

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 17 Feb	Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent
5.00pm	<i>Holy Hour</i>
6.00pm	<i>George Doherty. RIP</i>
Sun 18 Feb	First Sunday of Lent
08.00am	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10.30am	<i>Tess & Dan Rahilly. Intentions</i>
Mon 19 Feb	Monday of the First Week of Lent
09.30am	<i>Anton Jesudasan. RIP</i>
Tue 20 Feb	Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
09.30am	<i>Leandra O'Sullivan. RIP</i>
Wed 21 Feb	Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
	NO MASS
Thu 22 Feb	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
09.30am	<i>Franck Mc Dermott. RIP</i>
10.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
Fri 23 Feb	Friday of the First Week of Lent
09.30am	<i>Tom Connole. Intentions for the Holy Souls</i>
7.30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 24 Feb	Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent
5.00pm	<i>Holy Hour</i>
6.00pm	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
Sun 25 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent
08.00am	<i>Roshani Nonis & Family. Intentions</i>
10.30am	<i>Martin Worboyes. RIP</i>

This week the Church Porch will remain open for private prayer each weekday (except Wednesday) until approx. 5pm.

Exposition & Confessions on

Thursday from 10.00am and again on Saturday commencing at 5pm

Follow Fr David on Facebook: [stteresasnewburypark](https://www.facebook.com/stteresasnewburypark)

Read the Newsletter at www.stteresasnewbpark.com

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF/TURNED TO SILENT WHILE YOU ARE VISITING THE CHURCH. ALSO, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 18 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parishioners,

So now we are in the forty days of Lent. What should we expect? I was once at St Mary Moorfield in the City for Ash Wednesday and the priest drily said the following: "I met a man who told me last night that he is planning to give up both meat and alcohol for Lent, well all I can say is... Good luck to him! Forty days is a very long time". For some people who are practiced in fasting then maybe that isn't too ambitious. For most people however, I would suggest that they don't try to run before they can walk. Start small.

What it can do is make space. It is often when we are deprived of one thing that our appreciation of others deepen. As an analogy it's a bit like those who lose their sight but whose hearing becomes sharper by way of compensation. Any hunger that arises may remind us of our spiritual hunger. However, great our physical appetite is it can be sated – yet our union with Our Lord, or we might say our spiritual appetite, will never be sated until, God willing, we meet him in heaven.

So what will fasting and abstinence achieve? Our Lord was without sin yet he still took forty days in the desert. Many think he was contemplating precisely how his three year ministry would unfold. So these forty days give us time to think about our spiritual lives. How important is our faith to us? When we love something it takes over us – I said to the First Communion candidates (and parents) that the money spent on Christmas presents is a sign of the love in which they are held. Sacrifice can have a cynical overtone ("After all I've sacrificed for you!") or it can seem like a strategic move such as a pawn sacrifice in chess. However, if it is done out of love then it pleases not only the beloved but deepens our bond with them. Think how Jacob worked seven years for Rachel and it passed so quickly (Genesis 29). During these forty days think how you becoming more oriented to the Lord whose supreme gift of his life for you is coming this Good Friday. Think how you are developing a discipline – a skill to help you recognise how you can do without certain attachments. In so doing, it frees you to pursue your real treasure.

However you decide to mark Lent do it with determination. If you fall, get up, dust yourself down and carry on along the road. Peter slipped in the courtyard but got up and held fast unto martyrdom. May God be with you all.

