



## THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Charlie Smyth who died recently. Charlie's body will be received into church on Wednesday 11th March at 4.30pm and his funeral Mass will be at 10am on Thursday 12th March followed by interment at Chelmsford cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**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 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWS:** The Justice and Peace group are holding a quiz on Saturday, February 29th at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall. You are invited to make up tables of eight or come by yourself and we will seat you with friendly faces on your arrival. Tickets cost £5 on the door. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

All money raised on the night will be sent to the sisters in Kindu, Congo, where they have established a priory and health centre, with a maternity unit, on the edge of the inhospitable, Equatorial forest. They are working with the indigenous population, who are for the most part uneducated, haven't had any healthcare, nor are many evangelised. The nearest hospital is miles away. The sisters are also teaching the villagers agricultural skills and helping them to become self sufficient. This is critical work as the clinic is in an almost inaccessible part of the forest and there is a lot of ill health due to the climate.

**THANK YOU** - Sisters Margaret and Moira would like to thank the parish for the support given to their sisters from the Congo who work with the migrants round Dunkirk. They say both their sisters and the migrants, who live in the forest, will be hugely grateful for your help. Another thank you has been received from Sanctus, the charity that feeds the homeless, at their Cafe and Support Hub here in Chelmsford, who say your donation will make a difference to the daily soup kitchen where they offer free hot meals and drinks and a warm, safe place to join in activities. Both charities received £275 from our J & P Christmas appeal.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Please note that there will not be evening prayer next Wednesday 19th, Friday 21st and Sunday 23rd February.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** thank parishioners for their generosity in supporting our recent appeal for clothing, toiletries and warm socks, it was gratefully received by CHESS, Providence Row and Farleigh Hospice. Thank you again.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE:** Last weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrated Racial Justice with the theme "You are the heart of the church" it celebrated the contribution that travelling communities make to the church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray and reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities.

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for collection from the back of the church after the Sunday Masses this weekend from Greg Carvalho our Gift Aid Organiser.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Organiser for February and March is Lal Mangalam 07960 213530.

**FOODBANK:** Person responsible for February is Jacqui and Roy Barnaby.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Sunday 9th February 2020: Envelopes: £185.38, Loose Plate: £309.85, Bankers Order: £291.52 Total £786.75. Lourdes Sick and Pilgrimage Fund: £319.73. Thank you for your generosity.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR TRAVELLERS:** Following on from Racial Justice Sunday, there will be a special meeting on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay for anyone who is interested in assisting with the Sacramental Preparation of Traveller children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Father Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891.

**VACANCIES: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY, DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD.** This significant role will help to strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry. Closing date 16th March. Full details at [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277 373959. also required an **ASSISTANT MANAGER, WALSINGHAM HOUSE** at Abbotswick. Closing date 2nd March. Full details at [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or call Joe Beattie on 01277 373959.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY** Windermere Road, Southend-on-sea, SS1 2RF. Required for September 2020 a **new Headteacher**. Application packs are available from Miss Nikita Parr at the Assisi Registered Office on 01702 606762 or email [nparr@assisicatholictrust.com](mailto:nparr@assisicatholictrust.com). Full details of the post are also available on the school's website [www.shs-southend.co.uk](http://www.shs-southend.co.uk).

**ENGLAND, THE DOWRY OF MARY - REDEDICATION 2020 - SUNDAY 29TH MARCH.** It has been agreed with the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary will take place on the Sunday following the feast of the Annunciation 2020. More information about this can be found on the website: [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com). To prepare for this, we will start saying together the prayer written by Cardinal Wiseman, known as the "Prayer for England," after all Masses from Friday 21st February to Sunday 29th March.

**O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, Thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in Thee. By Thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our Hope was given unto the world; and He has given Thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us Thy children whom Thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the One True Fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of Thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that, by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God together with Thee, in our heavenly home. Amen.**

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

##### Saturday 15th February 2020

6.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
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##### Sunday 16th February 2020

9.30am	Mass	Gerard Donachie RIP (Ann & John)
11.30am	Mass	Gerry Breen RIP (T & S Gillies)

##### Monday 17th February 2020

NO MASS

##### Tuesday 18th February 2020

NO MASS

##### Wednesday 19th February 2020

9.15am	Mass	Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)
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##### Thursday 20th February 2020

NO MASS

##### Friday 21st February 2020

9.15am	Mass	Rosa Sanchez RIP (J. Heaton)
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#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

##### Saturday 22nd February 2020

6.00pm	Mass	John Petherick RIP (Petherick & McDonnell Families)
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##### Sunday 23rd February 2020

9.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
11.30am	Mass	Dr. Edmund Patrick Solomon RIP (E. Solomon)

**Anniversaries - We pray for** Leonor Dasilva Ianson-Spence, William Gordon Sawyer, Lijana Rozneine, Dorothy Bowtell, Michael McCool, John Cronin, John O'Grady, Theresa Gertrude Willsher, Tommy Brennan, Mary Teresa Shepherd, Vera Murray, Joan Smeed, Violet Corry, James Hayes, Doris Ruth Warren, Fr John Joyce, Fr Thomas O'Connor, Fr Archibald O'Brien and Deacon Sidney Lewis. **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 Wednesday 19th, Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 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