

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

4th February 2018

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## ST SCHOLASTICA

**Feast Day: 10th February**

St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. St Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. Three days later St Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St Benedict followed her soon after.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £476.25. Loose: £393.04. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £509.82 . Total £1,379.11. Thank you.

**CRIB COLLECTION:** This week, a cheque has been sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society for £691.51 - a tremendous amount! Thank you for your generosity.

**SICK PARISHIONERS:**

**Those who receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital:**

Anne-Marie Wardrop, Barbara Brabon, Marie Day, Gwen Rushton, Val Harding, Cecilia Omoyinbo and Kathleen Haigh.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy May Miller (Margaret), Sharron Alliston, Martha Hayes, Anastasia Pipe, Nora Connor, Mary Barlow, Irene Cleary, Judy Gray, Eileen Ryan, Fred Benfield, David Dyson and Mandy Daly. May they all rest in peace.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Will be provided after the **9.00am** and **11.00am** Sunday Masses.

**FUNERAL MASS:** Please pray for the soul of **Lorraine Marie Smith**, who died recently. Her funeral will be on **Saturday 10th February**, at **10.30am**. May she rest in peace.

**CONFESSIONS:** There will be no 'Confessions' on **Saturday 10th February** because we have a funeral at that time. Mass will still be at the normal time of **9.30am**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families into our **9.00am Mass**, this **Sunday 4th February**.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome **Reya Hannah Prior**, daughter of Hannah and Samuel, into the family of the Church. May God bless her at this special time.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** **Next weekend**, there will be a second collection for the **Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund**.

**MASS AT ST FRANCIS SCHOOL:** Please note, Mass on **Friday 9th February** will be at **9.30am**, at St Francis School.

**STEWARD OF THE GOSPEL:** Thank you to everyone who came to the Parish meeting recently. Feedback can still be given by sending it to Graham by email [cgm123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cgm123@hotmail.co.uk), by **10th February**. This will enable us to submit feedback to the Diocese in time for the Steward/Clergy meeting on **24th February**. Please get involved.

**REPOSITORY:** New stock now arrived, including cards for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter. Come and have a look!

**LENTEN LUNCHEs:** Every Wednesday from **14th February** to **28th March**. From **12noon** to **1.15pm**. Held at the Baptist Church, Coggeshall Road, Braintree. This year, the money raised from the lunches, will be split equally between the Elizabeth Trust and the Foodbank. Adults £2.75. Children £1. Our Church's Lenten Lunch is on **7th March**.

**FOODBANK:** The latest list is on the noticeboard and shopping lists are available too. Also, the Braintree Area Foodbank are looking for volunteers who have a passion for sharing their cookery skills and would like to help out with training for their 'Eat Well Spend Less' training programme. The only qualifications required are a passion for cooking, enthusiasm and a willingness to take a Level 2 Food Hygiene Course. For further information, please email [maggie@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:maggie@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk).

**BRAINTREE AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER:** There will be a Sunrise Service, at the Great Notley Country Park, on **1st April** (Easter Sunday), at **6.00am**. Call 07771593506 for more information. Car parking charges will apply.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** On **Friday 2nd March** at St Michael's Church, Braintree (**10.30am**), St Mary's Church, Bocking (**2.30pm**) and Christ Church, London Road, Braintree (**7.30pm**).

**EXHIBITION ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN:** An exhibition about the Shroud of Turin, including a full sized replica of the Shroud, will take place at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford from **5th to 11th March**. The exhibition opens with Mass at **7.30pm** on **Monday 5th March**. Each day there are confessions, Stations of the Cross and Mass. The week culminates with Mass at **12noon** on **Saturday 10th March**. The exhibition will remain in place on Sunday 11th March. The church is open from 7.00am until 8.00pm each day. If you would like to know more about this, please contact the parish office on 01245 352898, or simply come along to church that week. Everyone is very welcome.

**ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 110 YEARS:** The school, in Canning Town, Newham, is appealing to all past pupils or their relatives. They are seeking copies of old school photographs, reports and records as part of the preparations for their 110th anniversary. They are particularly looking for photographs and information from 1907-1941 as original documents were destroyed in the blitz. Please contact 020 7476 1785 or email: [info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk).

**VACANCY:** The Trustees of the Charity of The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, Colchester, are looking for a part-time Bookkeeper and Financial Administrator. The person will be required to work for three short days a week (flexible and around 60 hours a month). For more information, email: [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk). Closing date: **8th February 2018**. Shortlisting: 9th February. Interviews: 15th February. We hope that the person appointed will start work at the beginning of March.

#### **OUR SCHOOLS:**

**St Francis Primary School**, Gilchrist Way, Braintree, CM7 2SY

Headteacher: Vicky Jackson

Telephone: 01376 320440 / Website: [www.stfrancisbraintree.co.uk](http://www.stfrancisbraintree.co.uk)

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

Headteacher: Anthony Schular

Telephone: 01245 256030 / Website: [www.sjp.essex.sch.uk](http://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk)

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd February - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Harry Rigdon RIP (A) (Rigdon) and People of the Parish
Sunday 4th February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Peter Breed RIP (A) (Breed) Jean O'Gorman RIP (Carroll)
Monday 5th February <b>St Agatha</b>	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 6th February <b>St Paul Miki and Comp</b>	9.30am	John Bending RIP
Wednesday 7th February	9.30am	Mark Higgins RIP (Skingsley)
Thursday 8th February	9.30am	Judy Gray RIP (A) (Gray)
Friday 9th February <b>(MASS AT ST FRANCIS SCHOOL)</b>	9.30am	Stephen McAuley RIP (Peagram)
Saturday 10th February <b>St Scholastica REQUIEM MASS</b>	9.30am <b>10.30am</b>	Ints Patrick Kissane and Bridget Kissane RIP (McKay) <b>Lorraine Marie Smith</b>
Saturday 10th February - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>	9.00am 11.00am	David Lynch RIP (Davina) Mary Maxwell RIP (Carroll)

### **CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - 10.00-10.30AM (NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY)**

Rosary	Church	Monday (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 8th February	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 20th February	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 9th February	7.00pm

### **COUNTERS OF COLLECTION**

4th February	R and B Sewell
11th and 18th February	G Myddleton-Evans and J Baglin
25th February and 4th March	M Wetton and J Hull

### **CHURCH CLEANERS**

Week commencing 5th February	S Paul and P Santomauro
Week commencing 12th February	D Dobrowolski, P Mohan and C Gleeson
Week commencing 19th February	S McKay and M Leyden

### **FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 16th February	M Gray, K North and A Saward
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