

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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>
Mon 26 Feb	Monday of the Second Week of Lent
09.30am	<i>Charles Menwin Caidic. RIP</i>
Tue 27 Feb	Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent
09.30am	<i>Phyllis Lee. RIP Anniversary</i>
Wed 28 Feb	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent
	NO MASS
Thu 29 Feb	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent
09.30am	<i>Mary Britto. RIP Anniversary</i>
10.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
Fri 01 Mar	St. David, Bishop
09.30am	<i>Intentions of the Sick</i>
7.30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 02 Mar	Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent
5.00pm	<i>Holy Hour</i>
6.00pm	<i>Harry Phillips. RIP Anniversary</i>
Sun 03 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent
08.00am	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10.30am	<i>Theopillai S Jesudasan. 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) - 25 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I once heard it said that in Advent there are plenty of lovely feasts to break up the monotony whereas Lent, in addition to being longer, is a much drier period. Perhaps that's right if it recalls Our Lord's period in the dryness of the desert. However, there are a few feasts such as the solemnity of St Joseph and in some years – but not this year – we have the Annunciation. Another feast we have is the Chair of St Peter. We mark the martyrdom of Peter and Paul when red vestments are worn, is marked on 29th June. However, we mark the chair of Peter today. We think of his authority and his mandate.

I used to watch Dallas as a kid and there is an uncomfortable scene where the old patriarch Jock says to his second son "Power isn't given, it's something that you take!". However, power is *given* to Peter by Jesus following his confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi and why? Our Lord makes it plain that it wasn't rigorous left brain thinking that led Peter to declare that Jesus was the Christ. It wasn't a puzzle he had solved through his own cleverness. There was no mathematical proof followed by *QED*... No, Peter had this revealed to him by the Father – thus confirming Jesus in his decision to anoint Peter as head of the church.

However, once given it did he reign gloriously? St Peter is a great example to me, and should be to all of you, when I think of my frailty and my failures. He famously said he would never let Jesus down and then denied him three times in the High Priest's courtyard. Think how he must have felt when Jesus turned and looked at him (Luke 22:61). After hearing of peace and turning the other cheek he drew his sword and struck off a man's ear for no other reason than he was the servant of the High Priest. What a fall from grace! Yet we should always remember that Our Lord is the God of mercy.

One of the loveliest of all the lovely passages in the gospels concerns the road to Emmaus. After the disciples recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread they rush back to Jerusalem to break the good news only to be told that they already know – *he has appeared to Simon*. We have to read between the lines to think of Simon (Peter) coming in bashfully telling the story – how the denier has been reconciled. Imagine the joy and the relief and yet the sting. Few of us will deny Our Lord in such a fashion but then few are called to be Pope! What we can and must absorb in our hearts is that each time we let him down Our Lord comes to seek us out. He may not appear in so dramatic a fashion but each time we ask for forgiveness, and most especially when we come to the sacrament of confession, we are reconciled.

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 B Altar Linen - Bettina Offertory Counters - Justin & Jibin

02-03 Mar: Readers: 6pm– Ron; 8am– Shobin; 10.30am– Snophia

Eucharistic Ministers: 6pm– Catherine; 8am– Gilbert; 10.30am– Sandra

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 lasting about 30-40 mins until 22 March.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH on **Saturday, 9 March, 1.30 to 3pm**. The Recollection comprises of a Meditation, Examination of conscience, Rosary, opportunity for Confession, Spiritual Reading, 2nd Meditation and Benediction. Also tea/coffee and biscuits after the Recollection. St Augustine's Church Barkingside, Ilford, Essex, IG6 1AU

"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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION GROUP The group will meet again on **Monday, 4 March** at 7pm, with the children meeting in the Hall and parents in the Pastoral Centre.

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.

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, 13 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

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 6 months' 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](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)

YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.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/>

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD is looking to recruit a Receptionist/Purchasing Assistant, 36 hours pw, Term time + 2 days. Applicants will also be considered on a job share basis, minimum 2 days. Please see our website for further details www.uai.org.uk.

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/

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

HOUSEKEEPER—ONGAR The successful applicant will prepare meals for the Parish Priest and effectively manage the routine cleaning of the Presbytery to ensure that it provides a comfortable living space for the Parish priest. Hours: 6 Hours per week. Salary: £10.90 per hour. Start Date: ASAP Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 15th March 2024