



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY: In his World Peace Day message for 2020, Pope Francis speaks wise words challenging us to dialogue and renewed relationships of reconciliation, communal solidarity and hope in the future. He reminds the world that "peace and international stability are incompatible with attempts to build upon the fear of mutual destruction or the threat of total annihilation."

Pax Christi is committed to non-violence and is committed to the Pope's challenge to "set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed, whether against our neighbours or against God's creation." A second collection for the work of Pax Christi will be taken after all Masses this weekend.

THE LADIES GROUP: This parish group of women meet once a month in the Parish Hall. We offer friendship and support each other as well as giving practical help to the parish. The group is open to all women in the parish and new members are always welcome. Our next meeting is at **10am this Wednesday, 22nd January** in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

CONFIRMATION 2020: The candidates meet this Thursday, 23rd January at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION 2020: The next meeting for the children and parents is next Saturday, 25th January at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR SERVERS RECRUITMENT: There will be a meeting on Saturday 1st of February at 11:00 am in the church for all who are interested or have previously expressed an interest in becoming a server. Anyone over eight years old who has made their first Holy Communion are eligible to join. My contact details if required are 07785 300885 or jdonachie332@gmail.com. Thank you, John Donachie.

SAFEGUARDING DBS: As you will be aware, anyone within the church who has a volunteering role that brings them into contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults should have a DBS check in order that we safeguard all within our parish. The Church as a community has a duty to follow the command to love by valuing and protecting the vulnerable. DBS checks should be completed every 3 years and these are presently being renewed for all those undertaking a volunteering role such as Eucharistic Minister, First Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy lead/helper etc. The Parish Safeguarding Representative for Blessed Sacrament is myself, **Irene Zeller** and I can be contacted on 07980 425518 or via email irene.zeller@btinternet.com.

I will be speaking with everyone in these roles in due course and once you have received the DBS and volunteering role paperwork you will need to meet with myself to complete the checks of the original relevant documentation plus photocopies (you will need to bring these along with you when we meet). Please note that the paperwork cannot be left or given to someone else for me to check. If you have any queries then please do get in touch and I look forward to meeting with you shortly. Many thanks Irene Zeller.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL: The J&P Group are organising this appeal as a second collection on the weekend of 25th/26th January. CAFOD says 'There is a humanitarian emergency unfolding in Zimbabwe and Zambia. Hunger on a massive scale is looming across both countries because of a crippling drought, and spiralling food prices. Your donation will be a lifeline for our sisters and brothers in urgent need of the basics of life'.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBAS ANNUAL CHARITY COLLECTION of nearly new clothing for Farleigh Hospice, toiletries for the homeless at Provident Row and warm woollen socks for the rough sleepers of CHESS will be on the weekend of 1st/2nd February. Please be generous in your support and bag clothing, toiletries and socks separately. Many thanks.

CRIB OFFERINGS: At the request of Bishop Alan, the opportunity of giving Crib Offerings, to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, will be extended until the feast of The Presentation of The Lord on Sunday 2nd February.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Organiser for January is Liz Allen 07791 860113

FOODBANK: Person responsible for January is Wedad Cox. The foodbank would be grateful for donations of: Instant mashed potatoes, instant coffee, long life fruit juice, custard (packets or tins), f shampoo, shower gel, deodorants, tooth brushes and washing up liquid. These can be placed in the collection box in the porch. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday 12th January 2020:
Envelopes: £237.74, Loose Plate: £291.10, Bankers Order: £291.52 Total £820.36.
Thank you for your generosity.

JUST PARTY: 'Just Party' will be coming to St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Beardsley Drive, Springfield, Chelmsford CM1 6GQ on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 10.30 am. to 1.00pm. They will be selling First Holy Communion Dresses, Shoes, Veils, headdresses and other accessories. They are only making one visit to the Chelmsford area this year. Please do come along and see what they have to offer.

#FrDominic5000at50. Fr Dominic Howarth is turning 50 in September, and to mark the moment he is solo cycling 5000km between now and then – all without leaving Walsingham House at Abbotswick! He is raising money for the BCCS, Help Refugees, HCPT and Walsingham House and all the details are at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50 where you can donate online. Or send cheques payable to "Fr D Howarth" to FrDominic5000at50, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Essex CM14 5SH.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is holding its **Annual Charity Ball** at **The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge** on **Saturday 7th March from 7pm**. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16 February at 3 pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 - 31 July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity, including for the frail and those with needs, to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith, and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the parish or you can contact the tour operator, Tangney Tours, directly: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood or 01732 886885.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BILLERICAY: Are seeking to appoint an LSA. More details can be found on the Essex School Jobs website www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies. Closing date for applications is noon on 17th January

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th January 2020

6.00pm Mass Anne Thornton RIP (M. Marsh)

Sunday 19th January 2020

9.30am Mass People of the Parish

11.30am Mass Mary Fitzpatrick RIP & All deceased members of Fitzpatrick Family (Lloyd Family)

Monday 20th January 2020

NO MASS

Tuesday 21st January 2020

6.30pm Mass Ron Howe RIP - 1st Anniversary (Clare, Fr. Paul & Family)

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

9.15am Mass Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)

Thursday 23rd January 2020

9.15am Mass Hyacinth Young RIP (Perrier Family)

Adoration & Benediction

Friday 24th January 2020

9.15am Mass Sheila Cracknell RIP (Fr. Paul & Family)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25th January 2020

6.00pm Mass Lei McGivern RIP (E. Allen)

Sunday 26th January 2020

9.30am Mass Ann McLean RIP (Mr Hamilton)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

Anniversaries - We pray for Arthur Chapman, Kitty McCool, Margaret McDonnell, John James Charles, Emma Bonner, Dorothy Packham, Joseph Hatchett, Anne Thompson, Margaret Josephine Escott, Paddy Holden, James Meehan, Aileen Cartwright, Theresa Lovegrove, Ellen Root, Anne M Houghton, Anne Bernadette Mannas, Ronald Edward Howe, Fr John Meehan, Mgr. Canon David Donnelly, Bishop Bernard Ward, Fr Christopher Quirke, Pope Benedict XV, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Fr John O'Sullivan and Fr John Hibbert. *May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.*

CONFESSIONS	5.00pm	Saturday or see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday
HOLY ROSARY	5.30pm	Saturday
MORNING PRAYER	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday, Tuesday & Saturday Sundays
EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday and Sunday 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