

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 12th January 2019

6.00pm Mass Sr. Helena Henderson S.P. RIP (Sr. Jean)

Sunday 13th January 2019

9.30am Mass Helen Clark RIP (Marian & Family)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 14th January 2019

No Mass

Tuesday 15th January 2019

6.30pm Mass Priests, Religious & People of The Ordinariate of OLW
Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday 16th January 2019

9.15am Mass Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)

Thursday 17th January 2019

9.15am St Pius X Primary School Year 3 Mass

Friday 18th January 2019

9.15am Mass Ron Howe's Intentions (Family)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 19th January 2019

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 20th January 2019

9.30am Mass Howe & Cracknell Family Intentions

11.30am Mass Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family RIP (M.B. Lloyd)

Anniversaries - We pray for *George Frederick Robinson, Timothy Joseph O'Sullivan, Hilda Lomax, Leonard William Worley, Thomas Creed, Albert Butterworth, Carol Carte, John Edward Morrissey, Michael O'Sullivan, John Michael O'Grady, Arthur Chapman, Kitty McCool, Margaret McDonnell, Fr John King, Fr Gilbert Basil Pearson, Fr Neville Banks, Fr Kenneth Green, Canon Charles Kypers and Mgr. David Donnelly. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.*

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday 13th January 2019

Gospel Reflection - The Coming of the Spirit (Luke 3:15-16. 21-22)



Luke does not tell us who baptised Jesus. In Luke the story of John the Baptist ends with his promise of one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit - then John is arrested. At the baptism itself all Luke's concentration is on the coming of the Spirit. Indeed, it is hardly an account of the baptism at all, for the baptism is only a time marker for the coming of the Spirit when "Jesus, after his own baptism, was at prayer". Jesus' mission begins with the coming of the Spirit. In the same way, Luke's second volume (the Acts of the Apostles) begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. It is as though Luke wants to show the importance of the Spirit from beginning to end of the Christian life. And this is the case: in both books the part played by the Spirit directs all the action. The same is still true in the Christian community today, though sometimes human stubbornness and blindness does its best to impede the leadership and guidance of the Spirit. Most of us are artists at blocking the Spirit when the Spirit's promptings are inconvenient!

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What does Luke's account of Jesus' baptism tell us about the Holy Spirit?

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

THE READINGS THIS WEEK:

First reading:	Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are!
Second reading:	Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel:	Luke 3: 15-16.21-22

EVENING PRAYER: There will not be Evening prayer today, Sunday, 13th January.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEXT EVENT: Quiz Night on Saturday, 19th January at 7.30pm see quiz table chart at the back of the church and add your names. Proceeds to go towards Syrian refugee family sponsorship.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ANNUAL CHARITY COLLECTION of nearly new clothing for Farleigh Hospice, toiletries for the rough sleepers at Providence Row and warm woollen socks for the homeless at Chess will be on the weekend 26/27th January, items may be left at the back of the church. This is the 31st year of the collection and the organisers are truly grateful of your generous support. Please contact John Logue (tel No. 256304) should you require a collection from home. Many thanks.

THIS TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY marks the 8th Anniversary of the establishment of The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Our evening mass is being offered for the intentions of the Priests, religious, and people of The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION is on Tuesday after the 6.30pm Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION 2019: The next session for our children and parents is on Saturday, 19th January at 9am in the Hall. The children will be looking at The Gift of Forgiveness.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: We are very keen to recruit some more adult helpers for our two homework clubs - Mondays &/or Thursdays - 3.30-4.45. We have had an influx of children & one or two of our helpers are unable to continue. We need women & men - the age-group stretches from Year 1(5/6) through to 13/14 though the majority are primary age. No great expertise required, just patience & good humour. At present it happens at Parkwood Academy whilst we are waiting for the new hall to be open. Please contact Moira or Margaret if interested. 01245604108 - anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk There are other volunteer opportunities - e.g. with our Older People Wisdom group & our Toddler group.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Organiser for January is Lal Mangalam 07960 213530

FOOD BANK - person responsible for January 2019 - Wedad Cox.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Weekend 5th/6th January 2019: Envelopes £581.01, Loose Plate £274.88, Bankers Order: £342.00, Total £1197.89. Thank you for your generosity.

PEACE SUNDAY - 20TH JANUARY: The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. For more information, please look on the Pax Christi website (www.paxchristi.org.uk) A second collection is being taken up next weekend for the work of Pax Christi

CRIB OFFERINGS: At the request of Bishop Alan, the opportunity of giving Crib Offerings, to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, will be extended until the feast of The Presentation of The Lord on 2nd February. Please do support this very worthwhile cause.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7.00 p.m. Fr Adrian Gaffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com. Refreshments provided.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK: Mgr. David Manson will be giving a talk on "**The Spirituality of Pope Francis**" - Saturday 19th January 2019 - 10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact details: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 20TH - 27TH JULY 2019. Join the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until **31st January 2019**. *The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events or for any queries, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org*

HEALING SERVICE: If you are feeling stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or generally struggling with life, you are warmly invited to attend the English Martyrs' Healing Service from 6-8pm Saturday 26th January for emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. To register your attendance please email HealingService@English-Martyrs.com or contact Mandy on 0780 1470 516. English Martyrs RC Church, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation. Dates: 15 - 17 Feb 2019. Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life - it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. For more information visit our website www.fcjsisters.org or email lynnefcj@hotmail.com.

NEW HALL SCHOOL, THE AVENUE, CHELMSFORD require a head of Human Resources further details for the vacancy can be found on the notice board or on the school website.