

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Second Sunday of Lent (A)**

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March – <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	6.30pm	Seamus & Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	9.00am	Winnie Boyce (Intentions)
	11.00am	Healing of the sick
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – Feria	9.00am	Salvatore Spadaford
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March – Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Feria	9.00am	Kevin Seymour (Intentions)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Feria	9.00am	Eileen Scannell (R.I.P)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March – Feria	9.00am	Clement Janganant (R.I.P)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Feria	9.00am	Kathleen Officer (R.I.P)

**Third Sunday of Lent (A)**

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	6.30pm	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March – <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9.00am	Robin Brown (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Garry Honeyball (R.I.P)

**Reflection for the Week:**

Psalms 130 is called the *De Profundis* (Out of the Depths). It is a truly beautiful prayer flowing from the depths of the Psalmist's very being. To recite it is a grace, to put it to memory a blessing. 'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness therefore you are feared' (Psalm 130:1-4). Jesus' teaching on forgiveness 'falls like rain, descends like dew, like showers on new grass, like rain on tender plants' (Deuteronomy 32:1-2). It refreshes, restores and renews. God has forgiven us; we in turn receive the grace to forgive others.

Lord, show me that in forgiving I am forgiven; in showing mercy I receive mercy And in loving I am loved in return. – **Walk with Me**



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**Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear Friends,

Have you ever taken on a commitment without understanding fully what was in store for you, and found yourself really stretched? Sometimes loving a partner or a child can feel like that.

Our faith may also feel like that at times. It is not easy to understand what it means for our lives. In today's Gospel, the disciples don't really understand the meaning of what happens to Jesus in the moment when they see him transfigured. They are not ready for the mystery of Christ's death and raising to glory. They have yet to discover what it means for them.

During this Lent, there are many people making a special effort to find and understand Christian faith in groups as well as the RCIA and other ways. They deserve our support and prayers. They remind us that we all struggle to understand sometimes, or don't feel ready to respond to all that faith asks of us.

**Prayer:** Let us pray for the courage to deepen our faith, especially when we don't understand or when the demands it makes seem too great. We pray too for all those who are enquirers or candidates for Sacraments during this Lent and ask that they may find and treasure the light of faith. **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 Hedde, 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:**

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Loose**

£580.83

**Envelopes**

£545.50

**First Holy Communion 2022-2023:**

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Confirmation 2022/2023:**

The next Confirmation session will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 4pm.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023**

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

**Right to Life**

Let us pray for the grace to see God's glory in our encounters with those on both ends of life's spectrum, including infants and children, and the elderly, as well as all those who care for them.

**Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Summer Lourdes 2023**

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Open to anyone in year 10 and above; info and applications at [www.bcys.net/eventssl23](http://www.bcys.net/eventssl23). There will be a meeting at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> March for the Lourdes group and for all who are supporting them.

**Parish Variety Show**

Tickets go on sale this weekend for the St Patricks variety show in the parish hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children (under 16s). This fundraiser is being held to support our young people's Lourdes fund. There are limited tickets available so please buy your tickets as soon as possible. This promises to be a great evening of entertainment.

**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](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes)

**Gidea Park Talk On The Holy Eucharist**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled *Do this in memory of me*, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**Diocese of Brentwood - Foundation Governor Vacancies**

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to [victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call Victoria on Telephone: (01277) 265284

**Job Vacancy**

St Alban's Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced or qualified teacher to join our school from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2023. The deadline for the application is 12pm (noon) on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Further information can be found on the school's website: [www.stalbansschool.net](http://www.stalbansschool.net)