

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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ST ANDREW, PATRON OF SCOTLAND

Feast Day: 30th November

St Andrew was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St Peter. According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. It is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. St Andrew is the Patron Saint of fishermen and singers. He is the Patron Saint to several countries and cities, including Scotland and is also the principal saint of the Greek Orthodox Church.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and 'fishers of men'.

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother.

However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION : Envelopes: £648.00. Loose: £319.62. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £503.39. Total: £1,471.01. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS:

Those of our parishioners and friends who have asked for prayers:

Mary Rooney, Peter Beard, Frankie Gall, Maria Hoefft, Megan Delaney, Marie Day, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Henryka Duzniak, Sandra Gilbert, Frances Weaver, Janet Cash, Mary McGrath, Rachel Stokes, Isaac Barry, Maria Wray, and Margaret Butler.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terence Lowe, Joan Chambers, Violet Edwards, Marie Dowsett, Terry Peagram, Gwen Lindeman, Dennis Geary, Vera Faircloth, Sr Agatha McEvoy, Sr Teresa Geoghegan, Francis McGuile and Albert Edwards. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: No refreshments today because of the hall closure for the bazaar.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome **Louis James Valentine Sellers**, son of Roisin and Jamie, **Ronnie James Fairchild**, son of James and Louise, **Leesa Sypherion**, daughter of Delcy and Partheepan and **Louis Christopher Chukwuemeka**, son of Izabela and Christopher, into the family of the Church. May God bless them all at this special time.

FIRE MARSHALLS - URGENTLY REQUIRED: As part of our Health and Safety regulations, we need to have fire marshalls present at all Masses. Following last week's appeal, we have a few people but we still need lots more please. Speak to Fr David or Sue for more information and to find out if this is something you would be prepared to do. No commitment is required on a weekly basis, it's purely to have someone trained to assist in case of an emergency. Thank you.

NEWSLETTERS IN LARGE PRINT: We appreciate that the size of the print in the newsletters can be hard to read for some of our parishioners. As a trial run, we are printing 10 copies in large print - these can be found next to the other newsletters.

WALK WITH ME - ADVENT: Books are now available at the back of church - £1 each.

CONFESSIONS: There will be no confessions on **Saturday 2nd December**.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER: Pray for the needs of our Parish - **10.00am - 1.00pm**. Please come for one hour if you can.

81ST PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: On **Saturday 2nd December**, at the Bocking Arts Theatre (formerly The Institute). **NEXT WEEK!!** If you have not returned your carrier bag filled with donations, it is not too late, you have until **Tuesday** evening. If you are handy with spanners please come to the Jubilee Hall on **Tuesday** evening at **7.00pm** to help put together the stall frames. We need lots more bottles of drink, soft and alcoholic, any size and any type for the bottle stall and prizes. Please return sold and unsold Grand Draw tickets to the Presbytery or bring them with you to the bazaar. **Most importantly come to the bazaar - we look forward to seeing you there.**

JUBILEE HALL CLOSURE: Please note the hall will closed from **Sunday 26th November**, for Bazaar preparation. The hall will re-open for the **6.00pm** Mass on **2nd December**.

STEWARD OF THE GOSPEL: On Monday 27th November, **The First Formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese** will be published on the Diocesan website. There will also be a video from the Bishop. Please have a look on the website and this will be discussed at the next Parish meeting on **Saturday 20th January** after the **6.00pm Mass**. Some printed copies will also be available.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND: This is the weekend we pray for young people. Young people are invited to share their views with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment taking place in September 2018. To do this, please visit www.youth.synod2018.va - deadline is 30th November. For Diocesan Youth matters please visit www.bcys.net for information.

NEW RECEPTION INTAKE FOR ST FRANCIS: Children starting in **September 2018** - born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. There will be a talk given by Mrs Vicky Jackson, Headteacher at St Francis School, on **Wednesday 29th November**, at **9.15am**, for prospective new parents to attend a talk by herself, followed by a tour of the school at **10.15am**. **It is imperative to book your session in advance** - please telephone 01376 320440 as soon as possible. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF BRAINTREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: 'Carols Round the Tree' (an hour service consisting of readings, carols and songs) on **Sunday 10th December**, at **3.30pm**, at the Braintree Community Hospital. Health and Safety restrictions mean that tickets must be obtained, in advance, to guarantee a seat. These can be collected from the Hospital Shop. Admission is free but there will be a collection for Farleigh Hospice. They still need singers for the choir - please telephone 01376 320822 to book a place.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND: Monday 28th May 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flights from Stansted, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights in the Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish breakfast each morning, light lunch and four-course dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included. Contact 01268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com for more information.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: Braintree Advent Burn 24. Friday 1st December, 5.00pm, to Saturday 2nd December, 5.00pm. At the Elim Church, Manor Street. Worship, praise, thanks and prayers to our God. Just turn up at anytime within the period stated.

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St John Payne Secondary School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS

Headteacher: Anthony Schular

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th November - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)	9.00am 11.00am	Pauline Worth RIP Gary Gall RIP
Monday 27th November	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 28th November	9.30am	Marie Dowsett RIP (A)
Wednesday 29th November	9.30am	In Thanksgiving Alan and Belinda
Thursday 30th November ST ANDREW	9.30am	Pam de Keyser RIP
Friday 1st December	9.30am	Kathleen O'Keeffe RIP
Saturday 2nd December	9.30am	Ints David and Barbara Hicks
Saturday 2nd December - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Bridget Taylor Kane RIP
Sunday 3rd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Patrick Cunningham RIP

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY - 10.00-10.30AM **(No Confessions in Church on Saturday 2nd December)**

Rosary	Church	Monday (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 7th December	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 19th December	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 1st December	7.30pm

COUNTERS OF COLLECTION

26th November and 3rd December	G Howell and M Cairns
10th and 17th December	R&B Sewell
24th December and 31st December	M Wetton and J Hull

CHURCH CLEANERS

Week commencing 27th November	S Matthewman and P Smith
Week commencing 4th December	T Crush
Week commencing 11th December	S Paul and P Santomauro

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

Friday 8th December	P Gale, M Pannell and S Tully
Friday 12th January	T Seward and A&B Paul