia. Lesly.

Eucharistic Ministers - 6.00 pm: Michael N. Margaret O'L. **08.00 am:** Gilbert, Stephen. **10.30 am:** Atilla, Mavis, Pam, Margaret Flavin, Sylvia.

Small Linen Laundry - Gladys. **Flowers** - Edna & Lily.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH

Parish - Regular Notices

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important to let Fr Matthew know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for those in our community who are sick and housebound as well as the patients in Goodmayes, King George's and Queen's Hospitals. Also, the sick Priests of the Diocese - Frs Tom Jordan & Martin Nott.

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY: Alice Baker, Louisa Burrell, John Coveney, William Curtis, Daniel Dalziel, Stephen Delaney, Patrick Denihan, Catherine Griffin, John Griffin, Arthur Hance, Yvonne Inije, Hugh Jordan, Ruby London, William Murphy, Dermot O'Leary, Jai Ramcharan, Mary Steel, Rose Valentine, Margaret Wendon and Tom Wilkins.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please contact Helen Mac Mahon on 020 8590 9981 who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

MASS REQUESTS: Special envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it.

CHURCH HALL: The Church Hall is available for bookings by Parishioners. Please contact Sid on 07887983310 for bookings and conditions.

CHURCH CAR PARK: Please remember it is essential that emergency vehicles have clear access to the Church at all times. During the week, please do not park in front of the Hall gate and remember to leave your details at the Parish Office if you are leaving your car here outside Mass times.

CHURCH GROUNDS: Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY: Tea & coffee will once again be available NEXT WEEK in the Hall after Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr Matthew and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

Meetings this Week

Sunday: KSC in the Pastoral Centre at 09.00 am.
Monday: St Teresa's Ladies Guild in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.
Tuesday: Coffee Morning Group in the Pastoral Centre after Mass.
Legion of Mary in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.
Prayer Group in the Church at 7.30 pm.

Parish - In & Around

DOUGLAS LOBO, RIP: Please pray for the repose of Douglas Lobo, who died last month. His funeral is to take place here **on this coming Monday, (11 February) at 2.00 pm.** Please pray for Sally and all who mourn him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: The Offertory collection (inc. Standing Orders) for **last weekend amounted to £1,032.95 of which 73% was "Gift Aided"**. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: There will be a retiring collection after all Masses **this weekend** for the **"Diocesan Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund"**. All the money raised will be used to enable those who perhaps would not be able to afford to join the pilgrimage to go along. Also, the money allows us to subsidise our nurses and helpers, who give so generously of their time. Donations may be **"Gift Aided"**, so those in the **"Gift Aid"** scheme, please remember to use one of your **"Special Collection"** envelopes for your donation and the fund will benefit by a further 25%. If you have run out of these or don't belong to the envelope scheme but are nevertheless a taxpayer, then please use one of the special light blue **"Gift Aid"** envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

CRIB DONATIONS: Donations received at the Crib this year **totalled £559.43.** A cheque has now been sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and on their behalf, we thank you very much for your generosity.

RAMFEL: Donations of non-perishable food for the RAMFEL Foodbank may be left in the Sacristy **next weekend**, to support refugee families living in our local area. Cereal, rice, tuna, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, long-life milk and orange juice are especially welcome. Unfortunately, RAMFEL is

currently unable to accept donations of clothing. For more information please visit www.ramfel.org.uk/wordpress/news/

PARISH ROTAS: A new rotas for Eucharistic Ministers is currently being prepared by Pam Fitch and she would be extremely grateful if everyone on the current rota would please let her know of any weekends in the 3-month period to end May **when they will not be available** to undertake their ministry. You can email Pam at mfitch35@yahoo.com or call her on 020 8554 0257.

ST TERESA'S LADIES GUILD: The Guild is open to all women in the parish and operates as an informal group. It is hoped that this informality will help attract many women of the parish to join. **The next meeting of the Guild will be at 7.30 pm on this coming Monday, (11 February) in the Pastoral Centre.**

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: If you are feeling drawn to the Catholic faith and would like to begin exploring the possibility of baptism or being received into the full communion of the church if you were baptised in another Christian community or completing the journey of initiation if you have not yet been confirmed, please speak to Fr Matthew as soon as possible. You will not be committed to anything at this stage, only encouraged to seek the gift of faith with an open heart.

TWIN PARISH: Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the parish of Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, with whom we are twinned and their parish priest, Fr Mandla Makhanya.

VISITORS: If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome, and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a tax payer and would like to **"Gift Aid"** your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special **"Gift Aid"** envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.



ST HELEN'S CHURCH, WESTCLIFF ON SEA: St. Helen's will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year and we are asking any couples who married in the church to please contact the Parish Office 01702 342324 with date of marriage, full names and a wedding photo. These will be displayed and the couples invited to attend a mass for a special blessing. (Please advise if you do not wish for the photos to be added to the Parish Facebook page).

REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM: The next is a Women's Interfaith Workshop at Ilford Islamic Centre, 52-56 Albert Road, Ilford IG1 1HW, **on this coming**

Wednesday, (13 February) from 1.15 pm -3.15 pm. In this latest series of Women's Workshops, we will be exploring the fascinating and diverse customs, traditions and ceremonies relating to the birth of a new child. Please come along to our second Workshop to hear from our Muslim and Jewish women speakers about birth customs in their faith communities. In future workshops we will hear from women of other faiths.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK - NEW DATE: Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on "The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion" **next Saturday, (16 February) from 10.30 am-12.00 noon** at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. For further information contact jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 265285.

ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT - VACANT FLATS AVAILABLE: The Retreat which has its Open Day **next Saturday, (16 February)** offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm - more information from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy - 27 The Retreat, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0JG on 01844) 344437. For further information email info@stscholasticas.co.uk or visit www.stscholasticas.co.uk

CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT: A time for prayer, reflection, and renewal of life. **From 09.00 am on Monday, 18 February to 4.00pm on Thursday, 21 February** at St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate. All are welcome. For bookings and more information contact 07721 624883/01843 586904. To register online go to <http://divineuk.org/events/ramsgate-hesed-youth-retreat-feb-2019>

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: The next Recollection evening will take place **from 6.45 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, 19 February** at St Augustine's Church, Barkingside and all are welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LONDON LAUNCH EVENT: Come and see how you can help save lives in London, hear Alina's remarkable story and join us for a buffet and beverages **at 7.30 pm-9 pm on Wednesday, 20 February** at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London, W1D 4NR, UK (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road) For further information call Sarah on 07776 256838 or email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: The Catholic Fellowship organises catechetics groups for the preparation of people of all ages with learning disabilities for the reception of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Lourdes trips and holidays. The annual Mass with the Bishop for the Fellowship will be held **at 3.00 pm on Saturday, 23 February in Brentwood Cathedral**, followed by a reception in the Hall. Everyone is

welcome to attend, most especially, people with Special Needs and their Carers.

CALLING ALL YOUNG CATHOLICS: The deadline for applications to be an intern with Faith in Politics, the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme, is approaching - but it is not too late to apply. The intern scheme provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. For more info go to www.faithinpolitics.org.uk **Deadline for applications is Thursday, 28 February.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The World Day of Prayer, formally the Women's World Day of Prayer, will be held at St Peters Church, Aldborough Hatch **at 2 pm on Friday, 01 March** and all are welcome.

BCCS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: BCCS is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us **on Saturday, 15 June at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 pm.** Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee **until Friday, 01 March** after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite - www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for The Priests under Event, or, click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under Our 35th Anniversary/ Anniversary Events. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

CALAIS LIGHT: Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? We run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral with the **next trip being over the weekend of 01-03 March.** This we'll be supporting a different charity, Care4Calais, who go out with their volunteers to distribute aid, clothes & food to refugees. Please think about this & volunteer with us. Sign up to volunteer on our "Calais Light" Facebook page, or email calaislight@yahoo.com or visit www.calaislight.com. If you can't, please donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight.

COLCHESTER LENT TALKS (with guest speakers) will be held at St James the Less and St Helens church **every Friday starting on 08 March - 12 April at 7.30 pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Admission Free. All are welcome.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its

founding. The Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge **on Saturday, 09 March**. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for BCCS. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment on 01268 784544 /07912277413 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS: A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, **on Saturday, 16 March**. Six years after his election, we look at Pope Francis' efforts to bring renewal to the Catholic Church. The speaker will be Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, who is Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. The day begins at 11 am and ends at 3 pm. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

CATHOLIC TEACHING: Two fantastic opportunities from the Agnus Dei Teaching School Alliance. The first **on Thursday, 21 March** - "Get Into Teaching - Catholic Education" is a drop-in event in Billericay for anyone considering a career in teaching (primary or secondary) who wants to find out more about training and employment opportunities. The second **on Saturday, 06 April** - "Moving Into Catholic Education" is a Saturday networking event with a free lunch provided in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school. For more details please contact <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> or email agnusdei@stbons.org

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT: Help get the homeless out of the cold! This winter Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Support them! Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick **on 12 -13 April**. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15 pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: From 07-14 May with the parishioners from Holy Family Church, Dagenham, led by Fr Stephen Myers. Cost is £1363 per person including flights with El-Al. This price includes half-board

accommodation based on shared rooms with private facilities and two lunches. Contact the Parish Office on 020 8592 1634 for further information.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May to Friday, 31 May with St Helen's, Westcliff on Sea. Flying from Southend airport and staying at the 4* Hotel Grande Moderne on full board basis. Price £545 per Adult based on two sharing a twin room. For further details please ring Sue Baillie on 07979746707.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Fully escorted pilgrimage **leaving on Monday, 27 May**. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to admin@stteresasnewbpark.com The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter **is Thursday 12 noon**. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to include all requests we receive in the paper edition but we will make every effort to accommodate articles and insertion requests in the on-line edition including job vacancies.

Job Opportunities

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: An opportunity has arisen for a Research Assistant to work with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supporting the work of the Social Justice team. For a job description and for further information please contact HR@cbcew.org.uk or visit www.cbcew.org.uk Applicants must confirm their right to work in the UK and forward a full CV and covering letter illustrating their skills and motivation for this role to HR@cbcew.org.uk

HEAD OF SCHOOL SERVICES: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic team manager who has the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to lead our School Service provision. The Head of School Services will provide professional support, supervision, training and leadership to social workers and counsellors who work in the school setting. Please visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk to download post details, or email bfisher@bccs.org.uk for further information or to arrange an informal chat.