OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE Parish News

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Saturday 20th January / Sunday 21st January 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome Thomas Anthony Peter Knott into the family of the Church. May God bless him and his family at this special time.

SVP:

The SVP are collecting board games for the asylum seekers at Wethersfield, if you have any of the following please give to a member of the SVP or hand to Clare in the presbytery

"Board games, playing cards or puzzles"

Thank you for your generosity

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there is a second collection for **PAX CHRISTI**. Gift aiders, please use your second collection envelope.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there is a second collection for **RACIAL JUSTICE**. Gift aiders, please use your second collection envelope.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES:

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN TALKS: A series of 4 talks on the recent Synod on Synodality, which took place in Rome last October has been organised for the Holy Lenten season this year. We have managed to secure 4 speakers who were participants at the Synod. Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, (Wednesday 21st February 2024) who was appointed by the Pope as the Guest Preacher and Spiritual Director for the whole Synod; The Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik (Wednesday 28th February 2024) Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference, and its National Ecumenical Officer; Mr Austen Ivereigh (Wednesday 6th March 2024) Roman Catholic Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis; Writer, speaker on contemporary Church affairs; Bishop Nicholas Hudson Wednesday 13th March 2024) Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, (former Rector of the Ven English College, Rome), appointed delegate at the Synod last October. All the Talks will take place at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Considering the Bishop's Pastoral Letter recently this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality, and this invitation is open to the whole Diocese.

<u>SICK PARISHIONERS</u>: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Val Harding, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Bernard Boylan, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, Eileen Brooks, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Olive Norman, Hazel Smith, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Sheryl Tully, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Danny Clifford and Joakim Mwenibandu.

ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Thompson, Eileen Grealish, Mary Wright, Boleslaw Trzos, David Crowe, Maggie Higgins, Walter Barton, Peter Coleman, Anthony Bullock, Denis McIntyre, Stephen Ratcliffe, Siobhan Ryan, Grace Hill, Peter O'Connor, Florence Costin, Rita Parker, Mary Natress, John Scott, George Price, Henry Casey and Elizabeth Barrett. May they rest in peace.

YEAR 12 RETREAT 'LIFE TO THE FULL: Walsingham House are running a retreat for students in Yr12 on the weekend of the 16th-18th February. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other young people from across the diocese, to make new friends and to take time out from their busy lives to reflect and pray. The cost of the retreat is £35. For more information and to apply please see the website https://bcvs.net/events/vr12retreat/

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Saturday 20th January	6.00pm	Andrew George Manson RIP (A) & Anthony Rand RIP (Barbara and Andrea)
Sunday 21st January	9.00am	Rina Nicholls RIP (A)
	11.00am	Andrew George Manson RIP (A)
Monday 22nd January	No Mass	
Tuesday 23rd January	9.30am	Ints. Sr Rosaria (B'day) (Hannah, Mary and Jacqui)
Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales, Bp, D	9.30am	Andrew Manson RIP (A) (Milden) & Martin Joe Maughan RIP (A)
Thursday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap	9.30am	Ints. Sheila McKay and Family (Bill)
Friday 26th January Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp	9.30am	Ints. Mary O'Keefe & Peter O'Connor RIP (A)
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Racial Justice Day) Saturday 27th January	6.00pm	Ints. Damien Paul (Bill)
Sunday 28th January	9.00am 11.00am	Noel Reddy RIP Christopher Burgess RIP (Mark and Anne)