## MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

# Saturday 9th March - Sunday 17th March 2024

Sat 9th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

(Laetare Sunday)

(MHR) 6.30pm: People Of the Parish

Paddy Neville RIP Aniv-Mary & Family

Sun 10th March

(StD) 9am: Lynda Ezimoha & Family (MHR) 11am: Thanksgiving – Abraka Family

Mon 11th March MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

(MHR) 9.30am: Eddy Holsgrove RIP - Denise

Tues 12th March TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

(StD) 9.30am: Sarah Fernandes RIP – Marian

Wed 13th March WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

(MHR) 9.30 am: No Mass

Thurs 14th March THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

(Std) 9.30am: John Murfet Intentions

Fri 15th March FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

(MHR) 9.30am: Andreea Safia - Sam & Jason

(MHR) 10.00am: Stations Of The Cross

(MHR) 10.30am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

(STD) 7.00pm: Stations Of The Cross

Sat 16th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

(MHR) 6.30 pm: Friends of MHR & STD Parishioners Thanksgiving-Val Kelleher

<u>Sun 17th March</u>

(StD) 9am: People of the Parish

(MHR) 11am: Eugene Abraka Thanksgiving- Mum & Dad.

Morning Prayer: Before Mass 9.15am on Mon - Fri after Morning Mass Rosary (MHR) & Tues and Thurs after Morning Mass (StD) Confession: at MHR (by request)

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND HOUSEBOUND

Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Sean Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Eileen McGeown, Graham McGeown, Geraldine McStravick, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson, Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkcom, Andy & Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKearney,Tina Perotti, Brenda White, Ann Carr, Janet O'Brien, Jacqueline Pears and Steve Stripe, Paul Singleton, Mary Boyle, Tom Green, Val Kelleher, Nicky Burgess, Eve Lawrence, Sue Edwards, Stephanie Bedding, Ken Page, Patrick Murray, Sheila Murphy.

#### ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Beatrice Gabriel, Fr. Thomas Lawton, Fr. John Gordon, James Joseph Sheehan, Dean Sessions, Fr. Maurice Roche, Fr. Edmund Meyer, Bill Mead, Robert Pettet. Eileen Noyes. Elizabeth Gibb, Patrick Neville, Brian Bonini, Mick Morrissey, Martin O'Connor, Rury Steadman, Mary Alford, Maurice Hart, Fr. Bill Luby, Beryl Walton, Mrs Julia Tuley, Fred Clarke, Jessie Edwards, Jane Crane, Eileen Frances Cook, Patrick Barnes, Isie Moore, Mary McGrellis, Canon Martin Horkan, Dermot Kennedy, Lillian Alford, Ada Kelly, Denis Crowley, John & Margaret Lane, Albert (Bertie) Mahoney, Kevin Branigan

#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

# The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and St Dominic's Catholic Church



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Diocesan Website:

# **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

10th March 2024

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14 - 16, 19-23 Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4 - 10 Gospel: John 3:14 - 21

This fourth Sunday of Lent is often called Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare is Latin for joy! It marks a running point in Lent. With more than half of the Lenten season over, the church now looks to the remaining weeks where the focus will be on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Why rose vestments today? It is the hope of Easter just around the corner. We are on the way, but not there yet. So we wear the colours of joy. Our joy is from the love which has brought us here and made us the work of art we are. Jesus is lifted up on the cross so we may have life. In all our thoughts on lent and the death of Jesus, we are people of the resurrection.

We have many identities in our lives, but our prime belonging is to God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. This is the life of faith, the life of faith in the heart.

We can often think of God and faith as deadening. Our faith is that he sent his son from love. Jesus is the one who went through all we go through and rose from death. As our faith in this becomes strong, then we find love active from God in our lives. At times when there is little else there, we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Jesus and rise with him. God, being love, promises not an easy life nor magical solutions, but love always.

We live on amazing grace, and the graced light is Christ. Easter is around the corner, if we take a corner too quickly we crash. In life there is often a call to patience. We live in the light of Easter.

