



## THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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**MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID19):** The Bishops of England and Wales have said that all parishes should move to stage two of their guidelines (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirusguidelines>). Until we are advised otherwise, we will receive communion in one kind only and only in the hand, not on the tongue. We will not be shaking hands at the sign of the peace, simply bow, smile and/or wave. Please make sure you clean your hands on entry and exit of the church with the hand sanitiser which can be found in the porch. If using the toilet in the sacristy, please wash your hands with plenty of soap and water. Those most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes & heart disease) to refrain from parish gatherings & stay home.

**WE WELCOME** to our parish Fr Sabu Pariyadan RCJ from Springfield Parish and Fr Stephen Morrison, o.praem from Our Lady Immaculate Parish who will be celebrating our Masses for us this weekend. Fr Paul would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and good wishes as he continues to recover from a severe chest infection.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Ursula Free who died recently. Ursula's funeral takes place at Chelmsford Crematorium on Thursday 19th March at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

**THE LADIES GROUP:** We offer friendship and support each other, as well as giving practical help to the parish. The Ladies Group is open to all women in the parish and new members are always welcome. Our next meeting is at **10am this Tuesday, 17th March** in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT:** Come and pray the Stations of the Cross at The Blessed Sacrament every Friday at 7.30pm during Lent.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:** Thank you to everyone who supported the first Lenten lunch hosted by the Nuns. Your fantastic generosity helped them raise £142.50. Our next Lenten lunch will be held in the Church hall on Friday, March 20th from 12- 2 p.m. hosted by the J and P group. Please join us and perhaps make some new friends. All proceeds from the Lenten lunches, and donations to the red box, will be shared between Cafod's Lent Appeal and the nuns' clinic in Kindu.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Please note there is no evening prayer this Friday 20th March.

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for both weekly and standing order payers, please collect the box marked with your name from the table in the porch.

**FROM THE COMMUNITY: REFLECTION FOR LENT** on Sunday 22nd March; 7-8pm, here at The Blessed Sacrament, Melbourne Avenue. Please join us for an hour's meditation using music from Taizé and words from Pope Francis, interspersed with silence.

**REPOSITORY NEWS:** St Patrick's day cards and medals are now available from the Repository.

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

**FOODBANK:** Person responsible for March is Elaine Bullock.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Sunday 8th March 2020: Envelopes: £224.13, Loose Plate: £400.20, Bankers Order: £291.52 Total £915.85. Lent Family Fast Day: £542.70. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL LENTEN SERVICE:** You are warmly invited to attend Saint John Payne's annual Lenten Service on Thursday 2nd April at 6pm in Aquinas Hall. This creative and reflective service of readings, music and more, will be followed by refreshments and a time to socialise. If you have any queries, please contact Hannah Kelly, School Chaplain, on 01245 256030, but please do just turn up and join in - we'd love to see you there.

**LENT TALKS 2020 AT OUR LADY IMMACULATE:** HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

**COLCHESTER LENT TALKS:** HAVE BEEN CANCELLED .

**BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP:** Do you know a child in need of a holiday between the ages of 8 and 13? The St John Bosco Children's Camp is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos situated in Aldham, Essex. The dates that the Camp runs are as follows: Week One Saturday 25th July to 1st August 2020 for Boys, Week Two: Saturday 1st August to 8th August 2020 for Boys, Week Three: Saturday 8th August to 15th August 2020 for Girls, Week Four: Saturday 15th August to 22nd August 2020 Mixed Camp. The suggested donation is £165 per week, including transport to and from London. Should you require an application form or more information then please visit our website - [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.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 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

##### Saturday 14th March 2020

6.00pm Mass

People of the Parish

##### Sunday 15th March 2020

9.30am Mass

Richard Ukomadu RIP (C. Feltham)

11.30am Mass

Charlie Smyth RIP (M. Pule & Family)

##### Monday 16th March 2020

NO MASS

##### Tuesday 17th March 2020

NO MASS

##### Wednesday 18th March 2020

NO MASS

##### Thursday 19th March 2020

NO MASS

##### Friday 20th March 2020

NO MASS

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—Mother's Day

##### Saturday 21st March 2020

6.00pm Mass

Sallie Greene RIP (Greene Family)

##### Sunday 22nd March 2020

9.30am Mass

Franciszek Guzik RIP (R.T. Guzik)

11.30am Mass

People of the Parish

*Anniversaries - We pray for Olive Nicholls, Margaret Feeney, Jane Elizabeth Byrne, Thomas Ioakem, Elizabeth Page, Dominic Francis Lowrey, Raymond Parle, Kathleen Maud Tyrell, Patrick Murphy, Arthur Chivers, Doris Gibbs, Fr Donal Donegan and Fr Sidney Williams. **May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.***

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| <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<br>8.50am | Weekdays except Monday, Tuesday & Saturday<br>Sundays                                       |
| <b>EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY</b> | 5.30pm           | Every evening except Saturday 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  |