May God bless you all. Fr David

COVID-19 Please continue to exercise common sense and consideration for others who may be more vulnerable to infection. In particular, you should not come to church if you think you have COVID. Face coverings are now a matter of personal choice. Please respect those who wish to avoid close contact especially at the sign of peace

PRAYER WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT MASS

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The following traditional prayer is commended to those who are prevented from receiving Holy Communion at the present time.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

CHURCH ROTA

This Week:

Cleaning - Team A Altar Linen - Rahleen Offertory Counters - Michael & Sid

24-25 Feb: Readers: 6pm-Tamsin ; 8am-Isabel; 10.30am-Pam

Eucharistic Ministers: 6pm-Margaret O; 8am-Bettina; 10.30am-Petrona

Flowers - No Flowers in Lent

ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY John Amirthanayagam, Alice Baker, Louisa Burrell, John Coveney, William Curtis, Daniel Dalziel, Stephen Delaney, Patrick Denihan, Eric Dourado, Catherine Griffin, John Griffin, Arthur Hance, Yvonne Inije, Hugh Jordan, George Leworthy, Ruby London, William Murphy, Dermot O'Leary, Jai Ramcharan, Mary Steel, Mary Tychus, Rose Valentine, Margaret Wendon and Tom Wilkins.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Please pray for those in our community who are sick and housebound, especially all the patients in Goodmayes, King George's and Queen's Hospitals and all the sick Priests of the Diocese. **If you would like a sick family member or friend to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick", please speak to Fr David or contact the Parish Office.**

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is vitally important to let Fr David know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 435000; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877).

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM SUNDAY MASS Tea & coffee organised by the members of St Teresa's Ladies Guild will be available in the Hall immediately after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday. Everyone is welcome and, as before, all proceeds will go to charitable causes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS This traditional devotion will take place every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm **starting on Friday, 16 February** and lasting about 30-40 mins.

"RICH MAN, POOR MAN" MEAL This enjoyable annual event will take place on **Saturday, 16 March** at 7pm in the Parish Hall and all the money raised will be donated to the Ilford Sunday Drop-in Centre. Everyone who buys a ticket will go into a draw and the six or so lucky winners will get to eat at the top table. They will be served a "Rich Man" meal consisting of a three-course dinner with wine while everyone else will have to settle for the "Poor Man" meal, consisting of a bowl of soup, cheese, bread and water! As the saying goes "You have to be in it to win it", so please make a note in your diaries to buy a ticket and come along and support this charitable cause. Tickets are priced at £5 each and will shortly be available from Jane McParland on 07966431232.

SANCTUARY LAMP Next week, the lamp by the Sanctuary will be burning in memory of Raymond Blake, RIP. If you would like to offer a candle to be placed in the Sanctuary Lamp for your own private and personal intentions, please put your donation (£2.50 min) in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp" and the intention and place it in the Repository Box marked "Candles" at the back of the Church. Do take advantage of this truly wonderful and prayerful way to place your intentions before Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, truly present in the Tabernacle.

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 Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 24 February 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup Kent DA15 7HB. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

SAHARA DESERT RETREAT IN MOROCCO From **26 February–11 March** including a day visiting Marrakesh and 9 full days in the Desert, the retreat will be led by Fr Arnaud and Deacon Vladimir from St Antony's in Forest Gate. Designed for young adults, open to all adults able to hike 4-6 hours a day for 9 full days in the desert. £952 (plus flight). For more information visit www.desert-retreat.com or phone Catherine on 07807 348223.

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 **21 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.

FLAME 2025 Following the great success of Flame 2023, where over 1000 young people from the Diocese joined the crowd of 8000 in Wembley Arena for a full day event full of energy, prayer, joy and hope, we are excited to be preparing for 2025, with content that is ideal for young people from Year 10 to Year 13 (age approx. 15 – 18). This will take place on **Saturday 15 March 2025**, from 11am – 6pm. All information on the event itself can be found at www.cymfed.org.uk/flame/ and any specific information on the arena and advice on travel, can be found at www.ovoarena.co.uk/your-visit.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE to Knock & Co Mayo leaving on 07 April. The cost is £899.00 pp and includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast plus lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport also 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.**

CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024, under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The fundraising concert is on **Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included.** Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 7–14 June Organised by A Day with Mary. £870 .00 per person twin room, £950 Single room. All rooms are en suite. Pilgrimage cost includes: British Airways Return Flights, Chartered coach travel, 6 days full board accommodation, 1-day half board. Booking Form with full details available on request at www.adaywithmary.org

