



**DON'T FORGET
NEXT SUNDAY
(31ST) THE
CLOCKS GO
FORWARD ONE
HOUR**



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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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 16th & 17th March 2024

Envelopes & Loose Plate - £511.40
Standing Orders for February - £3,370.67

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

ALTAR SERVERS EASTER REHEARSALS

There will a training session for **ALL** Servers to go over the Service for the Easter Season Saturday 30th of March in the Church at 10.30 am. This is a very important time in the Church year and **ALL** Servers are required to attend.

Any queries please contact me on 01245 442116
Thanks. John Donachie.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our next Church cleaning session will take place on **Wednesday 27th March**. Please make a note in your diaries. This will be our **BIG CLEAN** before Easter. We will start as usual after the 9.15am Mass. All welcome. Coffee, tea and hot cross buns will be available for the wonderful cleaning team.

J&P LENTEN LUNCHES

The special Curry Lenten Lunch last Sunday was a huge success. There were about 100 people who came and ate the lovely food and socialised. It was a happy occasion as well as raising a phenomenal £476. Thank you to everyone who came and a huge thank you to the Syro Malabar community who organised and cooked. You are stars! The total raised to date is £1,168.31. The final total and the results of the raffle will be in next week's newsletter.

WALK OF WITNESS

As in previous years there will be a 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday. The walk will start after morning prayer which begins in the side chapel at 9.15am. We will meet in the car park and walk to the town before a service at Shire Hall.

CHELMSFORD RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lady Immaculate Church will be holding a 'Day of Mercy' for Chelmsford this Tuesday (26th). Starting at 8.15am and ending with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6.30pm. Then at 7.30pm there will be a Reconciliation Service here at the Blessed Sacrament. It will include time for confession. All welcome.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Gift Aid boxes are available for collection in the Church foyer as follows:

Those paying by **weekly envelopes** should collect the larger boxes.

Those paying by **Standing Order** should collect the mini boxes.

Those that want to change from Weekly to Standing order should collect a form, complete it and send to our Bank.

Those that are taxpayers and would like to join the scheme will have their contributions increased by 25% with no extra cost to themselves. Please collect a form, complete and return to Clare. Please let us know if you want to pay weekly or by Standing Order so you are issued with the correct box. Please contact Greg Carvalho for any queries or information regarding Gift Aid on telephone numbers 07710657930 or 01245 261302 or by email greg@god.co.uk.

EASTER DAY BY DAY BOOK



The Easter Day by Day books are on sale at the welcomer's desk. The books are £1 each. Please leave your money in the basket.

WEBSITE

There are lots of posters advertising job vacancies, talks, school and Diocese information. Please try and look at the website weekly as it is updated with new adverts.

LENTEN GIVING CALENDAR

If you picked up a Lenten Giving Calendar, please bring in your box/bag. Tell the welcomer whether it is for Little Edi or the Foodbank. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

PRAYER GROUP following on from our first Prayer Group meeting, please note that all future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Church. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - just a reminder that the Novena commences on Good Friday until the Divine Mercy Sunday on 7th April. All are encouraged to pray the Novena.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

The Community invite you to join one or more of their zoom reflections as below:

Journeying through the Triduum:

20-25 minute reflections – music, word and visuals

Maundy Thursday (28th March):
5.30pm - Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83740974343?pwd=OFBqTisramNpVEJ6dEhTV1UxV1J2dz09>

Good Friday (29th March): 7pm -
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81587370030?pwd=Vmc0QXUyZGs4Z3JtRU41TVZ4ZElnUT09>

Holy Saturday (30th March): 10am
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82974784734?pwd=ZkFuc3c5YmVBemgwWmlrbkRGYmMvZz09>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd March

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS – First Mass of Sunday
5.30 pm – Rosary

6pm – Margaret & Jack McKenna RIP (M. Adams)

Sunday 24th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

9.30 am – Abigail Clark 18th Birthday Intentions (Clark Family)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 25th March – **NO MASS**
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 26th March – MASS ONLY
NO ADORATION OR BENEDICTION

6.30 pm – Iain Davis RIP (Greene Family)

Wednesday 27th March

9.15 am – Maria Lasagna's Intentions (N. Pye)

Thursday 28th March – MAUNDY THURSDAY
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
including 'The Watch'

8 pm – Patrick Solomon Intentions (E. Solomon)

Friday 29th March – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

At 3 pm

Saturday 30th March – HOLY SATURDAY

11.30 am – Canonesses' Reflection

8 pm - EASTER VIGIL MASS
(NO ROSARY)

Intentions of Tony Fassnidge (M. Marsh)

Sunday 31st March – **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE**
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (Solemnity)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Edward Duffy RIP (M. McDermott)