

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Twinned with the Parish of Ermelo in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

Saturday 16th March/ Sunday 17th March 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



ANGLIA SINGERS

The Anglia Singers (the choir of Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford) have been giving concerts in Our Lady Queen of Peace for many years. The musicians return to Braintree on Sunday 24 March with a concert starting at 4pm and lasting just over the hour. It is hoped that they will be conducted by Emeritus Professor Chris Green who will conduct for the first time in ten months following a very serious illness and an accident. During that time, he was awarded one of the highest music awards in the United Kingdom by Making Music, the charity that represents thousands of music organisations. The main work in the programme will be Fauré's beautiful Requiem, a reminder that 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of Fauré's death. Other works by Fauré and Duruflé are in the programme which also includes the Coronation anthem written by Andrew Lloyd Webber for King Charles and Queen Camilla in 2023.

Tickets for the concert are now available costing £8 from the Presbytery or from Stationery Solutions in Fairfield Road, Braintree or at the door on the day. It is hoped that financial support from the concert will be given to the House of Grace project in Witham. Children aged 11 or under are admitted free of charge.

RED BOX RESEARCH: The red box has been around for over 100 years. Whether you still have one at home, or remember having one growing up, we would love to hear from you as we plan for the future. Would you be happy to speak with us? If so, please complete a short form to show your interest and to find out more at:

missio.org.uk/research or scan the QR code.

If you cannot access the form online you can call 020 7821 9755.

Thank you!

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD: As in the past couple of years, Fr David will bless the special Easter food which is a very important part of the Paschal celebration for the Polish community.

This will take place at 2.00pm on Holy Saturday afternoon.

THANKYOU: Thankyou to everyone for their prayers, cards and support after Dennis passed away; it was very much appreciated.

Veronica Owen

CARITAS: Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford (10-minute walk from Romford Station on the Elizabeth line, Bus routes from London are regular, parking is available but limited and a bike rack is also on site). This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (for free!) at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

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, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Olive Norman, Hazel Smith, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Danny Clifford, Joachim Mwenibandu and Siobhan Riordan.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Snee, Mary Davis, Kitty Lynch, Mary Coleman, Charles Savage, Michael Carter, Manuel Poy-Penela, James Keaney, Doreen Ashburner, Nicholas Williamson, Margaret Francis and Winifred Finneral.

May they rest in peace.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Fee who died recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tessa and all their family at this sad and difficult time. Funeral details to follow.
May he 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm each Friday evening in the Church during Lent. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 2.00pm on Saturday 23rd March in the Church, followed by a little afternoon tea in the Jubilee Hall. Everyone welcome, please let Clare in the office know if you are coming along so we know how many to cater for.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one, to decorate the altar this Easter, please put a donation in an envelope and mark it "EASTER LILY". Inside the envelope, put the name of the person or persons you would like to remember and all the people on our "Easter Lillies List" will then be remembered at every Mass during the Easter season. Please post it through the Presbytery letterbox as soon as possible. If you are in our Gift aid scheme, then please quote your gift aid number.
Thank you.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Saturday 16th March Sunday 17th March	6.00pm	Mark Digby RIP (Digby Family)
	9.00am	Roger Greenstreet RIP
	11.00am	William Brown RIP (Marie O'Connor) & Martin Fee RIP (The Parish)
Monday 18th March	No Mass	
Tuesday 19th March ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity	9.30am	Alan Doleman RIP (A) (Doleman Family) & Ints. Deirdre and Family
Wednesday 20th March Mass at St Francis School	9.30am	In Memory of Rosa and Pasquale Gallo (RIP) (Pina Santomauro)
Thursday 21st March	9.30am	John and Jane Drugan RIP (Digby) & Ints Mr C Rack, Family and Associates
Friday 22nd March Stations of the Cross	9.30am 7.30pm	Anita Paul RIP & Ints. Bill (Mary, Hannah, Rita, Janet and Jacqui)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) Saturday 23rd March Sunday 24th March	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ints Linda Joyce Byrne & Daniel Gouthon RIP (A) (Kiddle) Tony Stubbs RIP and Ints His Family Stephen Tate RIP (O'Connor)