



## 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

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £639.28 –  
Second Collection - Ordinarate - £244.36  
Thank you.

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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

## DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy will take place at **8pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. Please use the side door.

## 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)

## GUITARS

There are a number of guitars that have been left in the repository, if they are yours or you know who they belong to please let either Father or Clare know.

## 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.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk)

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PRESENTATION OF BENEMERENTI MEDAL TO JOHN

John Donachie, our long serving MC will be receiving his Benemerenti Medal on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the 9.30am mass. He and Ann invite the parish to attend this presentation and then join them in the hall for refreshments after to celebrate his award.

## WHY DO PEOPLE NO LONGER COME TO CHURCH?

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Rev Dr Liam Hayes at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. No cost to attend. All are welcome but need to register via the following link <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/why-do-people-no-longer-go-to-church-wed-22-jan-2025/>

There is also a poster on our website if you require further information.

## 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 welcoming desk) **and return it to Clare by 26<sup>th</sup> January**. Any queries please speak to Fr. Paul. Our Confirmation mass will not be until November as Bishop Alan will be confirming the candidates.

## 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.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE AWARENESS SESSION will take place in the Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1-2pm. Please see website for poster.

## 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. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

5.30 pm – Rosary  
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – **NO MASS**  
**Father's & Clare's Day Off**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Ron Howe RIP (Clare & Family)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

9.15 am – Eileen & John Neal's Intentions (W. & D. Cox)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – **NO MASS OR HOLY HOUR**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

**BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL MASS**

**12.15 pm** – Intentions of Staff & Patients

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

5.30 pm – Rosary  
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Anne Marie Houghton RIP (C. Houghton)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
(Sunday of the Word of God)

9.30 am – Bartlett & Carver Families (Living and Departed)  
(Ronnie, Rob & Family)

11.30 am – People of the Parish