SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) and EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
23rd February and 1st March 2020

SUNDAY MASS
Holy Cross: 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)
Cathedral: 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS
Cathedral: 9.15 a.m.

When anyone obeys what Christ has said, God’s love comes to perfection in him.

LATEST NEWS

THE REQUIEM MASS for Fr Martin’s sister, Maura Stone, will be celebrated on Monday 24th February at 11.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead. Please keep him and his family in prayer.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED and will re-open again on Monday 2nd March. Please note that this is a two-week newsletter covering 3 weekends. Please keep your copy handy for next week.

ALTAR SERVERS At the 9.30 a.m. Mass on 23rd February, Isabella Campbell, Joseph Mikolajczyk, Lashe Edun, Joseph Young and Daniel and Tochukwu Okerago will all be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and will be presented with their bronze medals. Congratulations to them all.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY is 26th February and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time of grace and of drawing closer to Christ. Masses with imposition of ashes in the Cathedral will be at 9.15 a.m., 1.10 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

PLEDGES FOR LENT The enclosed leaflet is an invitation for everyone to consider making some practical pledges to help heal the planet. Each week a pledge will focus on a different topic. Why not put the leaflet up at home to help you reflect on these challenges?

I. LENTEN PLEDGE: FOOD During the first week of Lent the focus is on food. Instead of giving up chocolate, maybe you could try to have one meat-free day every week (Fish on Friday) or buy more locally sourced food? We also ask you to pray for those who do not have enough to eat and those who are experiencing famine or poor harvests.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening at 7.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. Please make a special effort to attend at least one meditation in prayer and music of the Passion and death of Jesus.

Please ensure that you are aware of the position of all the emergency FIRE EXIT doors in the Cathedral.
LENT “GOD WHO SPEAKS” LECTURES Four distinguished lecturers. Four lectures that promise to be thought provoking. An opportunity to deepen our understanding and faith. All welcome.

Wednesday 4th March
The Bible: alive and active or dead and irrelevant? 
Professor Anthony Towey, Director of Aquinas Centre, St Mary’s University, Twickenham, London

Wednesday 11th March
Reading the Bible: the challenges of interpretation 
Professor John Barton, Oriel & Laing Emeritus Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture, University of Oxford

Wednesday 18th March
Sharing the Good News: Sacred scripture as beacon and promise. 
Dr Maria Heath, chair of Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Wednesday 25th March
The Gospel: the power of God or cause of shame and division? 
Rev Dr Richard Ounsworth OP, Scripture lecturer, Blackfriars, Oxford

Lectures begin at 7.30 p.m. in the Brentwood Cathedral parish hall.

LENTEN LECTURES REFRESHMENTS Would you be willing to help with teas and coffees at some or all of the four Lenten Lectures on Wednesday evenings in March? If you can help, please sign up on the sheets in narthex and at the back of Holy Cross.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES will be held on Fridays in Lent, beginning on 28th February, for the whole of Lent (apart from Holy Week) in the large Cathedral Parish Hall from 12 noon - 2.00 p.m. All welcome. Voluntary donation. All proceeds to homeless charities.

On Friday 6th March, the Lenten soup lunch will be jointly provided with the CAFOD team for Family Fast Day. All donations received on this day will help CAFOD reach out to those most in need in some of the world’s poorest countries.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is on Friday 6th March; will you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help support the work of CAFOD’s global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can.

‘ALL ARE WELCOME’ gathering on the first Friday of every month between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. in the small parish hall is for everyone from parents/carers with babies to those who are retired to enjoy some company with a hot drink and lovely cakes. Join us on Friday 6th March, any time between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m.

BRENTWOOD FOOD BANK Demand for the Food Bank continues to increase. On just one day it provided food for more than 35 local people. Our Lent Food Bank collection is on Sunday 15th March (Saturday 14 March at Holy Cross). Please bring donations of basic non-perishable foodstuffs as well as toiletries and cleaning products. Donations on this day only please as they are transported the following day.

LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION takes place on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. An opportunity to confess our sins and receive the grace of God’s forgiveness and healing.

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS are a helpful way to focus daily our attention on the Lord during the season of Lent. £1.00 each.

CHILDREN’S LENT POSTER is a fun, colourful and informative way to introduce Lent to the younger members of our community. Cost 20p.

GENERAL NEWS

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, DIARY and ANNIVERSARIES can be found on the noticeboard in the Cathedral narthex, the back of Holy Cross and also on the parish website.
**PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Tim Brooking and George Attwood (a former Cathedral chorister) who died recently. The funeral details are not yet known. *May they rest in the peace of Christ and may those who grieve their loss be comforted by the Lord.*

**COFFEE after 9.30 a.m. MASS** today will be hosted by the CAFOD team; next week will be the turn of Mabel Cowley who will be raising money for the Scouts European Jamboree fundraiser and the following week will be the Love in Action team. Why not join us in the parish hall?

