

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Saturday 23rd November 2019

6.00pm Mass Ron Warren RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 24th November 2019

9.30am Mass Margot Swift Hook RIP (J & R Barnaby)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 25th November 2019

No Mass

Tuesday 26th November 2019

6.30pm Mass Holy Souls

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 27th November 2019

9.15am Mass Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)

Thursday 28th November 2019

9.15am Mass Linda Wayne RIP (J. Heaton)

Adoration & Benediction

Friday 29th November 2019

9.15am Mass Elizabeth Akpoyare's Intentions (E. Solomon)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 30th November 2019

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 1st December 2019

9.30am Mass Gerard Donachie RIP (Ann & John)

11.30am Mass John Hunter RIP (M. Hunter)

Anniversaries - We pray for Sheila Myles, Marion Mary Ann Siseman, Edward Dever, Marie Elizabeth Newman, Baby Edward James Huckvale, Emma Claridge, John Edward Hunter, Bridget Blanks, Mabel Moore, Maureen Brown, Fr Anthony Robson, Fr John Aydon, Fr Patrick Bennett, Deacon Anthony Collings and Fr Francis Branney. **May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom**

HOLY ROSARY	5.30pm	Saturday
MORNING PRAYER	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday & Saturday Sundays
EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday in the side chapel. Includes music, psalms and intercessions.
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	7.30pm	Prayer group - First Sunday of every month
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	8.00pm	Every Monday in side chapel except bank holidays

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Sunday 24th November 2019

Gospel Reflection: Luke 23:35-43 - The King of Forgiveness



The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax of the story of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the role of Jesus as King. The soldiers mock him as such, but the Gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise. Jesus is also ridiculed as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well!'): especially in Luke (from the Infancy Stories onwards) Jesus is presented as the true Saviour – who is God. In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout his Gospel. The scene begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognizing their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking God's forgiveness for them before they even ask it for themselves. He welcomes into his kingdom of Paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his wrongdoing. Here we see the culmination of all those scenes throughout Luke's Gospel where values are reversed: the King presented as a wretched figure dying on the Cross, to whom homage is paid not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure dying by his side.

What sort of person should a citizen of the kingdom of forgiveness be?

MASS TIMES - Please see back of newsletter

CONFESSIONS - 5.00pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays or please see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday

PARISH OFFICE – 10.00am to 3pm Tuesday and Thursdays

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NOTICES

THE READINGS THIS WEEK:

First reading:	2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Responsorial Psalm:	I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"
Second Reading:	Colossians 1: 11-20
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 23: 35-43

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: This Sunday is the day particularly dedicated by the Church in England and Wales to pray for and encourage our young people. Grace Parker and Sophie Carver will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a second collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP are holding an Advent Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 6th from 12 - 2 p.m. in the parish hall. All money raised from this and the Christmas raffle will be shared between Sanctus, a local charity which feeds the homeless and the needy in our city, and the Congolese sisters of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, who work with the refugees living in the forest round Dunkirk. Both these groups of people face great hardship, especially during the winter months. As well as running a free cafe on Broomfield Road, Sanctus offers advice, advocacy and help to get people back on their feet. Sr Margaret, from our parish, has been to Dunkirk and says there are quite a number of families among the refugees, all of whom are helped with food, clothing and shelter (tents, blankets, etc.) as well as nappies, toiletries and things for the children. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the lunch and over the next two weekends after Mass. The draw for the hamper will take place after the 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 15th. All donations placed in the red box between now and the end of December will be shared between these charities.

PARISH AUTUMN DRAW TICKETS: This is the final call for the return of the draw tickets – remember you have to be in it to win it! Tickets are £1 each and are in books of 5 tickets. If you would like additional tickets, there are some available at the back of the Church. Don't forget our First prize is £100 cash, second prize is £50 cash, 3rd prize is Afternoon Tea at Tiptree Tea Rooms plus many more prizes! The draw will take place on Saturday 30th November at the Annual Parish Bazaar. All tickets sold/unsold cash and counterfoils should be returned to either Hazel Jones or posted through the Presbytery letterbox by Friday 29th November. The Autumn Draw along with the Bazaar are the only fundraisers we are holding this year for the church, so please try and sell as many tickets as you can. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

300 CLUB DRAW RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 201: The prize winners for this month are as follows: 1st Prize of £65 - No 237 Kathleen Wright and 2nd prize of £30 - No. 89, Elizabeth Cooley. Congratulations to our winners.

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR – NEXT SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2019 1-3PM

Thank you for the donations that we have received NEXT Saturday is the big day left. **WE URGENTLY NEED:**

**Bottles - Alcoholic and non-alcoholic, Tombola - Any unwanted new gifts
Chocolate Tombola - Small selection boxes, chocolate coins, chocolate bars
Homemade Cakes from our lovely Cake Bakers**

Cakes/chocolate/tombola/bottles - To be dropped off to the church/parish office during the week or the hall on Friday evening from 7pm or Saturday Morning from 10am.

Raffle - Any prizes welcome, please mark RAFFLE

If you are unable to make this year's bazaar, please consider giving a cash donation towards the raffle, any amount will be gratefully received. This is the church's only fundraiser this year and we are raising money for church repairs. Many thanks for everyone's continued support and generosity!
Hazel Jones (01245 269270).

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Organiser for November Jean Sporle Tel: 263747.

FOODBANK: The main need is for sponge puddings and mashed potatoes, together with anything for Christmas (puddings, cake, chocolate etc.), which they would like to get in early, so they have time to distribute them for Christmas. They do not need more tinned fish or toiletries at present.

FOODBANK: Persons responsible for November Margaret & Jack Brittain.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: Sunday 17th November: Envelopes £260.50, Loose Plate £292.90, Bankers Order: £291.52, total £844.92. Second collection: Caritas Anchor House £422.81. Thank you for your generosity.

ANGLIA SINGERS: Choir of Anglia Ruskin University Chelmsford Campus with the pupils of Kings Road Primary School invite you to Prelude to Christmas on Sunday 1st December at 3pm in St Andrew's Church, Melbourne Avenue. Tickets are £8 available from Anglia Singers ticket line 01245 601771 or Allegro Music Chelmsford.

ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL invite you to The Twelve Days of Christmas – The Meaning. Please come and join the school community for our Advent Service; the students will lead the service of prayer, hymns and reflection in preparation for the coming of Christ. The service takes place in Aquinas Hall on Thursday 19th December at 6pm.

SERVICE OF LIGHT: INAUGURATION OF ADVENT IN BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL at 4.00 pm on Sunday 1st December. This beautiful service includes the solemn lighting of the Advent wreath, profound readings and music led by the Cathedral choir. It is a special way to prepare for the real meaning of Christmas and all are welcome. Main celebrant: Bishop Alan Williams.