

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent</b>	6.30pm	Mum, Chris & Ann (Int)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Toni O'Halloran (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Garry Honeyball (R.I.P)
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Monday of the Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Evans Cook (Int)
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday of the Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Aleena (Thanksgiving)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of the Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Thomas Megoran (R.I.P)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday of the Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Winifred & James (R.I.P)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friday of the Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Evans & Family
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday of the Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	John Moody (R.I.P Anni)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	6:30pm	Thomas & Kathleen O'Dea (45 <sup>th</sup> Wed anni)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00am	Tony Pears (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Thanksgiving

**Thought for the Week:**

St Augustine said that God thirsts after our thirst for him, that is, he desires to be desired. The further the human being distances himself from God, the more closely God pursues him with his merciful love. The liturgy encourages us today, also taking into account the Lenten Season in which we are living, to review our relationship with Jesus, to tirelessly seek His face. – **Pope Benedict XVI**



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**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Friends,

When we have a need that is not met, it is easy to take out that frustration on someone – just as the Israelites, who desperately needed water in the wilderness, got angry with their leader, Moses, and used him as their scapegoat. But, if we turn to God, we find help, though not always as obviously or dramatically as the Israelites did when they got water from a rock.

Living water is available to us, as it was to the Israelites and to the Samaritan woman at the well. If we wonder, “surely not for me; I’m not good enough” then we should remember that Jesus chose to reveal himself as Saviour, source of living water to a most unlikely person – a woman, with whom rabbis were not supposed to interact; a Samaritan, regarded as unclean by the Jews; and an immoral woman, who lived with enough shame that she came to the well when others would not be there, But Jesus offered to meet her deepest need, and continues to do the same for us, today.

Through him, we can have the greatest peace, share God’s glory and thrive on the love God pours into our hearts, like the water poured from the rock and the well.

**Prayer:**

Generous God, I open my heart to your love, poured in like refreshing water for my thirsty soul. Help me to pour out that love on to others. Amen.

*God Bless*  
*Canon Maurice*

**Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, Elizabeth Wyles, 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:**

28<sup>th</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

**Loose**

£523.07

**Envelopes**

£375.50

**Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place this Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:**

The next session will take place this Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 7pm. Children will meet in the Parish Hall and Parents in the Church. We also continue the sessions every Sunday for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools at 10.10am to 10.45am,

**Confirmation Programme:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

**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 every Monday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Bookings are open at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

**Holy Hour:**

Please note Holy Hour continues every Sunday 6 -7pm.

**Mother & Toddler Group:**

If you would like to join us in 2026, please contact Maria at [stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com) or 07774 719 806 for more information.

**Monthly Youth Mass**

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

**Post Confirmation Group:**

The next meeting will be on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:30pm – 8pm.

**Assisted Suicide:**

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on **Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm** (UK time). This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time. The full letter is on display at the back of the Church.

**St John Bosco Children's Camp:**

If you are in school year 12 or students age (or any age over 17!) you are very welcome to apply at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). The application process includes references and a DBS check, which we can help with, as well as a training and support before and during camp. The camp provides over 100 children a week with a summer holiday – for many their only holiday. As a volunteer you use your skills in assisting with different sporting and fun activities, as well as the practical aspects of camp life. **Volunteer for 25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August.** The camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and also seeks financial donations – all information on the website.

**Dates For Your Dairy:**

- **Easter Tridium** – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of April
- **Holy Communion Families Visit to Aylesford** – 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Stations of the Cross:**

There will be Stations of the Cross this Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March at St Nicholas Church at 7:30pm.

**Series Of Four Lenten Lectures 2026:**

Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm. The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

- **Talk 3: Wednesday 11th March at 7:30pm.** Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life.
- **Talk 4: Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm.** Rev Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society.

**The Book Of Genesis – Lenten Talk:**

This Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book of Genesis, a book which in different ways figures prominently during Lent. The talk will be preceded by light refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free, in-person event is also available via live stream at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org).

**Job Vacancy:**

St Peter's Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham are seeking to appoint an ECT in September 2026. The closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Please call the school office for an application pack and to discuss interview & actual start date. Tel.0208 270 6524, email:- [office@st-peter.bardagelea.org.uk](mailto:office@st-peter.bardagelea.org.uk). School visits are welcomed.