

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

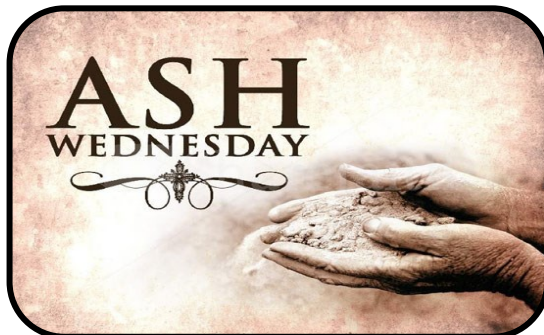
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Day of Obligation

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebrations of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call upon Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous offerings. Envelopes: **£616.34**. Loose Plate: **£324.33**. Standing Orders: **£524.55**. Total: **£1,465.22**.

SECOND COLLECTION: For the Lourdes Sick and Helpers' Pilgrimage Fund. Thank you for your donations. Envelopes: **£178.50**. Loose Plate: **£164.53**. Total: **£343.03**.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret McGuire, Holly Radford, Mary Nash, Geraldine Benjamin, Marguerite Keith-Shaw, Ron Matthews, Ensa Mann, Doreen Moran, Jadqia Krzykowska, Richard French, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Turner, Susan Harper, Monica Ling, Vernon Rolls, Krystyna Drys, Gary Halloran, John Swinkels, Ins Derriman, Joseph Ellison, John Coveney, Taysharn Baptiste and Margaret Yates. May they all rest in peace.

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

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Charles Baglin**, husband of Janice, who died suddenly last week. Our sympathies are with Janice and all their family. May he rest in peace.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ruth McGough**, mother of Claire McGough-Heath, who has died this week. Our sympathies are with Claire and all their family. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISM: This weekend we welcome **Lucy Roberts**, daughter of Louise and Karl, into the family of the Church. May God bless her at this special time.

MASS CHANGE: This week there will be a Mass on **Monday** and a Communion Service on **Tuesday**.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses will be at **9.30am** at **St Francis School**, **11.00am** and **7.30pm** in the church. **This is a day of fasting and abstinence.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Friday 6th March.** Pray for the needs of our Parish - **10.00am - 1.00pm**. Please come for one hour if you can.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass, will take place **every Friday** during Lent, at **7.30pm**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: For those who are registered on this year's First Holy Communion Programme, we remind you that there is a Parents' Meeting, in the hall, on **Saturday 29th February - 11.00am-12noon**.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: This year's lunches will start on **Wednesday 26th February**, at the **Baptist Church**. **12noon to 1.15pm**, and will run weekly until **25th March**. Adults: **£3**. Children: **£1**. This year's charity is the Tabor Centre. Our church will provide the lunch on **11th March** (still at the Baptist Church though). Sadly, due to lack of helpers, this will be the last year for these Lenten Lunches.

VACANCY: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Sue Howell (and Greg too!) will soon be leaving the Parish, to embark upon a new life in Derbyshire. We are therefore recruiting for an experienced administrator to support all aspects of parish administration, to ensure the efficient running of the Parish Office and to provide a warm welcome and friendly face to the Parish. Further information and a full job description can be obtained by emailing braintree@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephoning 01376 326779. Hours of work: **21 hours per week**. Days are negotiable but not Mondays. Hourly rate: **£10**. Employment will commence in March/April – actual date dependent upon the candidate's personal needs. 3-4 weeks training will be provided. The closing date for applications is **Sunday 8th March**. Interviews will be between **17th-19th March**. Please share these details with family and friends.

LOOKING AT THE BIBLE: 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. The programme will run on the following **Thursdays at 7.30pm** and **Saturdays at 10.30am**.

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 seen the interest in this course, then we can work out how best to continue after Easter. Please contact me if you have any questions. All are welcome to attend. Fr David.

PRAYER COURSE: The first session of this year's course, with Sister Frances Moore, will take place on **Sunday 29th March**, at Great Bardfield Church, between **10.00-11.30am**. If you need, or can offer, transport, please contact Kate on 07967706227.

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

ANGLIA SINGERS' CONCERT: Will take place on **Sunday 15th March**, at **4.30pm**. They will be performing one of the great works of the choral repertoire - but not performed as often as it should be - Rossini's Petite Messe Solonnelle, Tickets: £8 (under 16s free) and are available from the Presbytery.

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

MARRIAGE MATTERS - First Sunday of Lent: Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 22nd February - Vigil Mass Sunday 23rd February	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Peter Krzykowski RIP (A) (Family) Patrick Paul RIP People of the Parish
Monday 24th February	9.30am	Cis and Peter Hanlon RIP (A) (Pannell)
Tuesday 25th February	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 26th February ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30am Mass in St Francis School	9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Peter O'Connor RIP (Hayes) Ints Marianne Henry & Family Ints Bianca Garcia Family and Associates
Thursday 27th February	9.30am	Ints Kilkee Lodge Staff, Residents and their Families
Friday 28th February Stations of the Cross	9.30am 7.30pm	Ints Franciscan Sisters Bridget Kissane RIP (McKay)
Saturday 29th February	9.30am	Ints Hughie Callion (McNulty)
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Saturday 29th February - Vigil Mass Sunday 1st March	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ann Gilmartin RIP (Gilmartin) In thanksgiving for the good health of Alphonsus Alakwe Ints Jeanette Abou Jaoude

CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Ladies Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 5th March	2.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 17th March	8.00pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 6th March	7.30pm

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