

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)

1st/2nd February 2020

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous offerings. Envelopes: **£642.71**. Loose Plate: **£283.88**. Standing Orders: **£582.07**. Total: **£1,508.66**.

SICK PARISHIONERS: We remember all those in nursing homes within the Parish: Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Davis, Kathy McBrierty and Catherine Hughes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Philomena Daly, Joseph Guinan, Clare Guinan, Sharron Alliston, Agnes Hedges, Harry Rigdon, Dorothy Miller, Martha Hayes, Anastasia Pipe, Judy Gray, Nora Connor, Denis Mayne, Mary Barlow and Irene Cleary. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Will be available after the **9.00am** and the **11.00am** Masses, in the hall.

FUNERAL; Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nicola Berriman**, who died at the end of December. Her funeral will be in the church on **Tuesday 11th February**, at **2.00pm**, followed by Committal at the Three Counties Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Anthony O'Connor** who died last week. His funeral will be held on **Friday 14th February**, in the church, at **3.00pm**, followed by Committal at the Three Counties Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

MASS CHANGES: Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 3rd February** and will include the Blessing of St Blaise. On **Wednesday 5th February**, there will be a Communion Service. On **Saturday 8th February**, neither Mass or Confessions will take place in the morning.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Donations can still be made until **this Sunday** - the box is next to the figure of Baby Jesus, by the Tabernacle. All offerings will be sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society to support the children and families who need their help. Please pray for those children and families who are suffering at this time.

SOCIETY OF VINCENT DE PAUL: Following our Parish mission, we hope to start a new SVP Conference group in our Parish. Jenny Clayton, from the Society of Vincent de Paul (SVP), is coming to speak briefly at all Masses on **8th/9th February** about how you can join. Being a member of the SVP provides an opportunity to live your faith by loving your Neighbour reaching out to those in the Parish living in poverty or facing loneliness. An informal meeting with tea and cake will take place on **Tuesday 11th February** in the Church hall at **8.00pm**, please do come along to find out more.

100 CLUB DRAW: Congratulations to our winners! 1st Prize (£200): **Anne Kershaw**. 2nd Prize (£50): **Pauline Marshall**. If you would like to be part of our 100 Club, see the forms at the back of church.

BOTTLE TOPS AND STAMPS: Thank you to all of you who have been donating your bottle tops and stamps. The response has been staggering - please continue!

FOODBANK: February's list is on the noticeboard and shopping lists are available for your use. Thank you for all your donations at our Foodbank Appeal. By continuing with your food donations, you are helping a tremendous amount of people. Thank you.

LOOKING AT THE BIBLE: Following my announcement at the Sunday of the Word of God, I am pleased to offer the following sessions so that we can grow to understand how God speaks to us through the Readings of the Mass, through prayerful reflection of the Bible and through Bible Study. I am, at first, proposing sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, on the basis that some people might be able to make Thursdays and not Saturdays and some people Saturdays but not Thursdays. If it works out that people can do both, then let's work out together the best schedule. So, at the moment, the programme will run on the following Thursdays at **7.30pm** and Saturdays at **10.30am**.

Session 1	Thursday 13th February	Saturday 22nd February
Session 2	Thursday 5th March	Saturday 14th March
Session 3	Thursday 19th March	Saturday 28th March
Session 4	Thursday 2nd April	Saturday 4th April

All these meetings will take place in the Jubilee Hall. Once we have worked out the interest in this course, then we can work out how best to continue after Easter. If in the meantime you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to ask me. Fr David.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: On **Friday 6th March, 10.30am**, at the church in Great Notley, Bridge End Lane, CM77 7GN - praying with Zimbabwe.

YOUTH MASS AT BRENTWOOD: The next Youth Mass in Brentwood Cathedral, is on **Wednesday 5th April, at 8.00pm**. Anyone aged 14+ is very welcome; this Mass will include a live interview with Rob Green, a former Campion School pupil who, by using his own resources, went to Greece last summer and worked in a refugee camp for a month. Come along and hear his fascinating story, and be inspired about some unusual Lenten resolutions. For more details visit: www.bcys.net.

CHARITY CYCLE RIDE: Fr Dominic Howarth, of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, is turning 50 in September and is marking the occasion by solo cycling 5000km between now and then on a training bike next to the office! He is raising money for BCCS, Help Refugees, HCPT and Walsingham House. Any support you can give him is gratefully received. Please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50> where you can donate and find out more details. Thank you.

LENTEN REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT: At Walsingham House at Abbotswick, **27th March, 8.00pm** to **29th March, 3.00pm**. In Years 11-13? The week-end retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study, relaxed social time and will conclude with Mass. Meals included. Cost £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT: 3rd-4th April. In the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8.00pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11.00pm for Mass. Sleepout: midnight – 7.00am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, whilst raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A) Saturday 1st February - Vigil Mass Sunday 2nd February	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Debbie Hansen RIP (Paul) Harold Rigdon RIP (A) (Rigdon)
Monday 3rd February St Anne Line	9.30am	
Tuesday 4th February	9.30am	Louie Scrivener RIP (Burford)
Wednesday 5th February St Agatha	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 6th February	9.30am	Betty Laffan RIP (Tate)
Friday 7th February	9.30am	Ints Josie Pullum (Seward)
Saturday 8th February		NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 8th February - Vigil Mass Sunday 9th February	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Shirley Collias RIP (Bradley) People of the Parish Sean Sheridan RIP (Monaghan)

**THERE WON'T BE ANY CONFESSIONS, IN THE CHURCH,
ON SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY.**

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Ladies Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 6th February	2.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 18th February	8.00pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 7th February	7.30pm

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