**THANK YOU** for the collection on the weekend of 15th/16th February: £3,294.06 of which £2,474.55 was Gift Aided; also for the collection for Maria Ratschitz: £582.55 of which £115.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity and for Gift Aiding your offerings.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**HOLY HOUR OF SILENT PRAYER** before the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Cathedral every Monday from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. *The Sacrament of Reconciliation* will also be available during this time.

**MOTHERS’ PRAYERS** The next meeting is on **Wednesday 4th March** at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** will run from **24th February until 8th March.** During this time please consider swapping one of your shopping items for a Fairtrade product. Fairtrade ensures fair prices, living wages and decent working conditions for farmers and workers in developing countries. Our actions in Brentwood can support and sustain the livelihoods of those living in the poorest communities.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK** and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Phil Carr, David, Patricia Decup, Julian Goode, Concetta Hall, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Lawrence, Tony Maule, Dennis Menezes, Kath Murnane, Michael Murphy, Harry Newman, Barney O’Driscoll, Siobhan O’Leary, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascalls, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartsgrove Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation. Please contact Fr Martin or Fr Gary through the parish office.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS** If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass but would still like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact Clergy House.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**A HEALING SERVICE** is taking place 6 – 8 p.m. on **29th February** for anyone in need of time for self-reflection at English Martyrs Church, Hornchurch. Please contact Mandy on 07801 470516 or email healingservice@english-martyrs.com.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR TRAVELLERS** There will be a special meeting on **Tuesday 10th March** at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay for anyone who is interested in assisting with the Sacramental Preparation of Traveller children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Father Dan Mason on 01277 624891.

**VACANCY** Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood. This significant role will help to strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry. Closing date 16th March. Details at [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277 373959.

**VACANCY** Headteacher, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Southend-on-Sea. Required for September 2020. Application packs are available from nparr@assisicatholictrust.com. Full details of the post available on the school’s website www.shs-southend.co.uk.

**VACANCY** Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick to live and work at Walsingham House, to lead retreat programmes and to
help with the training and formation of our volunteer team. Closing date for applications 2nd March 2020. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Joe Beattie on 01277 373959.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 22nd February through to Sunday 1st March 2020

Saturday
22 February
THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Ap
9.15 a.m. Cathedral In Thanksgiving (Selo-Ojeme Family) -Sacrament of Reconciliation
11.00 a.m. Cathedral Deceased members of the family of Terry and Connie Halligan R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross

Saturday
29 February
Mary Fitzpatrick R.I.P.
Confirmation Group Day Retreat to Abbotswick
11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon Cathedral -Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross

Sunday
23 February
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Day for the Unemployed)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Margaret Bailey R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
10.00 a.m. Marillac Pat Costello R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Gina and Pierino Cavellini R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Kayleigh Farr and Matthew Merrick
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism Preparation Course (3 of 5)
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Eric Howard R.I.P.

Monday
24 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Josie Keane R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Cathedral St Joseph’s Primary, Upminster – visit to the Cathedral
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour

Tuesday
25 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Iris Pompilii R.I.P.

Wednesday
26 February
ASH WEDNESDAY
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Jan and Agnieska Borsuk R.I.P.
1.10 p.m. Cathedral Michael Welsh R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Patrick Keogh R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
27 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Vincent and Mary Cassidy R.I.P.
11.00 a.m. Cathedral Requiem Mass for the late Thomas Cusack R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Grange Barbara Brown R.I.P.

Friday
28 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Bernie McMahon R.I.P.
12 Noon Hall Lenten Lunch
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers
7.00 p.m. Cathedral Stations of the Cross

Saturday
29 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Mary Fitzpatrick R.I.P.

Sunday
3 March
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Stanley Owers R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral June Somers R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Private Intentions of the donor
11.30 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
3.00 p.m. Cathedral Rite of Election
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Peggy Patience R.I.P.

Saturday 29th February through to Sunday 8th March 2020

Saturday
29 February
Confirmation Group on Day Retreat to Abbotswick
11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon Cathedral -Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Jane Sullivan R.I.P.

