



LORD, HEAR THE PRAYERS
OF THOSE WHO TRUST IN YOU,
ESPECIALLY THE LOWLY,
THOSE SORELY TRIED,
AND THOSE WHO SUFFER AND FLEE
BEFORE THE ROAR OF WEAPONS.
RESTORE PEACE TO OUR HEARTS;
ONCE AGAIN, GRANT YOUR PEACE
TO OUR DAYS. AMEN.

Franciscans

Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th February

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6pm – John Petherick RIP
(Petherick & McDonnell Families)

Sunday 5th February
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Racial Justice Day

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Bryan Martin RIP (Christine & Jen)

Monday 6th February – NO MASS

Tuesday 7th February – NO MASS

Wednesday 8th February – NO MASS

Thursday 9th February – NO MASS

Friday 10th February – NO MASS

Saturday 11th February

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6pm – Alice Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 12th February
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Bill & Mary Magee RIP (Warren Family)

SAFEGUARDING

Please accompany your child(ren) to the toilet if they need it whilst in the Church.

SILENCE!

PLEASE keep SILENCE before Mass especially during the Rosary on Saturday evenings. People may be trying to pray and listen to God. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS

Father Paul is available for confession:
Saturdays 5-5.30pm.
Tuesdays during adoration after 6.30pm Mass.
Thursdays during adoration after 9.15am Mass.

GIFT AID ORGANISER

Our Gift Aid organiser is Greg Carvalho. His contact is: greg@god.co.uk or on 261302.

COLLECTION PLATE

21st & 22nd January 2023
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £699.58

28th & 29th January 2023
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £600.24
Thank you for your generosity.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THANK YOU



A huge thank you goes to Angie, Annette M., Bibin, Blessing & Kachi, Brigitte, Elaine, Judy, Margaret C. & Noreen for their help in this month's church cleaning. We are grateful for their support and help.

Our next church clean will be Wednesday 1st March after 9.15am Mass. Come and join our church cleaning group.

JUSTICE AND PEACE WEEKLY LENTEN LUNCHES



Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent falls on 22 February – fewer than four weeks time. Last year the Justice and Peace group held five very successful Lenten Lunches and raised over £600 for those in the world who are suffering deprivation and hardship.

Weekly Lenten Lunches have been a feature of the J & P's fundraising for several decades. We ask parishioners to volunteer to host a lunch, either in their own home or in the Parish Hall, serving soup and bread. The volunteers can be a Parish Group or individual families. The lunches are free but we ask for donations.

We need more people to offer to host either themselves or to help those who have already volunteered. Please if you are free for a couple of hours around lunchtime one day in Lent, then please consider offering your time and help. If you think you might offer your services, or find out more, please contact Margaret and Jack Brittain on 01245 267603 or Marian Clark on 01245 265008. Thank you.

RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Next weekend (11th & 12th) at our masses we welcome a spokesperson from the Knights of St. Columba. They are looking for new members to join. The spokesperson will be speaking at the notices about the role of the Knights and how they help us in our parish. They will also be handing out leaflets at the end of mass for you to take home and read. If you are interested in becoming a member there is an email address for you to contact.



THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA ANNUAL DINNER



The Knights of St. Columba (KSC) are holding their Annual Dinner at The New London, opposite O.L.I. Church on Thursday 23rd February, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost is £35.00 per head and ample car parking has been arranged. Lounge suits are requested. Guest speaker is Lord Petre of Ingatestone Hall. If you would like to attend or require further information, please contact Mike Hiom on 01245 265159 or by e-mail on mike@hiom.co.uk.

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT FOR BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at bfisher@bccs.org.uk

REPOSITORY TABLE

We will be selling St. Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Easter cards and gifts in the foyer. The table will be out for masses of 18th & 19th and 25th & 26th February.



LENT 2023 DAY BY DAY

This year's Day by Day books are now available at the welcomer's desk.



They cost £1. Please leave your money in the basket.

MARRIAGE CARE ARE RECRUITING!

Marriage Care, Chelmsford are looking for a new Head of Centre to lead a team of small, friendly volunteers who are trained to prepare couples for their wedding, or to provide counselling services should a relationship run into difficulties.

If you are interested, please look at the Church website where there is a more in-depth advert explaining the role.

FLAME 2023



Flame 2023 is taking place at the OVO Arena Wembley, on Saturday 4th March.

We are hoping to take our Confirmation candidates who are in Year 9 and above to this event. If any young person (Year 9 and above) is interested, please speak to Father Paul immediately. We are hoping to join Our Lady Immaculate Confirmation candidates in sharing their coach to travel to and from Wembley.