



**FR. PAUL HAS LEFT CHOCOLATES IN THE REPOSITORY FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS, CHOIR, COFFEE HELPERS, MONEY HELPERS, READERS AND WELCOMERS. JUST A LITTLE TOKEN TO SAY 'THANK YOU' FOR ALL YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR CHURCH RUNNING.**

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – **HOLY SATURDAY**

11.30 am – Canonesses' Reflection

8 pm - **EASTER VIGIL MASS (NO ROSARY)**

Intentions of Tony Fassnidge (M. Marsh)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – **NO MASS – Father's & Clare's Day Off**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – DIVINE WORSHIP MASS  
Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Intentions of the Chelmsford Ordinariate Group

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – NO MASS**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – MASS ONLY  
**NO HOLY HOUR**

9.15 am – Joseph Power RIP (R. Power)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – NO MASS**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – David Moore RIP (M. & P. East)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30 am – Peter Clark RIP & Marian Clark's Intentions

11.30 am – People of the Parish

**3 pm – Divine Mercy Devotions (led by Adrian)**

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £677.65  
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](mailto: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](mailto:valhilsley@btinternet.com)



**FATHER PAUL, CLARE, ALICE & FLEUR WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER. GOD BLESS.**

## LENTEN LUNCHES

The Justice and Peace Group would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who attended, prepared and brought food, set up tables and chairs, washed up, bought raffle tickets, donated money or helped in any way to make the lunches this year a huge success.

The last lunch run by the Parish Ladies' Group made £310. Thank you all so much for all the work you put in and the lovely soups which were so much appreciated by the guests.

The **RAFFLE made £1,002** and the **LUNCHES made £1,478. Making a GRAND TOTAL of £2,480.** So, we are able to donate £1,240 to CAFOD and the same figure to the Daughters of the Resurrection in Goma in the Congo. Both will find urgent use for the money. Again, thank you to everyone.

## JUSTICE AND PEACE EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our five Raffle winners who won one of the J&P's Easter baskets. The 2024 winners are: Simon & Joanna Talboys, Ann & John Donachie, Wedad Cox, Fr. Paul and Jacqui & Roy Barnaby.

## EASTER LILIES

The cards for our Easter lilies are at the welcome desk. Please write your card for your deceased loved ones and place in the basket in front of the tabernacle. Any donations to cover the cost of the lilies will be gratefully received.



## 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](mailto:greg@god.co.uk).

## MARY LLOYD'S FUNERAL

Mary's funeral will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10.15am.

It will be held at St. Thomas More Church, 514 Longbridge Road, Barking, IG11 9BY. Father Paul will be the celebrant.

All welcome to celebrate Mary's life and faith.

Please continue to pray for the repose of Mary's soul. Please also pray for Adam and the rest of Mary's family.

## EASTER VIGIL

At our Easter Vigil we will receive four new people into the Catholic Church.

We welcome Catherine, Emma-Louise, Ian & Paul. May our Lord continue to bless them on their journey as they grow in their faith.

We also welcome their sponsors and their families at this very special time.

## THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH CLEANERS

A MASSIVE THANK YOU goes to Alba & Steve, Angie, Annette M., Blessing, Brig, Eby, Elaine, Judy, Lally, Liz, Margaret C., Meji, Noreen, Soumya, Suni & Tricia for cleaning the Church in preparation for our Easter services. We are so grateful for your support.

## 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.