SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
8th March 2020

LATEST NEWS

COUNTERS, READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – The new rota starts next weekend 14th/15th March, you should all have received email last week with the new rota. Printed copies will be available from this weekend. Please ensure you check your dates and get cover if you are unable to fulfil your role. Thank you.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for CAFOD Lent Fast Day which was on Friday 6th March.

Please, if you have not already done so, collect your Family Fast Day envelope week and if you are a taxpayer, please gift aid your offering.


The present advice is that unless there is a case of someone contracting the virus in a parish or the immediate area, the risk remains low and no significant changes need to be introduced to the celebration of Mass.

All Ministers of Holy Communion have been informed of the hygiene guidelines and as a proportionate response we would presently recommend that parishioners offer each other the sign of peace verbally rather than by shaking hands. The important things to remember are:

1) If you have cold/flu symptoms please stay at home and seek medical advice. Those who are unwell do not have to attend Mass.
2) Please cover a cough if in church,
3) Sanitise or thoroughly wash your hands after touching/blowing nose.
4) Please dispose of used tissues after use.

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.

Please ensure that you are aware of the position of all the emergency FIRE EXIT doors in the Cathedral.
**LENT**

2. **LENTEN PLEDGE: FASHION** Can we make better use of the clothes we already have by swishing/swapping clothes with friends and family to refresh our wardrobes as well as thinking about the environmental and social impact before we buy new clothes.

**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.

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

**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 collection is **next weekend 14/15th March**. Please bring donations of basic non-perishable foodstuffs as well as toiletries and cleaning products.

**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.

**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, Sarah Hills and John Doran who died recently.

The Requiem Mass for Tim Brooking will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 13th March at 11.00 a.m. Sarah Hill's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 11th March at 12 Noon.

*May they rest in the peace of Christ and may those who grieve their loss be comforted by the Lord.*

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY** Matthew Merrick and Kayleigh Farr who were baptised recently in the Cathedral; please remember the children and their parents “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith”.

**COFFEE after 9.30 a.m. MASS** today will be hosted by the Love in Action team; next week will be the turn of the First Holy Communion Group. Why not join us in the parish hall?

**THANK YOU** for the collection on the weekend of 22nd/23rd February: £3,713.29 of which £2,564.83 was Gift Aided; also for the collection on the weekend of 29th February/1st March: £3,804.24 of which £2,775.05 was Gift Aided. *Thank you for your generosity and for Gift Aiding your offerings.*

**STEWARD’S NEWS** Please look at the Diocesan Development Plan on the Cathedral website. It is due to be published at Easter.
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 Sacred ​​of Reconciliation will also be available during this time.

**INVITATION TO AN HOUR OF CHARISMATIC PRAYER** on Thursday 12th March in the Upper Room of the Cathedral from 7.45 to 9.00 p.m. We will thank God, praise Him and listen to His Word for us. You are welcome to contact Chris Fulbrook 07974 702771 or Gabrielle O'Regan 07817 515207 for further information.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** The next meeting is on Wednesday 18th March at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

**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 Hartwood 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

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR TRAVELLERS** Following on from Racial Justice Sunday, there will be a special meeting this Tuesday 10th March at 7.30 p.m. for anyone who is interested in assisting with the Sacramental Preparation of Traveller children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you are interested in attending please contact Father Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891.

**CHORAL CONCERT – DVORAK, MASS IN D** on Saturday 14th March at 7.00 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. This Concert is to be given by St. Mary’s University Choir, directed by Martin Foster. Tickets £10 each; please email music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 265288 for further information.

**PLANTING TREES FOR THE FUTURE** – come and lend a hand! The Woodland Trust have granted 105 trees to Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, CM14 5SH), and we need a helping hand to plant them, please, on Saturday 28th March, 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Come with a spade, and some sandwiches – we’ll provide drinks and snacks. If you can help, email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 373959.

**SION COMMUNITY WORK AND PRAY**: join us for a week or a few days from 30th March to 4th April to volunteer your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep to our large house and gardens. An opportunity for anyone who would like to take time out and experience community life, including daily prayer, Adoration and Mass at the Cathedral! For further information and to register contact Mary: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk.

**SPONSORED SLEEPOUT** Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net, where there are full details of the event.

**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 or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277 373959.
VACANCY  Part-Time Midday Assistant, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. The hours are 6 ¼ per week term time only and cover the lunchtime period (12.30 to 1.45 pm). An application form is available from the ‘Job Vacancies’ section on the School’s website. Please return application to Mrs K Jones at the School’s address or e-mail to: kj@mary.havering.sch.uk. Closing date: Wednesday 11th March.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 7th March through to Sunday 15th March 2020

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 Andie Filler
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Mary Parsons R.I.P.

Sunday
8 March
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
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

Monday
9 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral John Ayer R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour

Tuesday
10 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Christina Bruce R.I.P.

Wednesday
11 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Michael Toohey

Thursday
12 Noon Cathedral Requiem Mass for the late Sarah Hills R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers
7.30 p.m. Hall “God Who Speaks” - Lenten Lecture 2

Friday
13 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral John McDowell R.I.P.
11.00 a.m. Cathedral Requiem Mass for the late Timothy Brooking 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
14 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Doug Cox R.I.P.
9.15 a.m. Cathedral First Holy Communion Session 7
11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Deceased family members of Terry and Connie Halligan
7.00 p.m. Cathedral Choral Concert – Dvorak, Mass in D

Sunday
15 March
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Stephanie Burks R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Christine (Debbie) Perrett
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Ellen O’Sullivan R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Noah Saravanan and Jack Swanson
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Confirmation Programme – Session 4
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Margaret Pett R.I.P.

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ANNIVERSARIES
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Saturday 7th March through to Sunday 15th March 2020

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Rowe, William Henry

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maurice Potton, Frank Dyer, Mary O’Sullivan, Joseph Breslin, Mary Brewster, Lily Horswell, Fr. John Gordon, Teresa Keely, Len Fisher, Sarah McEvoy, Elizabeth Taylor, Anthony Pillai, Kenneth Hawes, William A Waring, Eileen O’Brien and Teresa Ross.