

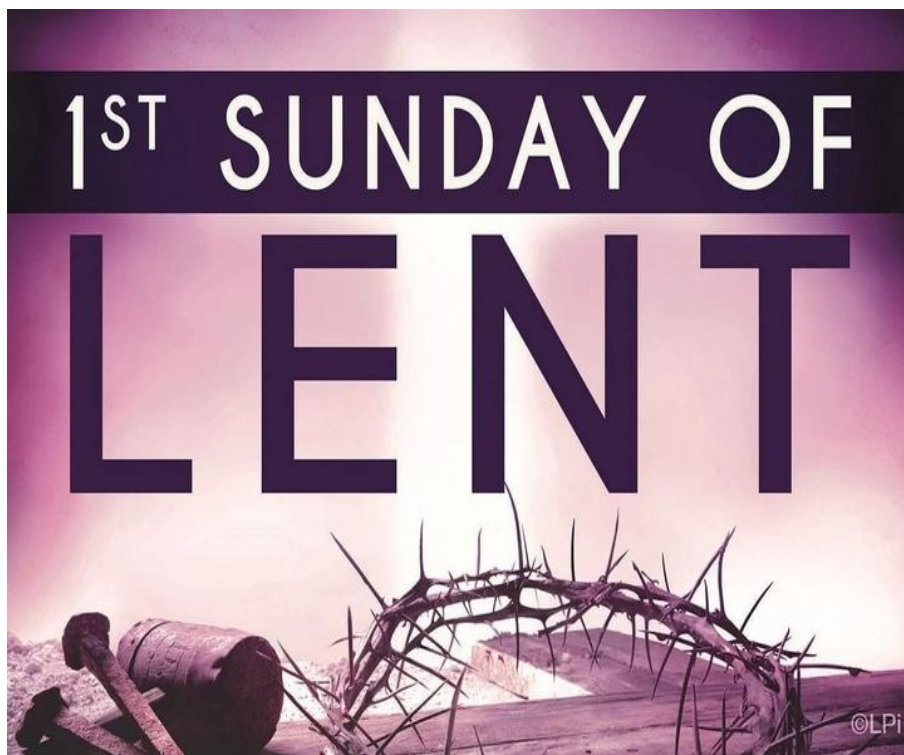
# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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**Saturday 8th March/ Sunday 9th March 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**



**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, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Hazel Smith, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Noel McCormack, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Melissa Kendal, Maria Kersey, Ursula Kirk, Peter North and Michael Blancs.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Stanislaw Sosler, Roy Drane, Elsa Luck, Beryl Kelly, Mary Humpoletz, Ernest Smoothy, Roseline Amoorden, Marjorie Youngman, Pavel Sinka, George Ramsay, Frances Mills, Eugene Baliga, Peter Dooley, Marcia Grant, Patrick Crowley, John Edney, Marie Whillock, John Snee, Mary Davis, Kitty Lynch and Mary Coleman.

**May they rest in peace.**

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

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

**GIFT AID:** We have just received another Gift Aid Tax Refund of £3,247, this is in addition to the £8,346 we received in December and potentially a further £7,000 at the end of the Tax Year. We receive these refunds at no extra cost to the parishioners in the Gift Aid Scheme. This money makes a significant contribution to the running costs of the Parish. I am presently preparing the envelopes for the new Tax Year so it is an ideal time if you are a Tax Payer to join the Gift Aid Scheme so we can reclaim the tax they you have already paid on your donations. If you are interested or would like further information, then please leave your name and a phone number at The Presbytery and I will contact you.

**Chris Dayer.**

**FRIDAY 14TH MARCH:** There will be no morning Mass on Friday 14th March.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Please keep our First Holy Communion children in your prayers as they receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming month.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 4-6 April at the Sion Community, Essex; for further details please contact: Mary: 07730 884315, or email [BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com)

**BRAINTREE AREA FOODBANK:** Please continue to support our local Foodbank.

**FOOD ITEMS:**

Instant/Packet Mash, Instant Snacks i.e. Pot Noodle, Packet Soup, Canned Fish, Jam.

**NON FOOD ITEMS:**

Laundry Powder/ Liquid, Shampoo (male and female), Toilet Roll, Washing Up Liquid, Shower Gel (male and female).

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL:** Family Fast Day collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. There will be a Second collection next Sunday or you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

<b><u>Coffee Morning</u></b>	Hall	Fri	After morning Mass
<b><u>Coffee Morning</u></b>	Hall	Sun	After 11.00am Mass (every Sunday)
<b><u>Carpet Bowls</u></b>	Hall	Mon	7.00pm—9.00pm - (new members welcome)
<b><u>Faith Group</u></b>	Hall	Thur	2.00pm - 3rd Thursday of each month
<b><u>Rosary</u></b>	Church	Tue	After morning Mass
<b><u>Youth Club</u></b>	Hall	Fri	7.30pm—9.00pm - 7th March

<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> Saturday 8th March	6.00pm	Ints Norma and Family (Seward) & Thanksgiving and Blessings for Sharon and Colin Mussett (Norma)
	9.00am	Anne Mahon RIP (B'day) (McNulty)
	11.00am	Alan Doleman RIP (A) (Burford)
Monday 10th March	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 11th March	9.30am	Mary Christodoulou RIP (B'day) (Family) & Walter Nunes RIP (B'day) (Norma)
Wednesday 12th March	9.30am	Linda Alexandria RIP (Linda North) & Ints Maureen Pannell (B'day) (Church Ladies)
Thursday 13th March	9.30am	Ints Fr David (Church Ladies) & John McKeown RIP (Bill) & Ints Lorraine and Alan
Friday 14th March <b>(Lent Fast Day)</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> Saturday 15th March	6.00pm	Mark Digby (B'day) (Digby Family) & Josephine Mary Paul RIP (Bill)
	9.00am	Ints Mary and Dermott (Teresa and Brian)
	11.00am	Eric Flemming RIP (Maureen Pannell)
Sunday 16th March		