



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBAS ANNUAL CHARITY COLLECTION of nearly new clothing for Farleigh Hospice, toiletries for the homeless at Providence Row and warm woollen socks for the rough sleepers of CHESS is this weekend. Please be generous in your support and bag clothing, toiletries and socks separately. Many thanks.

CRIB OFFERINGS: This is the last weekend we will be collecting for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

CONFIRMATION 2020: The next meeting of our Confirmation candidates takes place on Thursday, 6th February at 7pm in the church hall.

FIRST COMMUNION 2020: The next meeting for the children and parents is next Saturday, 8th February 2020 at 9.15am in the church hall.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWS: The next meeting of the J and P Group is this Tuesday, February 4 at 10 a.m. in the church hall. Anyone interested in joining us, please come along on the day and enter by the side door.

Date for your diaries: The J and P Group are holding a Quiz Night in the Church Hall on Saturday, February 29th at 7.30 p.m. Our Quiz Master will be Mike Hiom, from Holy Name parish, so you are guaranteed an enjoyable evening.

300 CLUB DRAW RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2020: The prize winners for this month are as follows: 1st Prize of £65 - No 3 - Marie Alcock and 2nd prize of £30 - No. 20, Margaret Pule. Congratulations to our winners.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Organiser for February and March is Lal Mangalam 07960 213530. We seem to be getting very short of Pyxes. Could we ask all past and present Eucharistic ministers to check to see if you have one at home, if so could you please return it to church as soon as possible. Many thanks Liz.

FOODBANK: Person responsible for February is Jacqui and Roy Barnaby. The foodbank would be grateful for donations of: instant mashed potatoes, tinned potatoes, teabags, instant coffee, long life milk and sponge puddings. Many thanks for the Parish continued support.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday 26th January 2020: Envelopes: £508.83, Loose Plate: £322.37, Bankers Order: £291.52 Total £1,122.72. Thank you for your generosity.

THE NEXT "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 4th February at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese. Currently we are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available on our website www.bccs.org.uk or email Bernadette, our Director on bfisher@bccs.org.uk

YOUTH MASS, WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 8PM, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL. Anyone age 14+ is very welcome; the February Mass includes a live interview with Rob Green, a former Champion pupil who - using his own resources - went to Greece last summer and worked in a refugee camp for a month. Hear his fascinating story, and be inspired about some unusual Lenten resolutions. More details www.bcys.net.

LENTEN REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT, WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK, 27TH-29TH MARCH. In school year 11-13? Struggling to find a quiet space to study for GCSEs, BTEC or A-levels? The weekend retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study, and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. 8pm Friday 27th - 3pm Sunday 29th. Meals included. Cost £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT, FRIDAY 3RD - SATURDAY 4TH APRIL, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight - 7am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29th February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park station. Easy connections by bus and by TfL to Stratford, Liverpool Street, and Brentwood.

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Saturday 1st February 2020

6.00pm Mass Sr. Pamela Pope RIP (Sr. Jean Searson)

Sunday 2nd February 2020

9.30am Mass People of the Parish
11.30am Mass Marie Lloyd RIP (Lloyd Family)

Monday 3rd February 2020

NO MASS

Tuesday 4th February 2020

6.30pm Mass Barry & Sheila Mayo's Intentions (Greene Family)
Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 5th February 2020

9.15am Mass Elizabeth Nyirenda's Intentions (Fr. Paul)

Thursday 6th February 2020

NO MASS

Friday 7th February 2020

9.15am Mass Stanley Ridley RIP (A. Ridley)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 8th February 2020

6.00pm Mass Alice Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 9th February 2020

9.30am Mass People of the Parish
11.30am Mass Lawrence Pule RIP (Margaret & Family)

Anniversaries - We pray for Christine Bull, Marisa Wallace, Phyllis Playle, May Roche, John Petherick, Katherine Hall, Lily Shepherd, Christine Slattery, Edward Joseph Harrington, Marie Joan Redington, Fr Eric Bindloss-Smith, Fr Francis Richardson, and Fr Alan Wilcox. **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