



## The Holy Family Catholic Church

Parish Priest

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### 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

*The third great baptismal text, the raising of Lazarus, brings us face to face with Jesus, the Resurrection. In him, we are destined for life, the life of God himself. As we look to his resurrection, we are made sure by our faith that we shall also share in it ourselves, through the Holy Spirit, which is given to us.*

### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Good Friday, Christians of every denomination all over the world will remember Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross. Most will use it as a time of reflection and personal sacrifice. It is the perfect time for sharing such an enigmatic event with our church community, friends and family.

As we encounter on that day our fellow believers in the church's adoration of the cross, we continue to support each other in the path or pilgrimage towards personal and communal redemption.

Interestingly enough in other parts of the world as many gather, people may take part in celebrations that could be seen as odd cultural practices in order to express their faith, but at the end the essence is the same: our common salvation through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

The most important point made by Jesus' sacrifice and death is that this Calvary was a path that He chose to take. It was no accident that He fell into the hands of those that wanted Him dead, no accident that He walked the road to Calvary carrying the cross, no accident that He suffered and died.

Every moment of His life since his birth, every moment in his personal history, prepared Him for this day, a day to fulfil what was promised from of old, in order to repair the relationship broken between man and God. Even in the days leading to His crucifixion, He could have

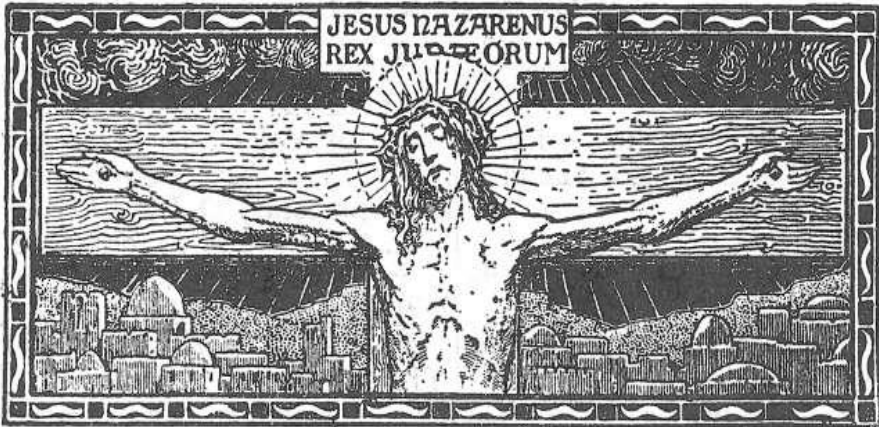
chosen another path that would have allowed Him to escape, but He didn't.

In fact, the night before in the garden of Gethsemane, he agonized in prayer and even asked his father God to be spared from his coming suffering. But He then stood up and chose the coming suffering, His coming death, in complete submission to the will of God.

Therefore on this Good Friday, I would encourage all to take the time to come to church to deeply meditate and reflect on all those teachings that have been shared in church throughout the period of Lent, to seek sources and facts to study and pray more about His suffering and death, in order to fully integrate them into our Christian life.

We may use any secondary sources as starting point, but remember that the original source, the gospels, are an even better starting point for any personal reflection about the most grandiose act of love ever made for mankind: salvation through the suffering of the cross.

**Yours in Christ,  
Rick Fernandez, seminarian**



**We pray for the members of our parish community who are ill or unable to come to Mass especially:**

|                    |                  |                 |                |              |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Sheila Beeching    | Anna Flynn       | Molly Drea      | Bridget Moran  | Tom Coffey   |
| Louisa Cooley      | Maureen Bushell  | Lucy Smith      | Letty Walsh    | Oliver Ryan  |
| Myla Lebersidge    | Maureen Harvey   | Lucia Watson    | John Connors   | Ibiron Ayool |
| Catherine Watkins  | Andy Gallagher   | Tony Leahy      | Mark Paton     | Olive Edgar  |
| Dennis O'Flaherty  | Eddie Fitzgerald | Gabriella Byrne | Mary Wallace   | Marian Hare  |
| Ronald Prendergast | Danny O'Riordan  | Michael Harvey  | Doreen Hegarty | Teresa Knott |
| Jean-Claud Norlaya | Pauline Egbunike |                 |                |              |

***May they experience the healing touch of Jesus***

**Gift Aid**

If you pay tax then please join the Gift Aid scheme, which allows the parish to reclaim an extra 25% of your offering from the Government. Please ask Marian at the back of the Church for a form.

