

PRAY FOR THE SICK



During the heating project the Church is temporarily closed except for Funerals.

Mass is live streamed & recorded as follows:

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Friday 8am

Saturday 10am

Sunday 10am

Lately dead: Alan Norris

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Henry Durrell, Margaretta Olivos, Teresa Ennever, Yvonne Lobo, Alexander Lobo, Kathleen Clark, James Saunders, Bernard Blumsom, Veronica Allen, Joseph Byrne, Elizabeth Browne, Eleanor Kilroy, Anne O'Gara, Sister Priscilla Sheehan, Mary Butler, Stanley Desborough, Pauline Walker, Frank Fuscoe, Irene Boyle, Isabella Kingswood, Eileen Went, Elsie Gerrett, Carmel Cork, Mary Ryder, Agnes Simmons, Margaret Pfeiffer, Patrick Mahoney, Benedict O'Halloran, Sister Brigid Nugent, Gabriel Arcanjo Noronha.

Prayer of spiritual communion (St Alphonsus Liguori)

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



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Third Sunday of Lent (B) 7th March 2021

Even in a time of anger, Christ is a healer.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

God does not let sin continue for ever. The commandments are also statements of fact.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Until we see God, God's wisdom will always look like foolishness to us.

Gospel John 2:13-25

The cleansing of the Temple by Christ warns us that he will continually cleanse the new temple of the Holy Spirit, which is his Church.

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.



First confessions

Part of the preparation of children for receiving Holy Communion is the exploring of conscience and the practice of taking responsibility for moral actions. It involves the sacrament of reconciliation. You families have done the work over the past five months. Now I hope all this year's candidates for communion are ready to receive this for the first time.

On Saturday 13th March we will have a trial of 16 parents. They will bring their child to St Thomas, with their workbook I Belong. . One parent will bring the child - either to the Henrietta Suite of Becket or possibly a tent! – introduce their child and retire. Confession finished the shining child will skip back to the car and all go home.

If this goes well we will invite the remaining families during the remainder of March.

Heating system renewal

Fantastic news: Last Thursday a measure of heat returned to the church. All the gleaming new piping and heat distributors are in place and a jury-rigged supply is now circulating hot water. It works even though normal service will only be established when the boiler room has been stripped out and newly equipped. Most of the work was done efficiently by two engineers. They were expert, courteous, making little mess and exceedingly pleasant. So this first phase has been completed to the point of providing heat for a cold church. The source of supply and control will come in due time. We hope to find what comes next in the course of the coming week.

The fabric group

are perhaps a little like the Pioneers in an army. They smooth the way for the soldiers to get on with their business, by mending roads and building bridges. Our Fabric group quietly look to the building maintenance. This weekend they are moving all the benches to get up to the clerestory, to clean the accumulation of dust and cobwebs from the window recesses and restore the uprights. I thank Rob and his team for the work they steadily do through the months, and particularly for this energetic Saturday of heaving benches and rising to the roof.

BCYS Sponsored Sleepout 2021

Join us in “giving” rather than “giving up” this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26th March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed, whatever the weather! Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The NewWay Project, Churches Together and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021 and if you would like to take part or have any other questions, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Mass Intentions

Sunday 7th March
People of the parish
John Hopkins RIP
Norman Wearing RIP

Monday 8th March
Tony Pole RIP
Jutta Menzies RIP
Alan Norris RIP

Tuesday 9th March
Kate Burke anniversary
Lucy & Tony Wearing int
Eilish Whitaker anniversary

Wednesday 10th March
Joan Bright RIP
B Stas family
Mary McKenna anniversary

Thursday 11th March
Sr M Therese Mallon RIP
Philip McKenna RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 12th March
Victor Mould RIP
George Leworthy RIP
Paul McGinley RIP

Saturday 13th March
Mary Ryder anniversary
Simon Eustace RIP
Anthony Murphy RIP

Sunday 14th March
People of the parish
Margaret Good RIP
Annie Long anniversary



Childminder needed

A parishioner is seeking child-minding assistance from June for a 8 month old baby. Contact Georgina on 07886 707096

Used Stamps

The Chigwell Sisters are **NOT** collecting used stamps any more. We thank all those who supported us in the past but it is now no longer viable.

Rota Coordinators Vacancy Can you help?

Alison Norman has kindly agreed to co ordinate the laundry rota, so we just need a willing volunteer to assist with the [Church cleaning Rota](#).

Let us know if you have spare time to assist us.

Gift Aid New Year Envelopes

We shall start delivering Gift Aid envelopes soon to the home address on our records.

If alternatively you would like to switch to a standing order payment method please notify the office as soon as you can and we will assist you.

Stewards Needed

With the Church element of the heating works coming to an end we are seeking volunteers to help with Stewarding at Masses. Without your help we will not be able to open. Please let us know if you can spare time before or after our scheduled masses for this important ministry and contribution to our church community.