



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th February
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
5.30 pm – Rosary

6 pm – Alice Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 11th February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(World Day for the Sick, and Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)

9.30 am – Thelma Morgans RIP (V. Hilsley)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 12th February – **NO MASS**
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 13th February – **NO MASS**

Wednesday 14th February – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.15 am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes -
Margaret Feeny RIP (Jim & Family)

8 pm Mass with the Imposition of Ashes – People of the Parish

Thursday 15th February

9.15 am – Thresiamma Kurian RIP & Sr. Pavithra RIP
(A. Kurian)

6.30 pm – First Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation
Service

Friday 16th February – **BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL MASS**

12.15 pm – Intentions of Staff & Patients

7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 17th February
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
5.30 pm – Rosary

6 pm – Ft. Lt. Trevor Smith RIP (A. & J. Smith)

Sunday 18th February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

9.30 am – Gerard Donachie RIP (A. & J. Donachie)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations start
Friday 16th



February at
7pm in the Church. There will be
Stations every Friday and they will
continue until Friday 22nd March.

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.

OFFICE EMAILS

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

COLLECTION PLATE

Week ending 3rd & 4th February 2024
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £556.47
Second Collection – Lourdes Pilgrimage
Fund - £79.50
January 2024 Standing Orders - £2,457.67
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.

MEDITATION GROUP

WCCM Meditation Group meets online at 8pm on Mondays. Please contact Val directly on 07887785502 or email her on valhilsley@btinternet.com

LENTEN GIVING CALENDAR 2024



As in previous years we are asking our parishioners to help those less fortunate. If you are interested in completing a Lenten Giving Calendar then pick up the sheet – they are at the welcomer's desk.

LADIES GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Ladies Group is on Wednesday 14th February at 10.00 in the Hall. This group is open to all ladies in the parish and we hope to continue to welcome new ladies to join the group. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month for a coffee and a chat. Contact Margaret on 01245 442067 for information or just turn up to a meeting.

ST. JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

On Friday 15th March, the SJP community will spend the night on the school field in a sponsored sleepout to raise funds for the charity Caritas. If you can donate towards this worthy cause, please put money in an envelope with 'SJP Sleepout' on the front. Or please donate food and drink (suitable for teenagers) in a bag, please let the welcomer's know and they will pass it onto Clare.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

Please save the dates. The SVP are organising a 'Buy and Sell' fundraiser to help support the work that it undertakes across our Parish Communities in Chelmsford. This event will take place on Saturday, 24th February and, again, on Saturday, 9th March at St. Augustine's Church, Springfield, between 8am and 10.30am on each date. It will cost £10 to hire a table to sell items and the cost of entry is £1. For more information or to help with the event please contact Anna via the OLI Parish Office (Tel: 352898). The SVP - Turning Concern into Action.

J&P LENTEN LUNCHES

We still have four slots to fill so if you are willing to host a simple lunch during Lent, please contact Marian Clark on 01245 265008 so we can book it in. We have no one who has volunteered for week beginning 19 February so if you are able to volunteer for any day in that week, it would be hugely appreciated. The money raised will be divided between the Sisters in Goma in the DDR and CAFOD. The specific need in Goma at the moment is to provide care for the huge number of refugee orphans who are fleeing from the violence of rebel insurgents from Rwanda.

CELEBRATE SHROVE TUESDAY IN THE PARISH HALL

The Lenten lunches will be launched with a pancake lunch on Tuesday 13 February. Trisha McCaul and Jenny Smith will be providing home-made pancakes between 12.00 noon and 2 pm on Tuesday. There will also be savoury food available. Free entry but donations, if you are able, are welcome and the proceeds will go towards the Lenten Lunch appeal. Tickets will also be available for the raffle hampers which will be drawn at the last Lenten lunch.

APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham.

For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/



DAY BY DAY LENT 2024

Books are on sale £1 each. Please place your money in the basket at the welcomer's desk.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA THE IRISH SHOW LONDON 15th MARCH

Please see poster on the notice board & website.

Tickets are available for an escorted coach journey picking up from the Blessed Sacrament car park at 10:10am and leaving London to return at 5:15pm. The price is £85 per adult including return coach travel, a three-course lunch and tickets for the show. See the notice board for further details. For any further information re: payment or special food needs etc please contact John Holland on 07754972942. Information about the St Patrick's Irish Music Hall show is available on <https://www.bricklanemusichall>