**Use of the Parish Toilet**

An adult must **always** accompany **Children** using the Parish toilet. Hand-towels and nappies must not be flushed down the toilet.

**Church Etiquette**

As a courtesy to others, you or your children **please refrain from eating**.

**Parking Notice**

**Do not** park in front of School gates or the stairs of the Hall as they are for emergency access. Do not Double Park up against another vehicle. **Do not park** over The Presbytery or neighbours' drives.

**Help required:**

**Thank you to the People who have already volunteered to help. We are now dealing with your requests. You will be hearing from us shortly.**

**RCIA**

Group 4 your next session is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm.

Group 3 your next session is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm.

**Help Required**

We urgently need help with the counting of the collection on a Monday Morning or Sunday after the 11.00am Mass. Please telephone the Parish Office.

**Join Saturday Evening Mass Choir**

If you're between 10 and 18 years old and interested in praising and celebrating the Lord with your voice, please join our Saturday Evening mass choir. Rehearsals are at 5pm before mass. Please contact Lysianne 07939756422, "...those who sing pray twice." –St. Augustine.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage**

7 Nights half board, airport flight with 20Kg luggage and airport transfers 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, Gatwick to Dubrovnik 459 Euros per person, Email jackiemulort@btinternet.com or call on 020 3239 8662.

### **Seder Meal**

Holy Family Parish Community is organizing the traditional Jewish Seder Meal on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm, in the CASA lower hall, Oxlow Lane, Dagenham. Tickets for Adults £15.00, Children 10 to 16 years £10.00, and children under 10 years £5.00. Come and join a celebration of prayer, food and community.

### **The Ursuline Academy Ilford**

Employment Opportunities. We are looking to recruit 4 creative, enthusiastic, inspiring individuals September 2017 teachers in English, Science specialising in Physics and Maths, April 2017 a Teacher of Mathematics (Maternity cover) and March 2017 – a Learning Support Assistant. Closing dates vary. For further information: [www.uai.org.uk](http://www.uai.org.uk) or email [bbarnes@uai.org.uk](mailto:bbarnes@uai.org.uk)

### **Governor Training**

At Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CM15 8AT. There is a change of date for the Summer Term Governor Training: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 10.30am -12.00noon. The Autumn Term date is: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 10.30am-12.00pm. This training will be led by Mr. Chris Birtles Headteacher of St Thomas of Canterbury School, Grays. For further details please contact: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tele. 01277 265285.

### **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society**

In Rayleigh is looking for a new Trustee to join the Board. If you have accounting or finance skills and would like to join the talented Board of this wonderful diocesan charity please contact Steven Webb on 01268 784544 or [swebb@bccs.org.uk](mailto:swebb@bccs.org.uk)

### **Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre**

Are looking for two women to travel to Rwanda to teach English to our sisters. It will be for six months, during the calendar year Sep. 2017 and Sept. 2018 dates to be agreed with the candidates. The closing date for Applications is 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 [projects@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:projects@canonesses.co.uk) telephone 01206 869479.

### **Mobile Phones**

You are politely reminded not to use mobile phones in Church and especially during any Mass. **Please make sure your phone is switched off or on silent when you enter the church.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **National Shrine of Our Lady Pilgrimage for all Parishes**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July there is a Centenary Pilgrimage to R.C. National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham, Norfolk. If you wish to attend please advise the Presbytery Office as soon as possible as we will be hiring a coach for this occasion and will need the number of people who would like to attend. Please see notice Board. Office hours 9:30am to 1:00pm Monday to Friday.

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

Bishop Alan is celebrating a Mass in thanksgiving for Marriage and the Family at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday in July by invitation only. Date and time will be advised later.

## **Pilgrimages**

Holy Land from 4<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> September price £1,197 including excursions. Flying from London Heathrow.

Celebrating 100 years of Fatima from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December including all excursions price £689. Flying from Heathrow. For further information call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859027301.

