

MASS INTENTIONS

The Presentation of the Lord (A)

Saturday 1 st February – Feria	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 nd February – The Presentation of the Lord	9.00am	Vincent Friel (RIP)
	11.00am	Desmond Brothers (RIP)
Monday 3 rd February – St Anne Line	9.00am	Vincent Friel (RIP)
Tuesday 4 th February – Fiera	10am	Mr. Kuruvilla (R.I.P)
Wednesday 5 th February St Agatha	9.00am	Theodosy Jose Maria Chirousty-May
Thursday 6 th February – St Paul Miki and Companions	9.00am	Seamus Nolan (RIP) (from Frances & Jimmy Nolan)
Friday 7 th February – Feria	9.00am	Alexander Johnson Intentions
Saturday 8 th February – Fiera	9.00am	Teresa Pitham

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 8 th February – Fiera	6.30pm	Laura O'Dwyer (RIP)
Sunday 9 th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Billy Hudson (R.I.P)
	11am	Commela Moor

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.30am

Psalter: Week 3

Rosary is said every morning after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am and 5.30pm -6.00pm.

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(Langdale Gardens)

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The Presentation of the Lord (Year A)

1st & 2nd February 2020

Dear Friends,

Forty days after the celebration of Christmas, the Church celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the temple. In many places this feast is marked by processions with lighted candles, reminding us that Jesus is the light who has come into the world. Ten weeks from now we will gather in our darkened church and greet the light of the risen Christ as the Easter candle spreads its light into every corner of the building and fills our hearts with joy. Light is such a powerful symbol. It can represent knowledge – we speak of being kept in the dark; of seeing the light. It allows us to see and appreciate the beauty of the world around us. Light guide us; lead us; show us the way. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple, Simeon recognized Him as the light of the world; he saw that Jesus was the one who would bring the light of knowledge, of freedom and of truth to all peoples. Jesus also calls each one of us to be light to the world. To shine in the darkness and give light to the lives of those we meet, those in whose lives we share. Today our crib is put away, just as Jesus after His presentation entered the hidden years of His childhood in Nazareth. We continue with Him the journey from the crib to the cross. But we never forget that at the end of this journey is the dazzling light of the resurrection, the light that can never be put out. Let us pray that we will always shine with the light of Christ in our darkened world.

*Yours in Christ
Deacon Ken*

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Michael Balfour, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Desmond family, Gerry Dique, Anthony Doherty, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Jenny Jones, Ann Kelly, Neil Kelly, Sheila Leahy, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison Frances Nolan, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Nellie Ringrose, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey. Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Bill and Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, John Doherty, Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU,

PARISH FINANCES

25th & 26th January 2020

Loose

£ 316.32

Envelopes

£368.30

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020: The next session will be held on 8th March 2020 – this will be the day retreat to Aylesford.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: The next session will be held on Thursday the 6th February 2020, at 7pm.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA): Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly session, which takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

Baptism Course: The next course is on 8th February at 9am in the parish hall.

Storage Area: The Storage area between the Hall and the Church seems to have accumulated a lot of unmarked items (boxes, Crockery, books, cooking utensils etc) If you wish these items to be kept please label so that suitable storage can be found. Any unmarked items will be disposed of by the end of February 2020

The Annual Lourdes Mass: will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16th February at 3pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 19th February from 13.30 until 16.30. Music by the very popular Mary, bring a friend for an enjoyable afternoon. Admission £5.00 including tea, coffee and cakes. For information please contact John O'Connor 0790336692

Brentwood Catholic Children Society: BCCS is an established children's charity delivering mental health services in schools throughout the diocese. Currently they are seeking to appoint Trustees to their board to help guide and develop their work. Further information available on their website www.bccs.org.uk

Second Collection: There is a second collection next week for Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage fund.

Sponsored Sleepout, Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

Lent events at Gidea Park, Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Saturday 29th February 10.30am-3.00pm, John among the Gospels – Fr Victor Darlington will explore the Gospel according to John, and point to its unique features. Wednesdays 11th, 18th & 25th March 7pm-8.30pm The Great Johannie Gospels. On three evenings Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Gospels of the Samaritan Woman (Third Sunday of Lent), the Man Born Blind (fourth Sunday) and the Raising of Lazarus (fifth Sunday) in preparation for the Sunday liturgy. We will conclude with a shared reading of the Gospel passage. To book GPstudydays@gmail.com or phone 01708 449914

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Thomas Matthews who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on the 18th February at 2.30pm here in our Church. We also pray for Gary Honeyball who died this week. His funeral arrangements will be made later. May they rest in peace.