

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 25 th February – First Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Rakiya Charles (Int)
Sunday 26 th February – First Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Bernard & Margaret Hughes (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Cynthia Bernabe (Int)
Monday 27 th February – Feria	9.00am	Aengus Delaney Boyle (R.I.P)
Tuesday 28 th February – Feria	9.30am	Requiem Mass Nellie Ringrose
Wednesday 1 st March – St David	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday 2 nd March – Feria	9.00am	John Bessa Simon
Friday 3 rd March – Feria	9.00am	Bridie Kennelly (R.I.P)
Saturday 4 th March – Feria	9.00am	Alma O’Sullivan (R.I.P)

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday 4 th March – Second Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Seamus & Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 5 th March – Second Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Winnie Boyce (Intentions)
	11.00am	Healing of the sick

Rite of Election: Today at 3pm at Brentwood Cathedral we have the Rite of Election for those people who hope to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil. We support our 6 Catechumens: Nicola, Pedro, Charlotte, Golda, Hayley and Edward who will all be baptised at the Easter Vigil along with other candidates who will also receive sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We ask you to encourage and support them with your love and prayers.



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First Sunday of Lent (Year A)
25th & 26th February 2023

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel is a strong message of hope for us as we struggle through life. We fail again and again. Despite our best efforts we do not live up to what is expected of us. When we think we have overcome our sinful inclinations once and for all, our unredeemed human nature asserts itself again and again and we find ourselves back to where we were. But the Gospel message today assures us that Christ, who was tempted himself, can understand our failures. Christ was tempted in his 'spirit' – to pride, to vanity, to devise a way of life for himself at variance with his Father's plan. Our greatest triumph in life is to find our happiness in accepting the mysterious dispositions of God's Providence – 'In his will is our peace'.

During Lent we seek the grace and the help that we need in order to follow God's purpose for us. We support one another in this as we look forward to Easter with the absolute assurance that with the power of the Risen Christ we shall overcome.

Prayer: Lord our God, in every age you call your people to hear your word and to do your will. Renew us in these Lenten days: washed clean of sin, sealed with the Spirit, and sustained by your living bread, may we remain true to our calling and, with the elect, serve you alone. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Stuart Keen, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, 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, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Alan Stokes, 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:

18th & 19th February

Loose

£572.86

Envelopes

£368.28

First Holy Communion 2022-2023:

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7pm. 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 March 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 24th Saturday 29th July. All are welcome, including those who need assistance. Details regarding booking will follow soon.

Right to Life

As we enter the Season of Lent, let us pray for the grace to respond generously if the Lord places on our hearts the desire to help the most at-risk and vulnerable, including the poor, the lonely, the aged, the sick 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. There will be a meeting at 7pm on the 1st March for the Lourdes group and for all who are supporting them.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nellie Ringrose who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday 28th February at 9.30am. There will be no morning mass on this day. **May she Rest in Peace.**

Confirmation 2022/2023:

The next Confirmation session will take place next Saturday 4th March at 4pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The family fast envelopes will be given out this weekend at all Masses. Family Fast Day will take place next Friday 3rd March. Please bring all envelopes back at the Masses at the weekend 4th and 5th of March.

Bill Shorey R.I.P

There will be a special Memorial Mass this Sunday at 3pm to honour Bill Shorey for his contribution to the Catholic Fellowship, Caring for People with Special Needs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Variety Show

We are hoping to have a St Patricks variety show in the parish hall on the 18th March at 7:30pm, this is to support our young people's Lourdes fund. More information will be given over the next few weeks.

Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria

Like so many charities and organisations, Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is here in solidarity with those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. **We have a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations.** All information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes

Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda - Appeal 25/26 February 2023

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, the Founder and a Trustee will give a brief talk at all the Masses about their work this weekend. A second collection will be taken up today for this appeal. For further information please go to their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

Brentwood Cathedral Lent Lecture, "The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution" to be given by Baroness Caroline Cox at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 1st March at 7.00 p.m. Free Entry. No need to book. All welcome.