



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th January

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Sheila & Barry Mayo's Intentions (Fr. Paul & Clare)

Sunday 12th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.30 am – Peter & Helen Clark RIP (Clark Family)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 13th January – **NO MASS**
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 14th January
Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Stan Wintle RIP (Clare, Fr. Paul & Family)

Wednesday 15th January - **NO MASS**

8 pm – Divine Mercy

Thursday 16th January
Mass, Adoration & Benediction (HOLY HOUR)

9.15 am – Sr. Jean Searson's Intentions (Fr. Paul & Parish)

Friday 17th January

9.15 am – Intentions of Kath Lyons & Deacon Kevin
(Fr. Paul & Clare)

Saturday 18th January

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – East Family's Intentions (M. & P. East)

Sunday 19th January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Peace Day

9.30 am – Gemma Clark RIP & Intentions of Clark Family
(E. Allen)

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.

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

4th & 5th January 2025
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £451.36
Thank you.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise and Worship will take place at **7pm on Wednesday 12th February 2025**.

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy will take place at **8pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Please use the side door.

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

MONEY RAISED AND AMBULANCE UP & RUNNING IN GOMA!

Thank you, all J&P members for this wonderful & speedy achievement! And thank you to all who participated in some way: coming to the Parish lunch, contributing via the Green Box, or by donation. We and our sisters in Goma are thrilled & so grateful. Moira & Margaret.



THANK YOU FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The J&P group would like to say a great big thank you to the parish for its incredible response to our Advent appeal to help to buy an ambulance for Goma. We have raised the magnificent amount of £1,052.08. The ambulance has been bought and is being put to good use.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend we will be holding a second collection for the Ordinariate. The collection will be for Ordinariate Clergy Family Fund.

VACANCY - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint a professional and highly motivated Administration Assistant for our friendly, busy school office. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=107058>. Closing date is noon on Monday 13th January 2025. Visits are welcome and to arrange, or for further information, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Foster by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

CONFIRMATIONS

This year we will be running our Confirmation programme together with the other churches from our Parish partnership. Please note you **MUST** be a member of the Blessed Sacrament Parish to fulfil the requirements for joining the Confirmation sessions. If you are in Year 9 or above you will need to fill in the form (which are at the welcomers' desk) and return it to Clare by 26th January. Any queries please speak to Fr. Paul. Our Confirmation mass will not be until November as Bishop Alan will be confirming the candidates.

ROUGH SLEEPERS

As the weather is remaining very cold, we have decided to keep supporting the rough sleepers in our city centre until the end of January. Please put personal hygiene items, snacks, small bottles of water and warm hats, gloves and socks into the blue box in the Church foyer. They will be given to Chess and Sanctus, the homeless charities. Thank you for your support.

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan. The Pilgrimage will take place from Friday 18th July to Friday 25th July. The flights will be from Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow shortly.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA RETREAT TO WORTH ABBEY

The Knights are organising a retreat to Worth Abbey for the weekend of March 7th-9th. The cost will be approximately £200 per person (depending on numbers and activities). The deposit is £50 per person. If you are interested, please contact Chris on thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk

LIVE BAND ON 25TH JANUARY 2025

Tickets will be on sale for our local band 'The Approach' playing on **Saturday 25th January** at Blessed Sacrament Hall, CM1 2DU.

Tickets cost £5 each, cash only and are available after all weekend Masses or to reserve your places from Jenny on 07904 903800. The event starts at 7.30pm and promises to be a great evening listening and singing along to live music, toe tapping to classic covers from the 60's to 2000's with dancing guaranteed.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. A raffle will also take place during the evening. Look forward to seeing you there.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise forever.