

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 26 Jan to Sunday 3 Feb 2019**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C): Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Helven Crouch RIP Anniv (Crouch)  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Bishop Patrick Casey RIP (1999 Anniv)  
11.00am Joan Scannell RIP (Vine-Morris)  
**3.00pm Full Sung Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> **St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor**  
9.00am People of our Parish  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Marie King's intentions  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Constance Fernandes RIP Anniv (Murray)  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> **St John Bosco, Priest**  
9.00am Hugh McAdam RIP Anniv (McAdam)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.00am Marie King's intentions

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February : The Presentation of the Lord**

**Candles will be blessed and given to people at the Feast Day Mass at 10.00am**

**Candlemas Day 10.00am** Intentions of Sr Susan on 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv of Consecration

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C): Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm Sydney Jones RIP (Aitken)  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am In Thanksgiving (Hollinshead)  
February 2019 11.00am People of our Parish

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturday 11am to 12 noon & 5.15 to 5.40pm**

**MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before weekday Mass**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT: Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass**

**PARISH MASS BOOK: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C 27 January 2019**

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill in hospital or at home so they will have visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity and Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £259.50, Loose £337.11: Standing Orders £800, CAFOD £30.36.**

**FOR HALL BOOKINGS** contact Arnold Verrall, preferably by telephone, on 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping) or mobile 07764404813 or by email [arnold\\_verrall@email.com](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**

**NEW TO OUR PARISH or have changed your address:** Please complete a Parish Registration form, available in the Church, and introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan who will welcome you to our church and parish community.

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*Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa*

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

*Dear Friends,*

“The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me”, Jesus said as he announced the words of the prophet Isaiah were being fulfilled in him (Luke 4:14-21). Anyone of us can see what spirit motivates a person to act in a particular way, sometimes it can be greed or self-centredness, sometimes it might come out of a bottle, but in the best of situations it is a generous self-sacrificing spirit to help others.

Jesus was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit of God and went about doing good (Lk1:1-4). The Holy Spirit anointed him with power, at his Baptism, by St John the Baptist in the river Jordan. By the power of the Spirit, working in and through him, Jesus preached the Good News of God's love for all people and cast out evil spirits who were opposed to his good work. He worked miracles in feeding the hungry and healing the sick. He showed people how to love God and to love one another, and sent down the Holy Spirit of love as his final and most important gift for all mankind.

Our reading from Nehemiah (8:2-10) shows the Spirit of God moving the people to tears as they listened to the law of the Lord being read to them. They had returned from seventy years of exile and slavery to their spiritual home with God in Jerusalem. As a free people, they read the Sacred Scriptures, and offered sacrifices and Psalms of Praise to God, whilst they re-dedicated and consecrated the Temple to him.

It is easy to jump to conclusions about the kind of spirit that rules or motivates people. It is more complex to work out what kind of spirit is influencing our own life. Jesus said, “by their fruits you will know them” and St Paul tells us that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control”. We should examine what we think, say and do to see if we are influencing people to good and to live according to God's law. Do we encourage people to live in a way that they grow in love for God and neighbour? Do we offer people advice that weakens or strengthens them for their responsibilities and commitments in relationship to people or God? The spirit of our society cheats us by drawing us away from love of God and neighbour. Only by following the Spirit of God, the Spirit of wisdom and love, can we find happiness and our ultimate fulfilment and destiny with God.

*May Holy Spirit of God guide us in his way, Fr John*

**MISSIO APPEAL:** This weekend, we welcome Fr Donie O'Connor, of the Mill Hill Missionaries, to speak at all Masses on the Red Mission Boxes and the work of Missio. He will show us how the boxes are a great help to spread the Gospel in developing nations and assist people living in poverty to improve their situation.

**MARIE FLOOD R.I.P.:** Many parishioners will remember Marie Flood and her family, who moved to Sawbridgeworth a few years ago, and will be sad to hear that Marie died peacefully on 4 December, aged 98. We pray that she may rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S PREPARATION:**

The children have been given a **Planner for attendance at Sunday Masses**. They are to collect a Sticker from Fr John or Deacon Duncan at the end of each Sunday Mass they attend and fix it to the box for that Sunday in their planner. If they attend Mass at another church they should get the priest there to sign the box for that Sunday, and they will then be given a sticker here. The next preparation session for the children is on **next Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January**.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION** arranged for **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January has been rescheduled to TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY at 7.30pm.**

**Last weekend** the young people in our parish who are preparing for Confirmation spent the weekend in a pre-Confirmation retreat at Walsingham House, Navestock Side, Brentwood. The retreat went very well, and they and we look forward to the Pastoral Visit by Bishop Alan to our parish on Sunday, 24 February when he will celebrate their Confirmation. May the Lord bless them with the gifts of his Spirit.

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** We have talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support the faith of family members. These are suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. They are held in **The Priest's House on Wednesdays at 8pm.**

**FULL SUNG LATIN MASS** with Gregorian Chant this **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm** at our Church. Come, pray and sing the Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass of our Church. We say thank you and good bye to Fr Mark Higgins who has been coming here on Sundays for several months to celebrate this Mass. **All Welcome!**

**SVP CONCERT FOR THE HOMELESS: THE CHOIR WITH NO NAME:**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a concert at Farm Street Jesuit Church, Mayfair on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. The proceeds will go to buy thousands of "Vinnie Packs", containing gloves, hats, socks, toothpaste brushes, and wet wipes, for people sleeping on our streets as a **"seed of comfort"**. Alexander Armstrong, the renowned soprano, Miranda Heldt plus 50 members of the homeless community choir, **"Choir with No Name"** will provide a night of music & entertainment. Tickets at £30 each are available from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk). Use their website search box to search for London Charity Events & Causes then type in "Vinnie Pack Charity Concert". Any problems please contact e Paul on 07504923428 or Margaret at the Parish Office.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL:** On **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** at St Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton there will be an evening meeting to consider future planning of the Diocese. Please speak to Fr John for details if you would like to attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS:** Please take a copy of the new rotas which are now in the post box in the church porch.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY:** The recent **retiring collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) raised £350**, which will be put to good use by SPUC and help some desperate mothers to welcome their new-born children into God's exciting world. Please pray for the work of SPUC, for those who need their help and for the many volunteers who do such good work in counselling and supporting those in need. You could help expectant mothers who are contemplating abortion by attending some of the regular prayer vigils which are organised outside the Marie Stopes Clinic in Buckhurst Hill, please see details on our Notice Board in the Church Porch or speak to Paul Ives (Telephone 07504 923428)

**ASSISTANT MANAGER WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Start Mid-August 2019.** This exciting role - leading faith-filled & engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - is ideal for someone with Lay Chaplaincy or Youth Ministry experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant team and volunteer community and help develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details at: <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019:**

Join the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** in Lourdes this Summer as we go with the diocese and assist the elderly & infirm on the pilgrimage. We also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until **31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**. The pilgrimage is open to anyone in school year 10 and above and the costs around £570 - our parish will subsidise young people from the parish who wish to go (TBC). For details and a chance to apply, visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) or for any queries, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is holding an **Anniversary Charity Ball** to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. Venue: **The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Tickets are £55 per person, which includes a drinks reception, three course dinner and a entertainment. Please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**COMMUNION DRESS & ACCESSORIES SALE** on **Saturday 2nd February, 10.30-1pm** St Augustines Church Hall Beardsley Drive Chelmsford CM1 6GQ. For more information please call Pat on 07968 314995

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS** Please save used postage stamps and place them in the Used Stamps box in our Church porch, which is on the bottom shelf under the post tray. The stamps will be given to St Clare Hospice, and can be exchanged for money.