# "Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers & Grandmothers of the Parish. May God Bless you All"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Lizzy Hill Friday 8th March and Sue Edward Saturday 9th March. Wishing them Many Happy Returns.

PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW - Congratulations to our March 2024 Winner Darren Wise No 119 £50

**THE PARISH REPOSITORY**— has a wide selection of St Patrick cards, Easter Cards, First Holy Communion cards and gifts etc. . Come and visit the repository at the back of the Church after all Masses.

<u>PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP</u> – Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held <u>Wednesday 4th April</u>, at <u>2pm</u> in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the <u>1st Wednesday of every month</u>. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - FHC sessions will continue this Thursday 14th March.

<u>LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE</u> - On Thursday 21st March at 7 pm we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service at **Christ Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park**. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions.

**EASTER RAFFLE PRIZES** - We are seeking Raffle Prizes and donations of Easter Eggs, Cuddly Rabbits for Easter Coffee Morning. See Theresa for further information. Thank You for continued support.

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS** – Don't wait until its too late! Get your tickets now and make this Easter season memorable. £1 a strip. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at the raffle drawing on Easter Sunday. See Theresa.

<u>GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> - First Holy Communion children and families to join us for the Stations of the Cross for children on <u>Good Friday 29th March</u>. This solemn and meaningful tradition is a special way to reflect on the journey of Jesus to his Crucifixion and Death. **Please arrive by 10.15am**. This will be followed by refreshments with arts and crafts in the Parish Hall.

<u>EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH</u> – Get ready for a egg-citing Easter Coffee Morning with fun games and activities for the whole family, includes the drawing of the Easter Raffle. Join us as we celebrate Easter and connect with friends and family as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Easter on Easter Sunday after 11am Mass. Enjoy coffee and tea in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the Most Holy Redeemer Parish . **Don't miss out on the fun**! See Theresa for further information. All are Welcome.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

LAST SESSION on <u>Thursday 21st March</u> for Chapters 17 & 18 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in St. George's at Most Holy Redeemer Church Hall.

**REHEARSAL** in Church for

GROUP 1 will be on Thursday 18th April @6.30pm. First Communion Mass for Group 1 on Saturday 11th May @11am.

GROUP 2 will be on Thursday 25th April @ 6.30pm. First Communion Mass for Group 2 Saturday 18th May @ 11am.

Group 3 will be on Thursday 2nd May @6.30pm. First Holy Communion Mass for Group 3 will be on Saturday 25th May @11am.

ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH ILFORD - 40 HOURS DEVOTION. 40 hours of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration during Lent (night and day except during Mass) will take place on the weekend of 16-17 March at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0HE, starting with Mass of Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 7am on the Saturday and ending with Benediction at 11pm on the Sunday. All are welcome to take part in this very special devotion.

**SION COMMUNITY** - The next Mass celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Thursday, 21st March at 7pm. All welcome.

CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024, under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The fundraising concert is on Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: <a href="https://www.boscocamp.co.uk/events">www.boscocamp.co.uk/events</a>

CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT: The Catholic Parish Summit is taking place in Harrogate from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of June with over 1,000 parish leaders from across the country. Our diocese has booked some places for the Summit which are available to anyone who is interested in attending. These places are free but they are limited and you will need to make arrangements for accommodation while you are in Harrogate. For more information about the Summit please visit their website: <a href="https://catholicparishsummit.com/">https://catholicparishsummit.com/</a> If you would like to find out more please email Father Dan Mason, the Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal at billericay@brcdt.org

<u>CAMPION SCHOOL</u> - Open evening for Year 5 Students for entry in September 2025 will be held at the school on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 4.30pm - 7.00pm. Headteacher talks at 5pm & 6.30pm. Parking on the school playing fields (subject to weather conditions). 01708-452332. contact@thecampion schools.org for further details and information.

<u>DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES</u> - Summer 2024 Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

**VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP-** from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: <a href="https://www.boscocamp.co.uk">www.boscocamp.co.uk</a>.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES-Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to governanceappointments@brcdt.org or call: 01277 265216

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