



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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If you require a notice to appear in the newsletter – the deadline is on the Wednesday.



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th March

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Mavis Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 19th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

'Laetare' Sunday

9.30 am – Joan Walker RIP (J. & A. Smith)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 20th March – NO MASS - Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 21st March – Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Kathy Wickham RIP (Mayo Family)

Wednesday 22nd March

9.15 am – Sallie Greene RIP (Greene Family)

Thursday 23rd March – **MASS ONLY (NO HOLY HOUR)**

9.15 am – Sumy Sadurni RIP

Friday 24th March

9.15am – Paddy Parkes RIP (F. & T. Rowberry)

7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25th March

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Jo Fairweather RIP (John Fairweather)

Sunday 26th March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – In thanksgiving (L. Vas)

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.

MEDITATION GROUP

The Meditation Group is now on Zoom. The group meets on a Monday at 8pm. Please contact Val directly for the link on 07887785502 or email her on valhilsley@btinternet.com

COLLECTION PLATE

Week ending 11th & 12th March 2023 Envelopes & Loose Plate - £508.77 Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID ORGANISER

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

CAN YOU HELP? DO YOU HAVE A SPARE ROOM? Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, is matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community, willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and heart to consider welcoming a stranger, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

RONNIE'S BIG LENT WALK



Ronnie (one of our choir musicians) is completing the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Ronnie aims to walk **200km over 40 days!**

Please support Ronnie by donating through her link: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/ronnie-bartlett> you can also follow Ronnie's progress using the link.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION

There will be two training sessions for Altar Servers in preparation for Easter. The first one is on **Saturday 25th of March at 11:30 am**. This is a very important time of the year and ALL servers are needed. Any queries please speak to John Donachie on 442116. Thank you for your commitment.

EASTER DAY BY DAY BOOKS ON SALE

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations will be on Friday 24th March at 7pm. There will be Stations every Friday and they will continue until Friday 31st March. All welcome.

THE LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Social Group is starting up again following a long break due to Covid. We will be meeting on the second Wednesday of every month in the hall for coffee and a chat in the morning after mass. This group is open to all ladies in the parish and we hope to welcome new ladies to join the group. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 12th April at 10.00am in the hall. Please contact Margaret Cousins on 01245 442067 for information or just turn up to a meeting.

LENTEN LUNCHES – ALL WELCOME – PLEASE JOIN US



Last week's lunch, hosted by Wedad Cox raised £183.70. Thank you so much to Wedad for so generously providing some delicious soups and cakes and to those who volunteered to help her. Next week's lunch is on **FRIDAY 24th March in the hall between 12.00 and 2pm**. It will be hosted by Bridget Sharman and Elaine Bullock. Please come and join us. **Date for your diary:** Remaining Lenten Lunch will be on Friday 31st March, 12 Noon till 2pm in the Parish Hall. The Easter Raffle draw will take place at this Lenten Lunch.

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

On Wednesday 22nd March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled *Do this in memory of me*, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

A TALK BY BISHOP GULI FRANCIS-DEHQANI – LISTENING TO GOD –

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre invite you to join them for a talk by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani (Bishop of Chelmsford) entitled 'Listening to God' – an in-person event being held at New Hall School on Tuesday 21 March at 6.30 – 7.30pm. **All welcome.** Refreshments from 6pm. FOR DETAILS AND TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE PLEASE GO TO: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/do-you-hear-what-i-hear-listening-to-god/>. Alternatively, you can call 07762-965947 to reserve a place.

BCYS AND WALSINGHAM HOUSE LENTEN REVISION RETREAT 25TH-26TH MARCH 2023

Are you fed up with the library or revising in your room? If so, why not get a change of scenery at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this Lent to enjoy the beautiful surrounding and some peace and quiet. Reflect during times of prayer. Enjoy socialising with friends and the team. Use the chapel for times of quiet reflection. All for just £35! Open to all in years 11-13. Visit www.bcys.net for more information and to apply.

JUSTICE AND PEACE EASTER RAFFLE

The J&P group are selling raffle tickets as part of their fundraising activities. There are three Easter hampers to win. The tickets are £2 each. Please buy as many tickets as you can. The draw will take place in the Church Hall on Friday 31st March at the final Lenten Lunch. You will be given an envelope on your way out of mass. Please return your filled in envelope (with your money inside) to the Welcomer's Desk. Please feel free to take envelopes for family and friends to purchase tickets.

