

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

28th January 2018

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After the call of the first disciples, the evangelist tells us of a healing worked by Jesus, the first miracle in this Gospel. He reaches Capernaum, a busy town by the Sea of Galilee, which he made the centre for his ministry. His teaching impressed the people, for it was given with authority, with conviction. Jesus spoke the truth without fear. The people are even more astonished by the healing of the man who was 'possessed by an unclean spirit'.

The initial part of the Gospel is dominated by the words and the actions of Jesus. The healing actions show the power of God, while the teaching proclaims the coming of the kingdom. Jesus' powerful deeds confirm the message of the coming of the kingdom of God.

The sick man was probably suffering from some kind of mental illness, and considered to be 'possessed'. All sickness was considered evil and in some way the work of Satan. The sick man was somehow a victim of evil. By healing him Jesus challenges and conquers the power of Satan.

The reading from the book of Deuteronomy includes the words of Moses that God would one day raise up a great prophet, a prophet like Moses. This reading prepares us for the Gospel reading and the fulfilment of that promise. Jesus, who is greater than Moses, speaks powerful words, words of truth, words which heal. The good news Jesus brings can change our lives as it changed the life of the sick man in the Gospel.

What does this Gospel say to us today?

What does the Gospel tell us about sickness?

Let us pray for all those who care for the sick and work for their healing.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £658.20. Loose: £319.02. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £514.61. Total: £1,491.83. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS:

We remember all those in nursing homes within the Parish:

Elvira Kitteridge (New Deanery), Mary Davis, Kathy McBrierty, Bruna Read (Great Bradfords House), Colleen De Souza (Convent), Catherine Hughes (Millard House), Susan Singleton (White House) and all at St Francis Residential Home.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Scott, George Price, Henry Casey, Rose Hunt, Alfred Draper, William Featherstone, Mary Hanlon (Cissie), Eileen Davis, Joseph Guinan, Clare Guinan, Philomena Daly, Agnes Hedges and Harry Rigdon. May they all rest in peace.

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

FUNERAL SERVICE: Please pray for the soul of **Maureen Stevens**, who died recently. Her funeral will take place this **Monday, 29th January**, at **1.00pm**.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the soul of **Lorraine Marie Smith**, who died last week.

THANK YOU: Basia Duźniak would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and prayers, she's received since the death of her mum, Henryka. She would also like to thank everyone involved in the preparation of the Requiem Mass and those who have helped with the refreshments afterwards.

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

STEWARD OF THE GOSPEL: Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to come to the Parish meeting last Saturday. Feedback can still be given if you couldn't make the meeting by sending it to Graham by email 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.

ALTAR SERVING: If anyone is interested in becoming an altar server and has already received their First Holy Communion, then contact Sue on 326779 as soon as possible.

FIRE MARSHALLS: Thank you to all of you who have put your name down to become a Fire Marshall for our parish. We still need more people who regularly come to the **9.00am Sunday Mass** to come forward. If you can help then call Sue on 326779.

BINGO SOCIAL EVENING: We are holding a bingo night to raise funds for our Parish on **Friday 2nd February, 7.30pm**. In the Jubilee Hall. Please bring any drinks/snacks you require. Entrance is free but you will need to purchase the books on the night.

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

BRAINTREE YOUTH PROJECT CHARITY: This weekend, Kate Manning, will be speaking after the 6.00pm and 9.00am Masses regarding the work of the BYPC. They are a friendly community of young people and Christian volunteer helpers who would like to welcome you and your children to a lively and safe place. For more information and their opening times, please email: contact@braintreeyouth.org.uk.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 23rd-27th July 2018. Is anyone willing to help the medical team on this pilgrimage - they need doctors, nurses and health carers? There's a meeting being held on **Tuesday 30th January - 7.00-8.30pm**, at St James the Less Church, Colchester, if you might be able to offer your services. Thank you.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL - MASS FOR THE SICK: On **Sunday 4th February, 3.00pm**, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Dublin - **21st-26th August 2018**. This is a major international event, held every three years, for families to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the importance of marriage and family. Visit: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/.

DEANERY VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR: This year the Vocations office are hosting a Holy Hour in all twelve deaneries within the Diocese, one for every month of 2018. The first one is being held on **Wednesday 31st January**, at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Saffron Walden, at **7.30pm**. All welcome.

SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR: On **Saturday 10th February**, at **10.30am-12.00noon**. Title: 'The Mass Explained'. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. At Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. For more information, contact 01277 265285 or email jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

HEALING MASS: Fr Eammon's Healing Mass resumes on **Friday 16th February**, at **2.00pm**, at St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon. For more information, please contact Angie Hart on mahart66@outlook.com.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th January - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	9.00am 11.00am	Fr A McKentey RIP (Doleman) Eileen Patricia Smith RIP (A) (Warren)
Monday 29th January FUNERAL SERVICE	9.30am 1.00pm	Communion Service Maureen Stevens RIP
Tuesday 30th January	9.30am	Raymond Daniel McKay RIP (Yvonne)
Wednesday 31st January St John Bosco	9.30am	Ints Margaret Harrington (Maher)
Thursday 1st February	9.30am	Philomena Daly RIP (A) (Mary)
Friday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Dave Barry RIP (A) (Williamson)
Saturday 3rd February St Anne Line	9.30am	Joe McGee RIP (A) (McKay)
Saturday 3rd February - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	9.00am 11.00am	Peter Breed RIP (A) (Breed) Jean O'Gorman RIP (Carroll)

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY - 10.00-10.30AM

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

28th January and 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 29th January	T Crush
Week commencing 5th February	S Paul and P Santomauro
Week commencing 12th February	D Dobrowolski, P Mohan and C Gleeson

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

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