

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
30th April and 1st May 2016

Saturday 30th April (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday 1st May 2016	9 a.m.	Tullia Borelli RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 2nd May 2016

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday	10 a.m.	Betty Bere RIP
Tuesday 3rd May	9 a.m.	Doreen Abbott RIP
Wednesday 4th May	11 a.m.	<u>Requiem</u> Betty Bere RIP
Thursday 5th May	9 a.m.	Special Intention
Friday 6th May	9 a.m.	Vincent Lundy RIP
Saturday 7th May (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Theresa Gourlay RIP
Sunday 8th May	9 a.m.	Andrew Merrick (sick)
	11 a.m.	People of Parish

Morning Prayer will be said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy, Daphne McAdam, Catherine Steel, Ann Dowd, Veronica Beard, Ann Davis, Malcolm Silver and Roger Minnis.

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Newsletter
The Church of the
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st May 2016

Dear friends,

in times past Catholics were exhorted to live in *“a state of grace”*: it is a phrase that is not used so much nowadays but it is well worth pondering afresh. To be in a state of grace is to act in accordance with God’s commandments and to take all measures necessary to avoid grave sin. Again the phrase *“mortal sin”* is not heard as often as it used to be but that too, needs to be recognised afresh. To participate in Holy Communion begs the question: *Am I in a state of grace?* To receive the Eucharist in a carnal fashion without due examination of conscience is to risk abusing the Sacrament and St Paul has strong words about such abuse in his first letter to the Corinthians. To return to a state of grace after serious violation of the commandments entails sincere repentance and humble recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To say that we love our Lord does not suffice of itself. The proof of that love is faithful adherence to what the Lord asks of us. Then we shall experience the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding.

We are now in the month of May, traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Lady. Mary gave us the supreme example of the obedience of faith when she said: *let it be done to me according to your word.*

God bless you always.

Fr James

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MAY BANK HOLIDAY: 20th May Mass at 10 a.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL: 7pm on Tuesday 10th May.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to James and Isabella Bresnick baptised this weekend.

MRS BETTY BERE RIP: Requiem 11am on Wednesday 4th May. Her coffin to be brought to church at 4pm on Tuesday 3rd May.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: The next Jumble Sale is on **Saturday 7th May 2016** at 2pm in our Church Hall. Please bring your saleable jumble to the Church porch at any convenient time, from where it will be taken for storage and pricing, ready for the big event. If you are new to the parish (or even if you are a seasoned parishioner!) and would like to join the team of helpers, either to help get the Hall ready on Friday afternoon of 6th May or to help at the Jumble Sale itself, please let Janet Abbot know (01992 571128). She will be delighted to hear from you.

There is a list in the porch for helpers who are urgently needed to set up on Friday afternoon and to sell on Saturday. Please may we have cakes too for the day. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS: Christian Aid Week is 15th -21st May- during which all collections have to be made. Many thanks to all the generous volunteers. The collection packs will be ready next weekend.

7th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 11am-5pm Saturday 4th June 2016

Celebrating The Year of Mercy with Mary, Mother of Mercy.

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Houghton St Giles, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL. Led by Mgr Keith Barltrop and Marian Fathers. Programme includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic procession, Talk on Divine Mercy, Exposition, Devotion to the Divine Mercy. All Welcome. For more information and coach booking, please contact Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY (Ealing) Tel: 020 8998 0925. E-mail: info@divinemercury.org.uk Web: www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

TEACHING VACANCY: From September 2016, the English department at Trinity Catholic High School has a full time temporary post available to cover a maternity leave post. The successful applicant will be able to offer English to Key Stage 5 to join a supportive and highly successful department.

Please download the application form from the school website. We can only accept our standard application form and not CV's. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Sam Gillary on 020 8504 3419 ext 170 or email

[mailto:sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net] sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net for further details.

Closing date for receipt of application forms is 11th May 2016.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF MERCY MASS on Sunday 8th May at 6.30 pm. Are you enslaved by any form of addiction or unhealthy dependency? Perhaps, to alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling or the virtual relationships of social media and the internet? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott College seminary.

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) with Pope Francis, Krakow, 22nd July – 2nd August 2016. If you are in school year 12 through to your early twenties, and want a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity then join Pope Francis and 3 million young people from across the world in Krakow this summer. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) trip includes the full WYD programme plus visits to the salt mines at Wieliska, a day in the mountains at Zakopane, and time visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau, as a sombre reminder of recent history. There are 90 young adults travelling and we have just 7 places remaining. The cost of £890 includes all travel, hotel accommodation and virtually all meals, as well as all excursions, and will be reduced to £640 by bursary funding if needed. For lots more information email Clare Sullivan on info@bcys.net before 14th April.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016/17: If you have not already done so, please collect your named boxes of offertory envelopes for the 2016/17 tax year from the church porch. Please let Mrs Margaret Lechley know (telephone 01992 812935) if you would like a set of envelopes or if you need a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2015/16. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

ECCA QUIZ NIGHT: Eccla are holding a quiz night on Saturday 14th May in our church hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of 8 - (10 max) although fewer numbers can be accommodated. Tickets £7.50. Bring own nibbles, drinks and food. For a good fun evening and to book, ring Janet Clements on 01992 578262.

COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATE: Are you interested in becoming a teacher of Computer Science and have a degree of 2:1 or above in the subject? If so then please contact Mrs Sam Gillary at Trinity Catholic High School sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net for further information.

SPRING CONCERT: held at The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on Saturday 21st May, 7.45pm, by the Parish's 9am Choir. It will include favourites from their 2015 Florence Tour. They will be joined by guest musicians for a varied programme of Choral music and popular solos. Entry is free – there will be a retiring collection for our Parish Fund. All are welcome.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Fr James or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.