

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

19th November 2017

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SS ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS

(The Vietnamese Martyrs)

Feast Day: 24th November

On 19th June 1988, thousands of Vietnamese gathered, at the Vatican, to witness Pope John Paul II canonise 117 Vietnamese Martyrs.

The Vatican estimates the number of Vietnamese martyrs at between 130,000 and 300,000. John Paul II decided to canonise those whose names are known and unknown, giving them a single feast day.

The Vietnamese Martyrs fall into several groupings, those of the Dominican and Jesuit missionary era of the 18th century and those killed in the politically inspired persecutions of the 19th century. The torture these individuals underwent are considered by the Vatican to be among the worst in the history of Christian martyrdom. The authorities tortured and used drugs to enslave the minds of the victims. Christians at the time were branded on the face and families/villages who subscribed to Christianity were obliterated.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION : Envelopes: £548.35. Loose: £431.45. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £394.33. Total: £1,374.13. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS:

Those who receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Barry Braybrook, Stanislaw Kruszynski, Stanislaw Bociowski, Mary Reynolds, Rex Hughes, Andre Bologh, Jean Cardy, Frances Martin, Max Adcock, Sheila Scrase, James Meehan and John Holland. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am Sunday** Masses.

REQUIEM MASS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Stanislaw Niekrasz**, whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November**, at **12.00noon**, followed by burial at the Braintree Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Mass will be offered for all deceased members of our Parish, friends and family. If you would like your loved ones to be prayed for throughout November then please place an offering, with their names, in an envelope (available at the back of church) and return **to the Presbytery**. If you are a gift-aider then please put your gift-aid number on the envelope. Thank you.

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, no one has come forward. 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-up 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.

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**.

81ST PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: On **Saturday 2nd December**, at the Bocking Arts Theatre (formerly The Institute). **ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!!** Please return your carrier bags by next Sunday filled with quality items. If you need guidance on what is needed please refer to the label on the bag or the list at the back of the church. We are always desperate for good quality gifts, bottles ranging from pop to liqueurs (full of course!) and groceries. Please keep pestering your friends, relatives and work colleagues to buy Grand Prize Draw tickets - there is £700 in cash prizes!!

STEWARD OF THE GOSPEL: Next meeting: **Saturday 20th January** - after **6pm** Mass.

PRIEST/PEOPLE REVUE: Thank you to everyone who supported this event at St John Payne School. Our parish team put on a fantastic performance and a special thanks to Sharon Mussett who was the 'team manager' and Graham Meek for his support.

NEW RECEPTION INTAKE FOR ST FRANCIS: Children starting in **September 2018** - born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. Mrs Vicky Jackson, Headteacher at St Francis School, has allocated two sessions: **Tuesday 21st November** and **Wednesday 29th November**, for prospective new parents to attend a talk by herself and be shown around the school. Both sessions will start at **9.15am**, followed by the tour at **10.15am**. **It is imperative to book your session in advance** - please telephone 01376 320440 as soon as possible. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: A big 'thank you' to everyone who prepared a box for this year's appeal. We have been able to send 109 boxes collectively from our Parish and St Francis School. A fantastic effort.

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 phone Chris on 320322 to book a place.

ANGLIA SINGERS - AUTUMN CONCERT: On **Sunday 26th November**, at **4.00pm**, at St Augustine's Church, Springfield, Chelmsford. Children from the Bishops' School will be taking part and the concert will feature songs from Walt Disney and a complete performance of '*Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo*'.

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.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** on **Friday 8th December**, 12.00noon for 12.30pm, at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Two-course lunch with tea and coffee. Tickets £25 per person. Available from Libby on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk.

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Headteacher: Anthony Schular

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th November - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Rod Gurr RIP (A)
Sunday 19th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	9.00am 11.00am	Ron Chapman RIP (A) People of the Parish
Monday 20th November	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Ann Rolls RIP (A)
Wednesday 22nd November St Cecilia	9.30am	Mary Lewis RIP (A)
Thursday 23rd November	9.30am	Valerie Stiles RIP
Friday 24th November Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	9.30am	Raffaele Caparco RIP and Giovanni Uzzo RIP
Saturday 25th November	9.30am	Deceased Members of the Micallef and Smith Families
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

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY - 10.00-10.30AM

Rosary	Church	Monday (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 23rd November	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 21st November	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 20th November	S and G Riordan
Week commencing 27th November	S Matthewman and P Smith
Week commencing 4th December	T Crush

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

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