

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

18th February - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - David Coote RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - Sam Bernadette Bikhit & family INT
11.30 a.m. MASS - Maria Keen RIP
6.30 p.m. - Edward Benson RIP

Monday 19th February

- 9.00 a.m. MASS - Jack Furzer INT

Tuesday 20th February

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 21st February

- 9.00 a.m. MASS - Shine Family INT

Thursday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

NO MORNING MASS

- 11:45 a.m. Funeral Mass - William & Sandra Samler

Friday 23rd February *Cafod Lent Fast Day*

- 9.00 a.m. MASS - Mary Lovett RIP

Saturday 24th February

NO MORNING MASS

- 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Confessions
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Anthony O'Donnell RIP

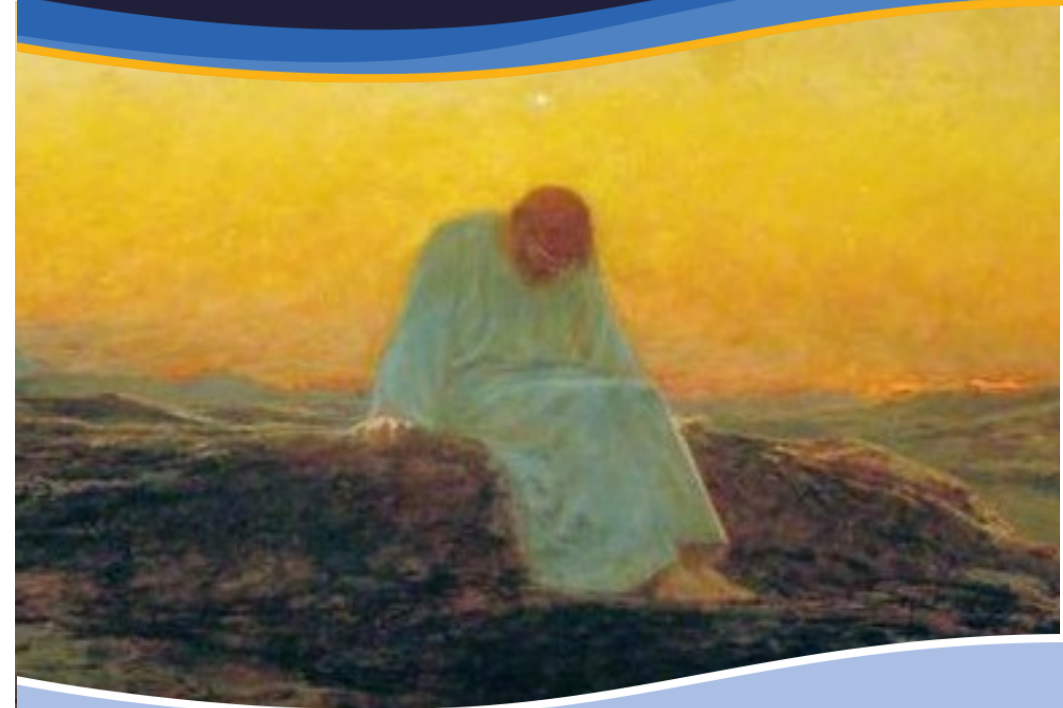
Sunday 25th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
11.30 a.m. MASS - Owen & Diana RIP Branley
6.30 p.m. MASS - Sarah & Edward Benson RIP

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First Sunday in Lent

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening 7.00 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. during Lent. Why not make a special effort to attend at least one Stations of the Cross and meditate on Christ's love for us? *We adore you, O Christ, and praise you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on Friday mornings during Lent from 9.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and immediately following Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening until 8.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS Please note that due to a meeting of the Ministers of Holy Communion, there will be **no morning Confessions** on Saturday 24th February. Confessions will be in the evening from 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

WALK WITH ME children's Calendar for Lent available at the back of the Church.

WALK WITH ME A Journey of Prayer for Lent available at the back of the Church Price: £1

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY takes place on Friday 23rd February. Cafod is working with poor communities on our behalf, so that they can put food on the table. Fast days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope 17/18 February and return the following weekend. You can also give online www.cafod.org.uk Don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day!

TAKE ON THE BIG CAFOD LENT WALK Walk 200KM in 40 Days to help fight global poverty. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Find out more at www.walk.cafod.org.uk/.

THE FUNERAL MASSES of

i) William and Sandra Samler will take place at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday 22nd February, followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel at 1.15 p.m. Please note that there will be **no morning Mass** on this day.