## **Diocesan Centenary**

From 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> June a diocesan Centenary Exhibition of Photographs, documents and artefacts, will be mounted in the Entrance Foyer of the Conference Room at Cathedral House.

A Centenary Booklet will also be available details will be available later.

## **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 BRCDT.

## **Confirmation**

We require help with the Confirmation Programme. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist and helping our young people with their Confirmation Sessions please write to Father Stephen.

## **St Vincents Catholic Primary School**

Requires a Class Teacher to join our School team in September 2017. Visits to the school are welcome. Please contact Mrs Rector in the school office to arrange a visit 0208 270 6695. Website – [www.st-vincent.barking-dagenham.sch.uk](http://www.st-vincent.barking-dagenham.sch.uk) All employment at St. Vincent's School is subject to a Clear Enhanced DBS Police Check, Satisfactory References and Medical Check.

## **Essex Recusant Society**

(Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) are have a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY at 2.30pm. Janet Cosgrove will speak on "Anti-Catholic Feeling in Brentwood , 1851-1861".

## **Music for Small Choirs**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's, Wickham Bishops CM8 3LA. You will be working with James Davy, Organist and Master of Choristers at Chelmsford Cathedral. The workshop will include a warm up session, exercises to improve singing technique, pieces for small choirs to sing during Communion, short Anthems etc. Entrance is free but donations to the RSCM are very welcome. Refreshments provided. For more information and to book, please contact Sue Handscombe 01621 742057. This should be a highly useful and enjoyable session, as well as giving the chance to make music together in a relaxed environment. All singers very welcome whether or not you belong to a choir at the moment.

## **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society**

Are hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians performing a selection of classical favourites. Tickets are £25, which includes prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

## **Vacancy at St Joseph the Worker**

Deputy Headteacher required at St Joseph the Worker Primary School, Hutton, Brentwood. The Governors are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and skilled teacher as our Deputy Headteacher from September 2017. Please contact the school on 01277 227282 for an application pack and further details. Closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## **A Day With Mary**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Our Lady of Canvey and English Martyrs, Long Road, Canvey Island.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April at Westminster Cathedral. Please see the poster on the notice board in the porch for more details.

## **Vacancy at St Mary's School**

Part-Time Midday Assistant. APTC Scale 1 Points 6 to 11 (£17,364 - £19,935 per annum pro rata and hourly rate £9.25 - £9.55). Mid-Day assistant to start as soon as possible. The hours are 6¼ per week term time only and cover the lunchtime period (12:30 to 1.45pm). This post is exempt from the provision of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the successful applicants will be expected to undertake a DBS enhanced disclosure. An Application form is available from the 'Job Vacancies' section on the School's website. Closing date: Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Brentwood Deputy Director of Education**

Is seeking to appoint a talented Deputy Director to join a newly established and still evolving education department. This is an exciting time to join the education team as it develops to address the needs of Diocesan schools and Catholic education. It is essential that successful candidate has a strong record of successful leadership and management in the field of education. The Diocese of Brentwood is committed to the provision of high quality Catholic schools. In pursuit of this, the Deputy Director will work closely with the Director of Education in support of the strategic development, promotion and effectiveness of Catholic education in the Diocese. We are seeking to appoint a practising and committed Catholic with a good knowledge of Catholic schools and a clear understanding of the church's mission in education.

## **Gift Aid**

Gift Aid envelopes are in the back of the church ready to be picked up. If you would like to participate in the gift aid scheme please see Marian Hare in the repository for a form. It is of greater help for the Parish.

## Readers for Mass

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** 6:00pm Helen Young & Caroline Van Der Steen  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** 9:00am Anne Carroll & Annette O'Donoghue  
11:00am Nora Bell & ?

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April** 6:00pm Marian Fitzgerald & Helen Young  
**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 9:00am Annette O'Donoghue & Daniel Hughes  
11:00am Nkem Okoli & Veronica Obi

## Ministers for Mass

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** 6:00pm **Mariam Fitzgerald**, Danny O'Sullivan, Tracey Worby, Marian Hare, Elizabeth Collier.  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** 9:00am **Peter Hale**, Marian Fitzgerald, Amanda Shpati, Innocent Ilike, Maureen Harvey  
11:00am **Angela Milton**, Dolores Dormer, Pam Hale, Anthonia Nwanze, Veronica Obi

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April** 6:00pm **Christine Van Der Steen**, Lorraine Moore, S Roberts, Guy Attungue, Margaret Wilkinson  
**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 9:00am **Catherine Ahorituwere**, Peter Hale, Denis Ahorituwere, Matthew Onyemah, ?  
11:00am ?, Bernie McKeag, Angela Milton, Christine Maxey, ?

