

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018

6.00pm Mass John Logue's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

9.30am Mass Baby Maya Murphy's Intentions (N. Clifford-Shah)  
11.30am Mass People of the Parish

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

No Mass

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

6.30pm Mass Mary Richardson RIP (Family)

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

9.15am Mass Kath Luton RIP (E. Bullock)

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

9.15am Mass Sallie Greene RIP (Greene Family)

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

9.15am Mass Mr Franciszek Guzik RIP (Family)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

6.00pm Mass Mavis Hurrell RIP (Greene Family)

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

9.30am Mass Noel Johnston RIP (Smyth Family)  
11.30am Mass People of the Parish

<b>ROSARY</b>	5.30pm	Every Saturday
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday & Saturday Sunday
<b>EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY</b>	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday in the side chapel. Includes music, psalms and intercessions.
<b>MUSTARD SEED GROUP</b>	7.30pm	Prayer group - First Sunday of every month.
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	8.00pm	Every Monday in side chapel except bank holidays

### WEEKLY COLLECTION: SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

Envelopes	£493.00
Loose plate	£292.39
Standing orders	£342.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,127.39</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Gospel Reflection - John 12:20-30: Exaltation through Suffering



This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody) until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show that (before the Passion) the cost for Jesus was real. He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care.

Does Jesus fear death? Do you? What are the grounds for Jesus' confidence? Do you share this confidence?

*MASS TIMES - Please see back of newsletter*

*CONFESSIONS - 5.00pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays or please see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday*

*PARISH OFFICE - 10.00am to 3pm Tuesday and Thursdays*

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# Notices

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Dominic John Wilfred Schorah who is to be baptised after the 11.30am Mass this weekend. Please remember Dominic and his parents Keith & Claire especially in your prayers this weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Sister Catherine CRSS, who came to Melbourne from New Hall with Moira & Margaret in 2003, she died on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Colchester house. She had been ill for a few months & was very peaceful right to the end. Catherine was only in Melbourne for about 14 months before moving to the East London house but she will be remembered by several of the parish. Catherine's sister, Stephanie, is also a member of the community. Her funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 10:15am in the Chapel at New Hall followed by burial and refreshments. Mass will be celebrated by Mgr John Armitage. May she rest in peace.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Calling all children on Palm Sunday. ***Mass begins next Sunday (Palm Sunday) in the hall at 9.15am with the blessing of palms and procession to the church.*** It is a custom for all the children present to lead the procession with their own home made palms and shakers (yoghurt pots with dried pulses securely sealed are very effective). So parents could you help your children make their palms out of whatever's to hand (paper, cardboard, materials from the garden) please and bring them along? Thank you.

## JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NEWS:

**CAFOD:** This Family Fast Day, our parish raised £884 to help end hunger and poverty around the world. This has been doubled by the UK Government, meaning a total of £,768 has been raised so more of our brothers and sisters can live lives free from hunger. Thank you. Please keep them in your prayers throughout Lent.

**LENTEN LUNCHES:** The fifth Lenten lunch raised £115 many thanks to all who supported it. Our final Lenten Lunch takes place this Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall, hosted by Jacqui, Margaret and Trisha from 12noon to 2pm. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT:** Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent. The services will alternate between ourselves at The Blessed Sacrament and St Andrew's Church. Next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm it will be at The Blessed Sacrament.

## BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS WITH SR. ANGELA MORRIS:

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am to 12:15pm in the Church Hall. The topic we are looking at is The Weakness of God. Texts from the Hebrew Prophets and the New Testament. All are warmly welcome - just bring your Bible and an open mind and heart! This will be the final session before Easter.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** There will be two training sessions for the Easter Services. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at **9am** and 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10:30am. **ALL SERVERS** must attend. John Donachie 442116

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Organiser for March is Chris Bailey 442151.

**FOOD BANK:** The person responsible for March is Elaine Bullock.

**EASTER LILLIES:** If anyone would like to purchase an Easter Lily for their loved ones this Easter then we are asking for a donation of £2.50 per Lily to be made. Donations can be left in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' and left at the church office for counting. Cards for messages to be placed with the Easter Lilies will be left on the desk in the church foyer. Last date for donations Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks Hazel Jones.

**LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at St Augustine's, Springfield at 7.30pm. As we prepare for the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter, let us be ready in hearts and minds. Come to a time of community prayer and private reconciliation with one of several priests from the deanery.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11.30am - The Community invite you to join them for a Service of Reflection on the themes of Holy Saturday – waiting, emptiness, disappointment..... Lasting 30/40 minutes. All welcome!

**DON'T FORGET** that the clocks “spring” forward one hour next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00 a.m.

**BISHOP ALAN GOES #SiLent!** For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. To sponsor Bishop Alan and for more details, and all the resources, go to [www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood](http://www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood).

**ST JOHN PAYNE LENTEN SERVICE** You are warmly invited to attend St John Payne Catholic school's annual Lenten Service on Wednesday 28 March at 7.30pm in Aquinas Hall. The staff and students have put together a creative and reflective service with music, readings, drama and more. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**VACANCY:** Person required for paid position of Admin Manager in the offices of Holy Family Parish, Benfleet. 20 hours p.w. timing of work can be negotiated. If you or any of your family/friends are interested, please first contact Fr. Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or the office on 01268 799649 or send an email to [priest@hollyfamily-church.org](mailto:priest@hollyfamily-church.org) for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April”

## THE READINGS THIS WEEK:

**First reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *A pure heart create for me, O God.*  
**Second reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9  
**Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*  
**If a man serves me, say the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.**  
*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*  
**Gospel:** John 12:20-30

**Anniversaries - We pray for Elizabeth Page, Dominic Francis Lowrey, Raymond Parle, Kathleen Maud Tyrell, Patrick Murphy, Arthur Chivers, Doris Gibbs, Michael Sullivan, Vincent Cooper, Irene Mead, Margaret Martin, Mrs R Hayter, John Anthony Maher and Donald Richard Cook. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.**

**VACANCY: Headteacher, St John Payne Catholic School.** The retirement of our existing Headteacher after 9 years has created an exciting opportunity for a suitable Catholic leader who has the vision and drive to take us to our next stage of improvement and development. An application pack can be downloaded from the online advert at [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk) or please contact: Monica Morley, School Business Manager, St John Payne Catholic School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford. Tel: 01245 256030 or Email: [mmo@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:mmo@sjp.essex.sch.uk). Please also include a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role. Deadline for applications: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Noon. For further information or to arrange an informal visit to the school please contact Monica Morley on 01245 256030.

**NEW HALL SCHOOL** have various positions available please see the notice board for details.