



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th April

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Kate Horobin RIP (R. Nickerson)

Sunday 21st April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9.30 am – Cynthia Seyfang RIP (N. Clifford)

11.30 am – People of the Parish including the Baptisms of
Angelina & Abigail Singh

Monday 22nd April – **NO MASS**
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 23rd April – ST GEORGE, M (National Solemnity)
Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – All Souls in Purgatory (Anon)

Wednesday 24th April – St Mellitus, Bp of London (Diocesan
Memorial)

9.15 am – Helen Igberaese's Intentions (E. Solomon)

Thursday 25th April – ST MARK, Ev (Feast)
Mass, Adoration & Benediction (HOLY HOUR)

9.15 am – Gordon Igberaese's Intentions (E. Solomon)

Friday 26th April – **NO MASS**

Saturday 27th April

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Ron Warren RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 28th April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

9.30 am - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**
People of the Parish especially the First Holy Communion
Children

11.30 am – Heinz Stucke RIP (M. Ferguson)

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 13th & 14th April 2024
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £719.77
Standing Orders for March - £2,593.67
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

GENERAL ELECTION QUESTIONS FROM CAFOD/SVP

The J&P group would like to invite parishioners to join a group that hopes to put the Catholic voice across in the upcoming General Election. In order to arrive at the polling station as well informed as possible, it's important for each of us to know what our prospective MP's views are on the issues that matter. We can reach the candidates in a variety of ways by writing letters, video meetings, attending hustings and questioning them when they knock on our doors we decide what to do. In particular, we hope to find out what the candidates think about the big issues of our time such as climate control, cost of living crisis, debt cancellation, migration and asylum, global hunger, business and human rights, aid and international development and regional inequalities. Our group would form part of a countrywide initiative called 'A Year of Encounter' organised by CAFOD and the SVP. They have identified these eight key questions and how to present them in an easy way to the candidates. **You will find details of all of them on the parish website.** They suggest that we choose two or three to concentrate on. If you would like to know more please ring Margaret Brittain on 01245 267603 or Marian Clark on 01245 265008.

HALL BOOKINGS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you book the hall - please remember that

- You need to leave it clean and tidy.
- Please make sure that you stack the chairs and tables properly and safely.
- You will need to Hoover/sweep the hall and kitchen floors.
- Any rubbish must be put in the black bins outside the hall. If the bins are full you are required to take the extra rubbish home.
- Make sure that you turn off **ALL** lights and make sure the heating is also switched off.
- Please make sure that you lock the doors and that the fire exit is shut.

Both myself and Clare cannot check the hall after every booking to make sure that all the above is complete.

HALL & FUNDRAISING SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Can you help? We are looking for any members of the parish who would like to become involved in restarting our Hall & Fundraising Social Committee and especially those parishioners who were involved in the pre-covid committee. We would love as many people as possible to join us and be part of this new group.

The aim of the group is to raise funds to enable us to refurbish and improve the hall and, also increase the lettings by generating further income from other sources. We intend to update the 'old' toilet facilities which will include a fully accessible disabled toilet and baby changing facilities, redecorate the hall with hopefully new flooring and also redecorate the kitchen. So not a small task!

All of these projects will require us to actively raise substantial funds, by way of holding various social events in the parish. So, we are looking for volunteers who have 'big' ideas, time and a willingness to help in any small way. **If you are interested in joining, then please attend the introductory coffee morning on Wednesday 24th April at 10am in the hall.**

If you have queries or would like to be involved but cannot attend the meeting - please speak to either Jenny Smith, Joanna Talboys or Clare. Or you can telephone Jenny on 07904 903800 or email Clare at chelmsfordbs@brcdt.org

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group was next due to meet on Wednesday 8th May. As this falls on the date of the Vigil Mass of the Ascension the Divine Mercy Prayer date has now been moved to Wednesday 15th May at 8pm here in the Church.

BAPTISM

We welcome Angelina and Abigail Singh to our Church as they are baptised this Sunday at the 11.30am Mass.

Please pray for Angelina and Abigail, their parents and family as they celebrate this special occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER MOIRA

Sister Moira has been greatly honoured by being invited by the Anglican Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop Guli, to become an Ecumenical Lay Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral in recognition of her contribution to local Community and Ecumenical life.

Her installation will take place at Chelmsford Cathedral on **SUNDAY 28TH APRIL AT 3.30PM** during Evensong at which she has been asked to preach.

PILGRIMAGE ALONG ST PATRICK'S WAY APRIL 25TH

The Community is organising a reflective pilgrimage through the North of Ireland along the St Patrick's 'camino'.

There are leaflets available at the back of the church or details are on the Community website www.canonesses.co.uk – news and events.