



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS



PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

As is our tradition for the 9.30am Mass, **we will begin in the hall at 9.15am.**

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

Ordinariate Website: www.ordinariate.org.uk

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.

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 19th & 20th March 2023 Envelopes & Loose Plate - £487.72 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 FOR CAFOD

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' REHEARSAL

Saturday 8th April at 10:00 a.m. for the Easter Vigil. **ALL** Servers should attend. Thanks for your commitment.

Any queries please contact John Donachie on 01245 442116.

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



The last Stations of the Cross for 2023 will be on Friday 31st March. They start at 7pm. 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.

OFFICE EMAILS

Please be aware that emails sent over the weekend or on a Monday will not be seen until the Tuesday. Thank you.

JOB VACANCY – HEALTH AND SAFETY

A vacancy has arisen for a Health & Safety Officer to work full time Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience & H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Send your CV & cover letter by email to hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date: 7th April 2023.

LENTEN LUNCHESES – ALL WELCOME – PLEASE JOIN US



The lunches this year have so far been a resounding success with many new parishioners and their friends supporting them. Last week's lunch, hosted by Sisters Margaret and Moira, raised £190 – that makes the running total £670. Thank you so much to Sisters Margaret and Moira for the welcome and hospitality to their home. **The last lunch will be held on Friday 31st March in the Church Hall at 12 Noon.** This will be hosted by Tricia McCaul. Tricia needs people to help, so if you are free, please contact Marian on 01245 265008. This lunch, as well as providing soup, bread and cake, will also offer Indian food. We thank Mary Joseph for offering to provide this treat.

REMINDER: This weekend & the coming week is the final chance to buy your Raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle. The draw will take place at the Friday 31st March Lenten Lunch.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a Reconciliation Service for Chelmsford Parishes on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm here at the Blessed Sacrament.



EASTER 'ZOOMING' REFLECTIONS FROM THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

The Canonesses will be holding 'zoom' reflections on Maundy Thursday at 5.30pm, Good Friday at 7pm and Holy Saturday at 10am (length no more than 30 minutes). Links for these reflections are on their website, Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre – 'Pray with Us' page or go to the Blessed Sacrament website and all details can also be found there.



The Canonesses are also leading a 'live' reflection on Holy Saturday at 11.30am (again no more than 30 minutes), at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Melbourne Avenue. All welcome.

Although, they don't usually 'zoom' Evening Prayer on a Saturday, on Holy Saturday they will have Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. The link can be found on their website or again on the Blessed Sacrament website.

- 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)
- Monday 27th March – **NO MASS** - Father's & Clare's Day Off
- Tuesday 28th March
 - NO MASS, ADORATION OR BENEDICTION**
- Wednesday 29th March
 - 9.15 am – Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)
- Thursday 30th March
 - MASS, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION (HOLY HOUR)
 - 9.15 am – Ray Parkes' Intentions (Fr. Paul & Family)
- Friday 31st March
 - NO MASS**
 - 7 pm – Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday 1st April
 - 5.30 pm – Rosary
- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
 - 6 pm – Ron Howe RIP & Pat Howe's Intentions (Clare & Family)
- Sunday 2nd April
 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)
 - 9.30 am – People of the Parish
 - 11.30 am – Papa's Intentions & for Blessings & Thanksgiving (B. Owusu)