



OFFICE PHONE

Good news, the office phone is now working 😊

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The next Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday 8th March. There will be Stations every Friday at 7pm and they will continue until Friday 22nd March.



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd March
VIGIL MASS – First Mass of Sunday
5.30 pm – Rosary

6pm – Yvonne Singh RIP

Sunday 3rd March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – James Eldred RIP (M. Elliott)

Monday 4th March – **NO MASS**
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 5th March – DIVINE WORSHIP MASS
Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Mayo Family Intentions (B. & S. Mayo)

Wednesday 6th March – **NO MASS**

Thursday 7th March – **MASS ONLY**
NO ADORATION & BENEDICTION

9.15 am – Intentions of Isabelle House (T. Anderson)

Friday 8th March **BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL MASS**

12.15 pm – Intentions of Patients & Staff

7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th March
VIGIL MASS – First Mass of Sunday
5.30 pm – Rosary

6pm – Rosina Micallef RIP (M. Moss)

Sunday 10th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
LAETARE SUNDAY (Mothering Sunday)

9.30 am – Catherine McCann RIP (A. & J. Donachie)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

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 24th & 25th February 2024

Envelopes & Loose Plate - £524.10

Second Collection - Lent Fast Day

Envelopes - £64.00

January 2024 Standing Orders - £2,457.67

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

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.

LENT LECTURES 2024

There will be four talks on the Synod on Synodality at Brentwood Cathedral. They are for four consecutive Wednesday's, all starting at 7.30pm. Free Entry.

TALK THREE - By Mr Austen Ivereigh on Wednesday 6th March. Mr Ivereigh is a Roman Catholic Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis, Writer and speaker on contemporary Church affairs. His talk is entitled 'Why Synodality is key to the Church's future'. His new book will also be available for purchase.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

40 hours of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration during Lent (night and day except during Mass) will take place on the weekend of 16th-17th March at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0JB, starting with Mass of Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 7am on the Saturday and ending with Benediction at 11pm on the Sunday. All are welcome to take part in this very special devotion. Poster is on our website.

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, 9th March** at St. Augustine's Church, Springfield, between 8am and 10.30am. 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

The next lunch will be on **Tuesday 5th March** in the hall from 12 midday until about 2.00 p.m. It is being hosted by Wedad Cox. All parishioners are welcome so please come and join us if you can.

Tickets for the Easter Hamper raffle will be available.

Thank you to all who came and made it so successful.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN LUNCH – SAVE THE DATE

The Syro Malabar Community in the Parish has offered to put on an additional Lenten lunch on **SUNDAY 17th March**. It's an incredibly generous offer. It will be at 12.30pm after the 11.30am Mass. There will be a variety of Asian foods on offer as well as a choice for those who do not eat spicy food. Not only is this an opportunity to raise more money for the Justice and Peace Group's Lenten Project, it is also an opportunity for Parishioners to come together as a community of friendship and celebrate the wonderful diversity in our Parish. Please save the date in your diaries. The Syro Malabars are hoping for a large response so will be doing a lot of cooking! Come and join the Big Sunday Lunch! There is a 'sign-up' sheet at the welcomers' desk, please write your name and how many will be attending in your group – it helps with catering numbers!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

There is a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 25th May. Bishop Alan and other parishes will be attending. They will be celebrating Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Fr. Paul will be holding a Lenten Reflection on Wednesday 13th March after the 9.15am mass. The reflections will be taken from Pope Benedict's book 'Jesus of Nazareth', specifically on the temptations of Jesus. All are welcome.

CAFOD ENVELOPES

Please remember to return your CAFOD envelopes at this weekend's masses. Either pop them into the baskets or the green CAFOD box. If you need a CAFOD envelope there are spares at the welcomer's desk. Thank you for your support.

VACANCY

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are recruiting a couple/two adults to support the nine elderly sisters who live in the main house. The role is residential in a two bedroom bungalow, adjacent to the main home in Colchester. Precise role, and salary are dependent on the skills of the successful applicants.

For further information please contact: crssuk@canonesses.co.uk

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING

If you are having a clear out in preparation for the warmer days, The Little Edi Foundation are asking for pre-loved clothing suitable for summer (not shoes please). Please place your bag with gender and age in the Little Edi Box.