CALLING ON ALL TALENTED PARISHIONERS! A Variety Night will be held in St Cedds Parish Hall this Spring. If you have a talent and would like to take part, please contact Gerry Nicholson on 07912763372

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – Last week of July 2024 (exact dates TBC)

Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. Serve the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assist the elderly and infirm, with times of retreat, reconciliation, visit the baths, take part in the beautiful Processions, as well as an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND The second collection last weekend for the Fund **raised £192.38**. Many thanks for your generosity.

LENT "WALK WITH ME" This small booklet, costing just £1, contains daily meditations and a weekly catechesis on living the Christian life. It is now available for purchase in the Repository at the back of the Church and is a great way to pray during Lent and to prepare for Easter.

LENTEN ALMS GIVING Please remember to take away with you one of the CAFOD boxes which you will find at the back of the church and use it to save any loose change that might accumulate during Lent or any money saved from giving up sweets, cigarettes etc to help the more unfortunate people in the world.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH Provided your circumstances allow it, please try to support the parish financially even if currently you are unable to attend Mass. Your continued generosity is much needed and, of course, greatly appreciated. Ideally, we would prefer all donations to be made by a Standing Order through your bank. This is by far the best way for the parish to receive your offering as well as providing a steady income as there are no cash handling fees and we still receive your donation should you be on holiday or miss Mass. Also, please Gift Aid your donation if you are able to. If you have any queries about the Gift Aid scheme, then please contact Pat Callaghan our Gift Aid Organiser on 020 8220 0306 or email patcallaghan@gmail.com

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you are feeling drawn to the Catholic faith and would like to begin exploring the possibility of baptism or being received into the full communion of the church if you were baptised in another Christian community or completing the journey of initiation if you have not yet been confirmed, please speak to Fr David as soon as possible. You will not be committed to anything at this stage, only encouraged to seek the gift of faith with an open heart.

BAPTISM PREPARATION If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please speak to Fr David who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

DONATION ENVELOPES If you are in the envelope scheme, please make sure that the number on the envelope you use is the same one which has been allocated to you for this financial year. A reminder too that if you do use one of the light blue general "Gift Aid" donation envelopes from the back of the Church, then you must enter either your Contributor Number or your full name and address on the envelope otherwise we cannot claim any "Gift Aid" on your donation. Please DO NOT use these envelopes if you cannot "Gift Aid" your donation.

PARISH BANKING DETAILS The key details for direct payments to the parish bank account are Account Name: **Catholic Church, Newbury Park; Sort Code: 40-13-22; Account No: 71019716**. Also, please remember that all cheques should be made payable to "St Teresa's Catholic Church".

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD is inviting you to take part in several activities during Lent. We have a photo challenge for all ages, Stations of the Cross for teenagers, a Giving Calendar to help collections for local foodbanks, suggestions on how to raise awareness for the homeless within Essex and East London and some great resources from charities such as SVP and CAFOD. All information and resources can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing sianthomas@brcdt.org

KIDS BULLETIN A children's version of the gospel is available weekly. This can be accessed on the following website www.thekidsbulletin.com and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

MASS REQUESTS Importantly, if you want a Mass said on a particular day or for a particular intention it is advisable to give the Parish Secretary **about 12 weeks' notice**. Special "Mass Request" envelopes are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it. All cheques should be made payable to "St Teresa's Catholic Church". Alternatively, you may request a

Mass by emailing newburypark@brcdt.org with all the details and send your donation direct to the parish bank account – see account details above quoting the reference “Mass Stipend”.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS If you have made your First Communion and wish to start training as an altar server, please speak to Fr David.

