

MASS INTENTIONS
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Peace Sunday)

Saturday 14 th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Sunday)	6.30pm	Birth of Granddaughter Madeline and health of Parents Marta and James.
Sunday 15 th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Sunday)	9.00am 11.00am	Philip Bergin (R.I.P) Paddy Byrnes (R.I.P)
Monday 16 th January – Feria	9.00am	Leonard Addison (R.I.P)
Tuesday 17 th January – St Anthony	9.00am	Nicola Thorogood (Int)
Wednesday 18 th January – Feria	9.00am	Lily & Anthony Dass (R.I.P)
Thursday 19 th January – Feria	9.00am	Peter Kelly (R.I.P)
Friday 20 th January – Feria	9.00am	Sheryl & Malcolm Gowan
Saturday 21 st January – St Agnes	9.00am	Lily & Anthony Dass (R.I.P)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 21 st January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Maureen & Noreen Walsh (R.I.P)
Sunday 22 nd January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Philip, Tom & Lorcan Bergin (R.I.P) Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Reflection this week: Prayer to Saint John Bosco Patron Saint of Young People:

Friend of the young, teacher in the ways of God, your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still. Help us to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real. Intercede for us as we bring our needs to you and to our heavenly Mother, the help of Christians.
Saint John Bosco, Pray for us! (Feast day January 31st)

I would like to personally invite the young people from your Parish to join the BCYS for February Youth Mass, on Thursday 2nd February at Brentwood Cathedral at 7:30pm. We will be joined by some fantastic speakers from the Southend SVP and Caritas Diocese of Brentwood to help inspire us on some charitable giving as we begin to prepare for the season of Lent. (Gabiella Skinner, Pilgrimages & Events Coordinator)



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) (Peace Sunday)
14th & 15th January 2023

The Bishop of England and Wales invites us to make today a prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. Much has changed in the 12 months since we last celebrated 'Peace Sunday'. War returned to our continent last February with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Then in November, COP27 talks in Egypt brought new focus on the existential threat that climate change brings to many communities – especially the poorest – due to deforestation, desertification, extreme weather events and sea-level rise. Present conflict and the prospect of future conflict both lie before us as we begin a new year. All the more reason then, to proclaim Christ once more as Prince of Peace and to entrust our world to his mercy.

In his message to parishes, the President of Pax Christi Archbishop Malcolm McMahon says:
 "2022 has been a year of war and rumours of war. Lives lost, people displaced, fear and suspicion overwhelming many communities around the world. These wars are also contributing to the destruction of our environment. Sometimes it feels as though we have moved backwards in our efforts to bring peace and justice to our world. However, the constant, faithful voice of Pope Francis urges us to keep going. Whether he is speaking about Ukraine and Russia, Yemen or the Middle East, his message is always the same: No to war and no to the trade in weapons that fuel war. His All-Saints Angelus message offers these questions: 'Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace?'"

PRAYER: God Our Creator and Redeemer, may we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives. Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard, those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life. That way, with your help, we will become true instruments of your peace. **Amen.**

Take care, God bless,
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

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, Desmond family, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrell John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, 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, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, 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, Theresa Carty, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord

PARISH FINANCES:

7th & 8th January

Loose

£490.26

Envelopes

£351.30

First Holy Communion 2022-2023:

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be on Thursday 9th February 2023. Parents will meet in the church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

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 sessions which take 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 Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 11th of February 2023 in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24-Saturday 29th July. All are welcome, including those who need assistance. Details regarding booking will follow soon.

Right to Life

As this coming Wednesday opens a week of prayer for Christian unity, let us pray that all Christians might express our shared love of Christ in charity towards the most vulnerable, including the sick, the poor, and the unborn.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Summer Lourdes 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23rd-30th July 2023. Open to anyone in year 10 and above; info and applications at www.bcys.net/eventssl23.

To support our young people from our Parish, sadly, we have had to postpone race night on the 28th of January, but the good news is that the Knights of St. Columba are helping us replace it with a Quiz night in the Parish Centre. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend after every mass and to help raise funds on the night the Bar will be open, sweets and snacks on sale, and a raffle and a prize for the best brain boxes! You don't have to be a genius as it is all just good fun so, please come along and support our young pilgrim's journey to Lourdes.

Study Day on The Apostle Paul:

The next Gidea Park Study Day will be on next Saturday 21st January 2023 from 11 am until 1:30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Kennelly who died recently, her Requiem Mass will take place this Wednesday 18th January at 10am. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robin Brown, his Requiem Mass will take place on next Friday 20th January at 10:15am. His remains will be brought into the Church on the 19th of January at 4:30pm. We also pray for the repose of the soul of David Jones who died recently, his funeral will take place on Wednesday 25th January at South Essex Crematorium at 3pm. Please pray for Alma O'Sullivan whose Requiem Mass will take place on the 6th of February at 12:15pm. Please also pray for Isabella De Lucia whose funeral arrangements will be made later.

We also pray for Janet Hayes' father, Roy North whose funeral will take place this Friday 20th of January at 4:00pm at South Essex Crematorium. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Confirmation 2022/2023:

The next Confirmation session will take place on the 4th February at Walsingham House. Coach will leave St Albans at 9am. Parents, please make sure that you send in the consent slip and £5 for the day, as soon as possible.

Accommodation needed:

A young Catholic man seeks accommodation. If you are able to help, please see Father Maurice.