Sunday
1 March
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Stanley Owens R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral June Somers R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Private Intentions of the donor
11.30 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
3.00 p.m. Cathedral Rite of Election
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Peggy Patience R.I.P.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

1 March
- 8.00 a.m. Cathedral: Stanley Owens R.I.P.
- 9.30 a.m. Cathedral: June Somers R.I.P.
- 10.00 a.m. Marillac: Private Intentions of the donor
- 11.30 a.m. Cathedral: People of the Parish
- 3.00 p.m. Cathedral: Rite of Election
- 6.30 p.m. Cathedral: Peggy Patience R.I.P.

**Monday**
- 2 March
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral: Intentions of Mr & Mrs M Collins
  - 7.30 p.m. Cathedral: Holy Hour

**Tuesday**
- 3 March
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral: Andrew O'Donnell R.I.P.
  - 1.00 p.m. Cathedral: Lunchtime Recital
  - 6.30 p.m. Cathedral: Choral Vespers
  - 7.30 p.m. Parish Hall: LENTEN LECTURE - 'The Bible: alive and active or dead and irrelevant?'
  - 8.00 p.m. Cathedral: Youth Mass

**Wednesday**
- 4 March
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral: Gina and Pierino Cavellini R.I.P.
  - 5.30 p.m. Grange: Mary Saunders R.I.P.
  - 7.30 p.m. Sm Hall: 'Green Guardians’ Event

**Thursday**
- 5 March
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral: Elsie and Jim Hogg R.I.P.
  - 10.30 a.m. Cathedral: The Endeavour School ~ visit to the cathedral
  - 12 Noon Hall: Lenten Lunch
  - 1.00 p.m. Hall: ‘All Are Welcome’ Group Meet
  - 6.15 p.m. Cathedral: Choral Vespers
  - 7.00 p.m. Cathedral: Stations of the Cross

**Friday**
- 6 March
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral: Basil Doherty R.I.P.
  - 10.00 a.m. Cathedral: Stationary Mass – visit to the cathedral
  - 12.30 p.m. Cathedral: Baptism of Leo and Baby Filler

**Saturday**
- 7 March
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral: Kathleen O'Brien R.I.P.
  - 11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon Cathedral: Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - 12.30 p.m. Cathedral: Baptism of Leo and Baby Filler
  - 6.30 p.m. Holy Cross: Mary Parsons R.I.P.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**
- 8 March
  - 8.00 a.m. Cathedral: John McKenna R.I.P.
  - 9.30 a.m. Cathedral: James Rourke R.I.P.
  - 10.00 a.m. Marillac: Frankie Mulvey R.I.P.
  - 11.30 a.m. Cathedral: Pauline Stone R.I.P.
  - 6.30 p.m. Cathedral: People of the Parish

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS**

**Saturday 22nd February through to Sunday 8th March 2020**

**CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Taylor, Louisa Avis, Mary Bailey, John and Joanne O’Brien, Amelia Rochford, Margaret Murphy, Muriel Fairman, Jarlath Wills, Alison Moss, Fr Joseph Savage, Peter Twiss, Sidney Weston, Mary Adams, Hilary Sully, Martin Gilbin, Christina Mabel Simpson, Martha Sarassa, George Smith, Agnes Waring, Thomas McDonald, John Moriarty, Edward Duane, Joseph Gillett, Patrick McCann, Hugh McElwaine, Edith Edwards, Iris Pomplii, John Harrison, June Guttridge, Michael Walsh, Lilian Williams, Anna-Maria Caperoe, Joseph Petry, Catharine McKeaney, Reginald Innes, Frank Manders, Bernard Dobson, Mary Vella, Richard Fairchild, Joseph Alderton, Annie Coelho, Christiane Luxmoore, Margaret Sharp, Bridget Walsh, Dorothy Daly, Ellen O’Regan, Sarah Ball, Kathleen Palmer, Nancy Wilson, Fr Donal O’Kane, Peter Tidman, Lillian Barratt, John Moore, Charles Davis, Eva Teeder, James Riley, Stanley Owens, Patrick Maher, Peggy Tighe, Rhoda King, K R Worsfold, Ammeina Malika, Bernadette Walsh, Christy Buckley, Maria-Teresa Vinas, Ethel Whelan, Joan McCann, Mary O’Keefe, Johannes Sarassa, Michael Rossiter, Frankie Foong, John McLoughlin, Alfred Hicks, Father Hughes, Patrick Kelly, Ellen Gibbs, Frank Leader, Maureen Byrne, Kathleen Hicks, Michael Doherty, Dorothy Collier, Patrick Lawlor, Colin Martin, Catherine Greaves, Francis Fuller, John McDonnell, Ellen Gilham, Anne O’Connor, Elizabeth Rowe, William Henry Stone, John Dillon, Thomas Regan, Mary Parsons and Kathleen O’Brien.