



## THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**PARISH BAZAAR: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** The success of our Bazaar can only be attributed to the tremendous effort, cooperation and enthusiasm of so many people working together. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way – whether you ran a stall, baked, cooked, donated books, donated “stuff” for the various stalls or raffles, it all helped to make our bazaar a fantastic success! The total amount we raised for parish funds from the Bazaar was £1338.61 and Autumn draw raised £946.00 which gives us a magnificent grand total of £2,284.61. The list of raffle winners is now on the church notice board, prizes can be collected from the Parish Office. Cake bakers, there's a couple of tins on the church porch table for collection. Finally, a special word of thanks to our organiser Hazel Jones without whom the bazaar would not have been possible.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:** The J and P group are selling tickets for their Christmas raffle over the next two weekends. All you need for this very special feast day.....except the turkey.....is in the hamper, and all proceeds will go to help the homeless in our city and the refugees around Dunkirk; two groups which suffer great hardship at this time of the year. Tickets at £1 a strip are on sale after all the masses.

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:** Our annual Advent Reflection Evening will take place on Sunday 15th December beginning at 7pm & will last about 45 minutes. It will conclude with ‘Seasonal refreshments’ in the atrium. All are, of course, welcome.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Please note there will not be Evening Prayer on Wednesday and Friday this week.

**CHELMSFORD PARISHES ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** takes place here at The Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. There will be a number of priests to hear confessions. Prepare spiritually for Christmas and experience the mercy and healing of God.

**A GENTLE REMINDER** to use your Co -Op Community Card at the Co -Op convenience stores as well as the Quadrant main store in the city centre. You should always be able to utilise the card at the convenience stores via the self service payment facilities as well as being served by a member of staff. Please remember when looking to purchase merchandise the Quadrant sells beds, men's/women's wear, furniture and houseware amongst other things. Every purchase means points which translates to funds for the parish without any cost to you! If you would like a card please contact me on the following number which has a message facility." Many thanks. Mark Akhurst 01245 350710.

**CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP:** It is now quite popular to make a Charity donation in place of Christmas cards or as presents. If you wish to use this way of giving, Chelmsford Community Sponsorship, the project to settle a refugee family, can benefit. For details of how, find the Chelmsford Community Sponsorship envelope on the repository table, or e-mail info@chelmsfordcs.co.uk

**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 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

**REPOSITORY** Christmas Cards and a variety of seasonal goods are now be on sale in the Repository after Masses each Sunday.

**WORLD GIFTS:** Looking for an unusual gift for that someone who has everything? Or want to buy a present that will make a big difference? Then have a look at the World Gifts catalogue available in the porch.

**YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW:** Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the lectionary gospel for Sundays in 2020, from 7 pm until 8.30 pm on Wednesday 15th (changed from 22nd) January, and Wednesday 29th January at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Admission is free, but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Copies of the recently published ‘Revised New Jerusalem Bible’ will be on sale for £30 (reduced from the normal price of £39.99). Full details and video of earlier talks available on www.whatgoodnews.org.

**FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND,** led by Bishop Alan Williams. 25th May 2020. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Saturday 7th December 2019

6.00pm Mass Frances Squire & Family Intentions (M. Marsh)

#### Sunday 8th December 2019

9.30am Mass People of the Parish  
 11.30am Mass John Cremin RIP (S. & T. Gillies)

#### Monday 9th December 2019

No Mass

#### Tuesday 10th December 2019

6.30pm Mass Mrs Rowland’s Intentions (B. McGettigan)  
 Adoration & Benediction

#### Wednesday 11th December 2019

9.15am Mass Arthur Brittain’s Intentions (Brittain Family)

#### Thursday 12th December 2019

9.15am Mass Mary Clegg RIP & Charles Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)  
 Adoration & Benediction

#### Friday 13th December 2019

No Mass

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT— “GAUDETE SUNDAY”

#### Saturday 14th December 2019

6.00pm Mass Madeline & Peter East Golden Wedding Anniversary

#### Sunday 15th December 2019

9.30am Mass Declan Doheny RIP (A. Smith)  
 11.30am Mass People of the Parish

**Anniversaries - We pray for William Costello, James Roache, Fr. John Lane, Parish Priest, Colin Small, Paddy Flack, Theresa Hollington, Jill Mary Beaton, Mary Barker, Clementine Villa, Ernest Jocelyn Nichols, William Drew, Michael Corry, Canon Anthony McKentey, Fr Geoffrey Pye, Fr Eamonn Magrath, Fr George Carolan, Fr Williams Evers, Fr Francis Kerrigan and Fr Gerard Kerr. *May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God’s Kingdom***

<b>FOODBANK:</b>	Person responsible for December— Agnes Smith	
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:</b>	Organiser for December is Liz Allen 07791 860113	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</b>	Envelopes	£225.20
Sunday 1st December:	Loose Plate	£361.64
	Bankers Order:	£291.52
	Total	£878..36
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.00pm	Saturday or see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday
<b>HOLY ROSARY</b>	5.30pm	Saturday
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday & Saturday Sundays
<b>EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY</b>	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday, Wednesday and Friday in the side chapel. Includes music, psalms and intercessions.
<b>MUSTARD SEED GROUP</b>	7.30pm	Prayer group - First Sunday of every month
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	8.00pm	Every Monday in side chapel except bank holidays