LIFTS TO CHURCH For some people getting to church, whatever the weather, is a genuine concern. It may be that some of you are in a position to offer a lift or would very much like a lift to church, particularly when the weather is bad. This is also a good way of getting to know others in the parish. Whilst those who can walk to church are generally encouraged to do so, if coming by car means you can bring someone else who can't so easily get here then it would be very commendable to do so. If you are able to offer a lift to someone on a regular basis, or if you could really do with a lift to church, please contact the Parish Office. If we can find a suitable match, we will then facilitate an introduction

HOLY SOULS The practice of offering the holy Mass for the repose of the souls of our departed relatives and friends originates in the early church and is deeply rooted in our catholic culture. Both as an act of charity and as a practical act of mercy, we might also care to remember in this way all the forgotten souls in purgatory. The Donations box on the counter at the back of the church by the Repository has a section that is marked for the “Holy Souls”. All the donations put into that part of the box are used exclusively for Masses to be said for the Holy Souls here in St Teresa's or, are sent to Missio, for the Masses to be said in a mission diocese overseas.

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED If any families or individuals in our parish community are experiencing serious hardship at present please contact Fr David in confidence: thanks to the donations accumulated over time specifically for those in need, he may be in a position to offer some support.

POOR BOX The Donations box on the counter at the back of the church by the Repository has a section that is marked for the “Poor”. All the donations put into that part of the box are used exclusively to help those in need especially those who occasionally call at the Presbytery seeking assistance. Any contributions would, of course, be most welcome and gratefully received.

TWIN PARISH Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the parish of Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, with whom we are twinned and their parish priest, Fr Khulekani Dube.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS If parishioners have any suggestions for works/defects which they think need attention either in the Church, Parish Hall, Pastoral Centre or grounds then please let Fr David or the Parish Secretary know either directly, or by email to newburypark@brcdt.org Suggestions will be considered and prioritised according to urgency and available funds.

CAR PARKING Please park responsibly and take care not to obstruct emergency access to the church.

CHURCH GROUNDS Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

PARISH HALL All enquiries about the booking arrangements for and conditions of hiring the Parish Hall should be addressed to Sid James, the Hall Manager. He can be contacted on 07887983310 or by email at cjf65@btinternet.com

VISITORS If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome, and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a taxpayer and would like to “Gift Aid “ your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special blue general purpose “Gift Aid” envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr David and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024 The Directory for next year is now available from the Repository at the back of the Church priced at £2.95.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to newburypark@brcdt.org The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter is Thursday, 12noon.

UKRAINE CRISIS Caritas Brentwood is regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

SJOG Homes for Ukraine As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).

At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement.

More information on the project can be found at the following links

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

YouTube: youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

Job & Volunteer Opportunities

SCHOOL VACANCIES All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (of which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website-<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

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 or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD There is a vacancy for a School Chaplain with an immediate start if possible. Closing Date: noon, Friday 23rd February 2024. For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/vacancies

WALSINGHAM HOUSE VOLUNTEER TEAM If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a gap year, then please consider joining the Walsingham House Retreat Team. The volunteer team works with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more information, please see our website: <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

SCHOOL VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

Headteacher - St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 12th February 2024

Deputy Headteacher - St Aidan's Primary School, Ilford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Friday 16th February 2024

Headteacher - St Thomas More Primary School, Saffron Walden

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 26th February 2024

Deputy Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 09:00 am, Monday 26th February 2024

Headteacher - St Joseph's Primary School, Harwich

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Wednesday 28th February 2024

Deputy Headteacher - Convent High School, Grays

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Friday 8th March 2024

Headteacher – St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 12th February 2024

ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD BRIDGE is recruiting for an **SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and Classroom Support Assistants**. These are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

VOLUNTEER WITH THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) The SVP has primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). Please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk. You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on Tuesday, 27 February.

CLEANER—WITHAM The successful applicant will effectively manage the routine cleaning at The Holy Family and All Saints, Parish Hall - Witham. Hours: 4 hours fortnightly Salary: £10.90 per hour Start Date: ASAP