## Welcomers

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** 6:00pm Teresa Power & Liz Coney  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** 9:00am Annette Bowman & Ellen Murphy  
11:00am Margaret Kailondo & Robert Hale

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April** 6:00pm Cristine Vardon & Teresa Robinson  
**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 9:00am Lynda Gosling & Annette O'Donoghue  
11:00am Yvonne O'Donovan & Monica Cox

## Rotas for other Ministries

**Newsletter:** Mar: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April: Francis & Denis      8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sun): Angela & Obi

**Flowers:**      No Flowers until 15<sup>th</sup> April (All flower arrangers)

**Counting:**    2<sup>nd</sup> April: BETA      9<sup>th</sup> April: GAMMA      16<sup>th</sup> April: ALPHA

## First Holy Communion & Caliyp Group

First Communion Children your next session is on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10.00am to 12.00pm, the theme is "Last Supper: the greatest gift". Please make a note your Mass is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11:00am.

## Confirmation 2016-2017

Confirmation Candidates your next session is on 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 3:30pm to 5:00pm and your next Mass is the 16<sup>th</sup> April at .00am

## Baptism Course

The Baptism Course is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April. In the C.A.S.A. Lower Hall starting promptly at 7.30pm.

## During Lent

Please note: As from the 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Friday Morning Mass will be at 8:15am also please read the back page for other changes in Mass times for other days.

## Extra Readers Wanted

For Palm Sunday, Mundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Triduum. Please see Mariam Fitzgerald to sign up. God bless.

# Mass Intentions

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) (Laetare Sunday)

|                                 |             |                                   |                  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March | 4:45-5:45pm | Holy Hour & Benediction           |                  |
|                                 | 6:00pm      | People of the Parish              |                  |
|                                 |             | Liam O'Callaghan (RIP)            | T & Y O'Donovan  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March   | 9:00am      | Dan Elliott (RIP)                 | M & E Fitzgerald |
|                                 | 11:00am     | Thanking Parishioners for prayers | M & M Harvey     |

### Feria

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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 9:00am | Terence Groves | T & Y O'Donovan |
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### Feria

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| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 9:00am | Osita Nnaji (special intentions) | Nnaji Family |
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| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 9:00am | Nnebuogor Okoabah (RIP) | O Emiyazia |
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### Feria

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| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 9:00am | Dennis Johnson (RIP) | D Gunning |
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### Feria

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| Friday 31 <sup>th</sup> Mar | 8:15am | Bridie Seymour (RIP)  | M Quinlan |
|                             | 7:30pm | Stations of the Cross |           |

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

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|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April | 4:45-5:45pm | Holy Hour & Benediction |                     |
|                                | 6:00pm      | Liam Lawlor (RIP)       | A & J Keaney        |
|                                |             | Jack Hare (RIP)         | J Harrison & Family |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April   | 9:00am      | John Musgrove (RIP)     | Lighterness Family  |
|                                | 11:00am     | People of the Parish    |                     |

### Feria

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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | 9:00am | Michael Reynolds (RIP) | A & M Forkam |
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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April | 9:00am | Kathleen Skinner (RIP) | D Gunning |
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| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April | 9:00am | Frank McDonagh | D & G Dormar |
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### Feria

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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April | 9:00am | Fr. John McKeon Special Intention | M & M Harvey |
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### Feria

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| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April | 8:15am | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal |  |
|                              | 7:30pm | Stations of the Cross            |  |

## Palm Sunday

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|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April | 4:45-5:45pm | Holy Hour & Benediction |              |
|                                | 6:00pm      | Dorothy Harrison (RIP)  | Power family |
|                                |             | Nigel Dunphy (RIP)      | Maria        |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April   | 9:00am      | People of the Parish    |              |
|                                | 11:00am     | Breda Myers (RIP)       |              |