

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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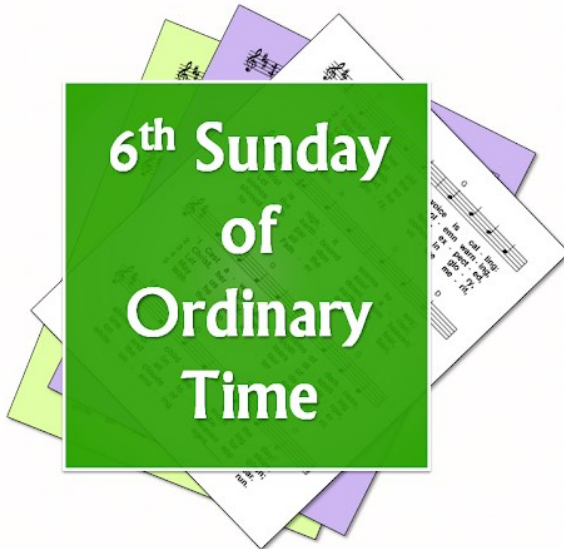
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**Saturday 10th February/ Sunday 11th February 2024**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**



**SECOND COLLECTION:** There is a second collection this weekend for the **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and Helpers Fund**. Gift aiders, please use your second collection envelope.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024:**

*Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July).*

*To book, please go online:*

**[Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://tangney-tours.com)**

*If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young:*

**[kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto:kathrynyoung@mail.com)**

The pilgrimage is slightly longer this year because of the availability of chartered flights, which allow us to bring many more assisted pilgrims than commercial flights. However, if anyone is interested in a shorter stay in Lourdes, during the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please contact Tangney. As ever, any parish which wishes to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage, but make their own travel arrangements and hotel bookings, are most welcome to do so. If you wish to discuss this, please contact me.

My regards and thanks,

Fr Paul Keane

Director of Lourdes Pilgrimage

**ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL:** Were you born in 1953 or 1954?

Did you go to St Benedict's School?

Come and join Ex pupils who are meeting on Saturday 25th May at the Church Street Tavern, Church Street Colchester 6 pm till late.

We will all be 70!!!

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT:**

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on **[www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)** Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd **[www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk](http://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** There will be Mass at St Francis School at 9.30am on Wednesday morning. Mass in the Church will take place at 11.15am.

**FUNERAL:** The Funeral for the late Tim Cheung will take place on Friday 16th February at 12.00pm. May he rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend we welcome Lewis Roberts and Enzo John Beltran into the family of the Church. May God bless them and their families at this special time.

**SICK PARISHIONERS: 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:** We remember all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. **May they rest in peace.**

**CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

**A FIRE IN MY HEART**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, to celebrate 50 years of priesthood, Fr Adrian Graffy held a Conversation with some friends who are biblical scholars about their common love of the Bible. These included Carlos Castillo, archbishop of Lima, Peru, and Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on which Fr Adrian also serves. The edited programme of the Conversation is now available free of charge by going to the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**VOLUNTEERING AT WETHERSFIELD ENGLISH LESSONS**

There is a meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Wethersfield Hall, The Green, Wethersfield Cm7 4BS. This is a regular meeting held for all volunteers to check in on how the sessions are going and discuss anything that needs to be done. New volunteers are also invited so they can hear more about the process, meet some of the volunteers who have done lots of sessions and buddy up with someone for their 1st session so it is not too daunting for them. No teaching experience is needed, but teachers are welcome as well. The meeting is led by Eileen Harte, some of the SVP members attend already.

**Apprenticeships at Walsingham House:** Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

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| <p><b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b><br/>Saturday 10th February</p> <p>Sunday 11th February</p>  | <p>6.00pm</p> <p>9.00am</p> <p>11.00am</p> | <p>Ints Fr Joseph Farrell<br/>(50th Anniversary) (Bryan)<br/>&amp;<br/>Ints Sarah Paul<br/>(Bill)</p> <p>Chris Pike RIP<br/>(Kershaw)</p> <p>Stephen Tate RIP<br/>(Geraldine)</p>  |
| <p>Monday 12th February</p>   | <p><b>No Mass</b></p>                      |  |
| <p>Tuesday 13th February</p>  | <p>9.30am</p>                              | <p>Ints Jacqui Leech<br/>(Bill)</p>  |
| <p>Wednesday 14th February<br/><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br/><b>(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)</b></p> <p><b>Mass at St Francis School</b></p> <p><b>Mass in the Church</b></p> | <p><b>9.30am</b></p> <p><b>11.15am</b></p> | <p>Ints Mrs D Corrigan<br/>(Bill)<br/>&amp;<br/>Patrick Paul RIP<br/>(Bill)</p>  |
| <p>Thursday 15th February</p>   | <p>9.30am</p>                              | <p>Thanksgiving Adam Bezdell<br/>&amp;<br/>Stephen Tate RIP<br/>(Mary Parker and Family)</p>   |
| <p>Friday 16th February</p> <p><b>Funeral Mass</b></p>  | <p>9.30am</p> <p><b>12.00pm</b></p>        | <p>Maria Cox RIP<br/>(Rita, Mary and Hannah)</p> <p><b>Tim Cheung RIP</b></p>  |
| <p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br/>Saturday 17th February</p> <p>Sunday 18th February</p>   | <p>6.00pm</p> <p>9.00am</p> <p>11.00am</p> | <p>Joanna McLaughlin RIP<br/>(McLaughlin)<br/>&amp;<br/>Francis Dornan RIP<br/>(Bill)</p> <p>Stephen Tate RIP<br/>(Mary Wilks)</p> <p>Special Intentions<br/>(Jacinta Freeman)</p> |