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BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN TALKS A series of 4 talks on the recent Synod on Synodality, which took place in Rome last October has been organised for the Holy Lenten season this year. They will be given by those who were participants at the Synod: Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, (Wednesday 21st February 2024) who was appointed by the Pope as Spiritual Director for the whole Synod; The Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik (Wednesday 28th February 2024) Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference; Mr Austen Ivereigh (Wednesday 6th March 2024) Roman Catholic Journalist; Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Wednesday 13th March 2024) Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, appointed delegate at the Synod last October. All the talks will take place at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT commentary on every Scripture from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park. www.whatgoodnews.org

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP QUIZ NIGHT 2nd March 2024 7.30 p.m. at St Ann Line Parish Hall. Please call Ann Kyndt to book your ticket on 0208 989 9032 or email wwgroup@cfdn.org.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will be hosting a very special Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 1.00 p.m. for service at 1.30 p.m. They are delighted that Bishop Alan, BCCS President, will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets for the event are £34.00 per person and should be purchased before Monday 8th April directly from their event webpage: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ Once you have purchased your tickets, please advise Julie of any special dietary requirements or seating requests by contacting her by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or call her on 07912 277413. Guests will be seated at tables of 12.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Friday 19th to Friday 26th July 2024. To book, please visit [brentwoodlourdes-lourdes-tangeytours\(tangey-tours.com\)](http://brentwoodlourdes-lourdes-tangeytours(tangey-tours.com)). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please email Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at lourdes@brcdt.org

ii) Olga Nunes will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 26th February, followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel, at 12.30 p.m. Please note that there will be **no morning Mass** on this day.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

EASTER RAFFLE Please support our Easter Raffle. Funds raised will go towards the running cost of the Pastoral Centre and 25% towards a charity which will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets are £2.00 each and are on sale after Mass in the porch.

1st Prize: £200 Cash

2nd Prize: £ 75 Cash

3rd Prize: Easter Hamper

Plus many more fantastic prizes. Good luck and thank you for your support.

CHOOSE A CHARITY The Parish Social Committee does remarkable work putting on social events that give opportunities for the parish to come together and build bonds of friendship which are essential for the future growth of any community.

At the last meeting of the Social Committee, it was decided that 25 percent of all profits from these events would be donated to one charity that the parish will support throughout the year.

Would you like to nominate a charity for consideration? If so, please forward details of the charity with as much information as possible about the work that they do. For example, if the charity has a website, please forward its link. *The deadline for nominations is today Sunday 18th February.* After this date, the Social Committee will consider the nominations and recognizing the value of all charities, select one charity that we will support in this way.

EASTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION is open to any school children or students at secondary schools. Do you enjoy drawing or painting? Would you like to design the cover for the front of the Easter Newsletter of Our Lady of Lourdes Church?

Your design would be seen by hundreds of people and be posted on social media. There will also be prizes for our favourite three pictures: First prize: £50 Second Prize: £30 and third Prize: £20. All entries will be displayed in the Church on Easter Sunday.

If you are interested, we are looking for colourful, inspiring and imaginative pictures that tell us something about Jesus rising from the dead. Please use a piece of A4 paper using portrait layout.

Please make sure that you put your name, age and a contact email address/telephone number on the back of your picture so that we can contact you if you win a prize. Please note that entries cannot be returned to the artist. **Deadline for entries Sunday 17th March.**

MORNING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION on *Saturday 24th February 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon* to help them reflect a little more deeply on their role and to consider some practical questions. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion, please make a note of this date.

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND 8th March - 10th March will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity to reflect on where our joy is to be found and how that joy may attract others at the margins of our community or far from our parish family back into the warm embrace of Christ.

The weekend will begin with a simple community supper on Friday 7th March, followed by Stations of the Cross, led by members of the Sion Community.

On the morning of *Saturday 9th March*, there will be a working breakfast where we will be able to reflect on those areas of our parish life that need attention if our community is to have a more missionary outlook.

During that afternoon, the Church will be open and set up with Prayer Stations in the Church where people will be able to pray alone or with someone else. In the hall, there will be refreshments and activities for our children and their families.

The afternoon will conclude before the evening Mass with a special Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sion community will lead the music at Masses this weekend and the children's liturgy. More details to follow, but do make a note of the dates of the parish mission.

Would you like to be involved in preparing for this weekend?

We need as much help as possible if the weekend is to run smoothly and attract people through the doors of our community. This will also be a way for you to contribute to the life and mission of the community and get to know other parishioners.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM marks the beginning of a child's relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ's presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised, please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish. Parents must attend both formation sessions.

The next sessions will be held on 7th and 14th March 2024, starting promptly at 8.00 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those not yet born.

CLUBS/GROUPS IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

MEDITATION Tuesdays at 10.50 a.m. **UNDER 5's** Tuesdays in term time 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. **PRAYER GROUP** Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. **WEDNESDAY TEAS** after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. **SHEILA LOVELL CLUB** Wednesdays 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. **BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Last Thursday of month in term time 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. **SUNDAY TEAS** after the 9.30 a.m. Mass.

SICK LIST A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.