



WELLESLEY BOURKE RIP

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Wellesley. He & Judy were on holiday in Florida visiting his sister when he passed away. His daughter said that he had had a wonderful couple of weeks with family and friends before this sad event took place. Please pray for the repose of Wellesley's soul and also pray for Judy, their children and the family.



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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JIM FEENEY

We wish Jim a very happy 90th birthday for 26th April. We also wish Jim a speedy recovery as he unfortunately spent his birthday in Broomfield Hospital.



MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday 29th April – NO MASS
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 30th April – NO MASS

Wednesday 1st May – NO MASS

Thursday 2nd May – NO MASS

Friday 3rd May – SS PHILIP & JAMES, App (Feast)

9.15 am – Penelope Cousins RIP (P. & M. Cousins)

Saturday 4th May

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Dorothy & Fred East RIP (P. & M. East)

Sunday 5th May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
9.30 am – **GOING FORTH MASS**
People of the Parish especially the First Holy Communion Children

11.30 am – Tess Mansfield 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 20th & 21st April 2024
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £593.60
Second Collection – Promotion of Vocations - £179.00
Standing Orders for March - £2,593.67

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

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 or Ronnie Bartlett on 07941 558446.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next session will take place on Thursday 2nd May in the hall at 7pm. Finishing at 8pm.

HALL & FUNDRAISING SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had our first Hall and Fundraising social committee meeting last Wednesday morning. Thank you to everyone who attended. It's not too late to join please let either Jenny Smith, Joanna Talboys or Clare know and you can be added to the WhatsApp group. Or you can telephone Jenny on 07904 903800 or email Clare at chelmsfordbs@brcdt.org.

In the very near future we will be having a BIG 'hall clean up', date to be arranged but if you are able to come along and help please let Joanna, Jenny or Clare know.

We are looking at different ways of fundraising to pay for the hall redecoration and refurbishment. The committee came up with several ideas including beetle drives, quizzes, bingo evenings.

However, we are going to launch our fundraising by having a **'Garden Party' on Sunday 14th July 1pm-4pm.** It will be a 'bring and share' lunch. We are also hoping to have a raffle and also children's activities (so start saving those pennies!).

Thank you to our first donor who made a donation towards our hall up-date. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Clare (via email please) at the Parish office and she will inform you how to make a donation.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communion Children who at the 9.30am Sunday Mass receive the Eucharist for the first time. May the Lord bless you always as you go forward on your journey in Faith.

We also welcome their families and friends.

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.

CAFOD TALK RE: SUDAN

After the notices at the 11th & 12th May masses there will be a short talk from a member of the J&P group regarding the SUDAN crisis.

Next weekend (4th & 5th) at all the masses you will find a CAFOD envelope in your newsletter, this is in preparation for the talk the following week. Please return your envelope the weekend of 11th/12th May. A QR code is on our website.