

**MASS INTENTIONS
Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

Saturday 12 th March – Feria	6.30pm	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Sunday 13 th March – Second Sunday of Lent	9.00	Ava Miller (Int)
	11.00	Lily Follon (R.I.P)
Monday 14 th March – Feria	9.00am	Oliver McCoy (R.I.P)
Tuesday 15 th March – Feria	9.00am	Tommy Young (R.I.P)
Wednesday 16 th March– Feria	9.00am	Chris Int
Thursday 17 th March– St Patrick	9.00am	Paddy Dear (R.I.P)
Friday 18 th March – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 19 th March – St Joseph	9.00am	Celia Desmond

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Saturday 19 th March – St Joseph	6.30pm	Ron Barnes (R.I.P)
Sunday 20 th March – Third Sunday of Lent	9.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Marian Burke (R.I.P)

Reflections for this week on laughter:

Don't be afraid to give in to a smile – even in times of sadness. Laughter can restore the natural balance of your soul, while at the same time offering you a helpful hand in coping with life's ups and downs.

Those ups and downs can't be changed – but you can change how you deal with them. Appreciate the value of humour and share it with others. Imagine yourself carrying a beacon of light into what might be another person's dark moment.



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Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

12th & 13th March 2022

For one reason or another we may feel a bit low; a night without sleep; a recent piece of bad news; a family tension, or a lingering burden. Just as we need the hope of brighter, longer days ahead to bring us through the winter, we need times to feel the closeness of Christ. True for the three apostles at Tabor – true for us. It's a real help to feel and know the companionship of Christ who has himself, journeyed the heights and hollows: acclamations to make him King; attempts to banish and stone him; palms spread before him by a fickle crowd; a cross laid upon him and him upon it.

Just as Christ came down from the mountain, we know that life cannot be spent on a mountain top, beautiful but remote and distant. There was another height for Him to climb – Calvary this time, not Tabor. Calvary of the darkened sky, his face covered with sweat and blood, no clothes to dazzle – they had been taken away, thieves for companions, no heavenly voice, only the din of scoffers. But Tabor and Calvary have one thing in common – Jesus prays on both summits.

But for some today, God is missing, but not missed. It is not God who needs our prayer – we do. It's not enough to be in Jesus' company – we must 'Listen to Him' – in other words, to do as he says. By scripture, by his teaching, the informed conscience advice of Christian friends. For best results this Lent, follow the makers instructions.

PRAYER – Lord, give us a glimpse of the reality in which we are now living, enfolded in your goodness, and give us hope in the glory you have promised us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,
Canon Maurice*

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Greta Anglim, Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, James Francis, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Christine Johnson, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Stuart Keen, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Confirmation Programme

The next meeting will take place next Saturday 2nd April 2022 from 4.00-6.30pm.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on 9th of April in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session will take place on the 24th of March at 7pm. The children will meet in the hall and parents to meet in the Church, as Usual, for their session.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA) The R.C.I.A programme continues every Monday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone interested in joining the church or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

Stations of the Cross

This will be held at St Albans this Friday at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

CAFOD

Cafod envelopes will be given out this weekend at all Masses, could you please bring these back to next weeks Mass.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James O'Keefe who died recently. His funeral will take place on the 28th of March at 1pm at the Upminster cemetery. Also, Ann Kelly who died recently, her Requiem Mass will take place on next Friday 18th of March at 10.45am. Her remains will be brought into the church next Thursday 5pm. May they rest in peace.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes Takes place on the 23rd to the 30th July. The cost is **£625** for the week. It is for students from year 11 and above. For more information, you can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrendwood.org

Gift Aid Envelopes

Thank you for your kind donations throughout the year. The new Gift Aid boxes can be found at the back of the church, please make sure you pick them up for the new tax year. If you are expecting a box and cannot find it, please come into the office where we will give you a box. We are trying to tidy up our collection numbers to save the boxes we need to pay for.

Toddler Group

A toddler group has now started every Thursday in the Hall between 10-11am - all parents are welcome. Please share this news with your friends and newcomers to the parish – spread the good news on any of your social media accounts! If you need any more information, please call Maria on 07751 236262. Email: stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com

Chrism Mass

Please note that this year the Chrism Mass will be held at Brentwood Cathedral on the 13th April at 11am. A coach will leave the Parish at 09.30am. A list will go up at the back of the Church for those wishing to go along. There will be no Parish morning Mass that day.

Right To Life UK

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds.

Rite of Election

Last Sunday at the Cathedral, four candidates and catechumens Michelle Kearns, Charles Clark, James McDonald and Tracey Law met with the Bishop, together with others at the Rite of Election. This marked an important stage for those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church. Our Parish community will be praying for all of those who will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for the Catechists and Catechumens and their sponsors who have accompanied the candidates and catechumens this far along their journey of faith.