

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

- ◇ Nigel Dawson
- ◇ Derek Price
- ◇ Anthony Edward Murphy
(brother of Tessa and son of Moya Murphy)
- ◇ Simon Eustace
- ◇ Harry Mouyia

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Zofia Baranska, Philippe Camilleri, Patrick Grant, Hilda Hannigan, Madeleine Khai, Christine Thurston, Joseph Byrne, Annie Hill, Eric Leary, Ann Selfe, Hilda Stratford, Sister Coleman Brosnan, Dennis McCarthy, Brian Connell, Victor Palmer, Edith Playle, Cornelius Sullivan, Patricia Tugby, Louis Black, Maureen Graham, Iris Hodges, Joan Noblett, Ronald Page

Food Bank

The Food Bank Basket is still accessible via the parish office on Wednesday and Fridays

**During the heating project the Church is temporarily closed except for Funerals.
Mass is live streamed & recorded as follows:**

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Friday 8am

Saturday 10am

Sunday 10am

Church Donations

• On-line donations

Thank you to those parishioners who have used the Diocese of Brentwood on-line donation website. For those who maybe interested the site can be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=woodford%20green>

• By Standing order

Contact the parish office for details



Prayer of spiritual communion
(St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 24th January 2021

Each time we come to celebrate the Eucharist together we renew the promise we made at our baptism to turn to Christ and follow him. We ask his help in letting go of all that prevents us fulfilling this promise and thank him for the grace which allows us to share in his life and follow his ways.

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Jonah preaches to the people of Nineveh and they repent.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

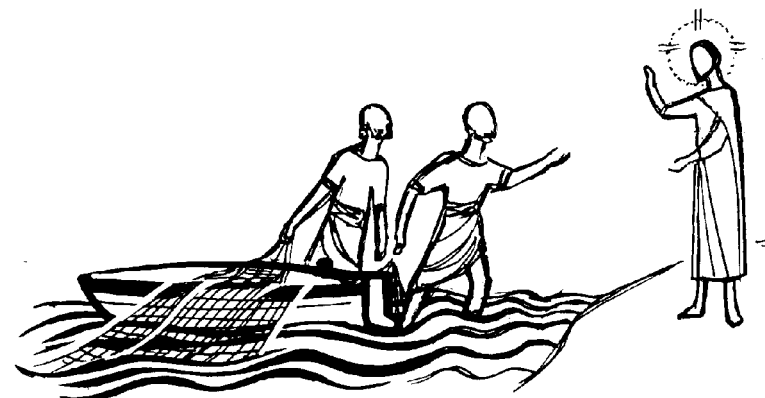
How to live in a world that is rapidly passing away.

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls his first apostles and they follow him.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make me know your ways.



Heating progress

At present the use of the church is little disturbed as the engineers set to work. The old heaters and pipework are gone. If you notice a shiver or two as we stream the daily celebrated mass you need not feel too sorry for us. The rest of the friary is still well heated as they move to complete the church. We have several funerals arranged for the coming weeks. For these the church is as normal; but warm clothing is advised for the limited number we are allowed to join in.

Safeguarding

On Thursday Bishop Alan and Simon Moules conducted a zoom training event for all the priests and deacons of our deanery. We are learning how best to use Zoom. But the two presenters brought us up to date on developments in safeguarding the vulnerable in our country. In 2019-20 there have been two rigorous Investigations – the so-called IICSA ordered by Parliament and another led by Ian Elliott and ordered by our bishops. There is reorganisation of the management in progress to obey the several recommendations coming from the two Investigations. As far as we priests are concerned the zoom served as the mandatory annual training in which we must engage. Nicky Crowther meantime is warming to her task as parish safeguarding rep.

Christian Unity

There is a zoom meeting this evening (Sunday 24th Jan) at 6 pm. The local churches will meet and share a service of prayer. We express our recognition of the good things we share, our respect for all who follow Jesus and our desire to find better ways to put all this into practice. Together.

Electronic Communication

Zoom is drawing out much evidence of expertise and ingenuity. The preparation programme for confirmation mounted an impressive gathering of nearly 100 parents, sponsors and interested parties. Reportedly it generated a most useful vehicle for information and discussion. The journey of faith meets weekly to pray and learn.

We are still working on our support for you parents of children preparing for first communion. We do appreciate how burdened you are with working from home and supervising distanced lessons. For the moment keep them in touch with the streamed masses. You are working on the section dealing with conscience and confession. It is good to reflect on how you deal with your children when they are naughty. You may very occasionally get a little cross (God does not, by the way). But you start by a space to bring peace and let off the steam. Then quietly you reflect together: on how much more pleasant life is when we conform.

Most important of all you do not love them any less when you are setting the rules. And that is what God wants them to know about himself.

That is the sacrament of confession



Mass Intentions

Sunday 24th January

People of parish
Michael Carrig RIP
Sarah Hughes RIP

Monday 25th January

Jacqueline Da Prato RIP
Philomena Hegarty RIP
Deceased sisters SHJM

Tuesday 26th January

Bernice Anning RIP
Scannell family
Missions SHJM

Wednesday 27th January

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
John Potter RIP
Jimmy Leahy RIP

Thursday 28th January

Peter Jacques RIP
Trinity intentions
Chigwell sisters
Funeral Kevin Hopkins

Friday 29th January

Jutta Menzies RIP
Kathleen Gallagher RIP
SHJM benefactors

Saturday 30th January

Christina M Kyriakides RIP
Angela McMahon & family
Community & benefactors

Sunday 31st January

People of the parish
Safety of O'Hagen family
Family of Zac Juggler Crook deceased

Christian Unity Service Mass Link

January 24, 2021 05:45 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89102436373?pwd=UTBMb2Z5Q1RFRWV04N2NBLzJVNURNQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 0243 6373

Passcode: 562944

Legal Advice Message

We know what a difficult time it is for everyone. Many of our clients are isolating and suffering through ill-health and the loss of loved ones. We wanted to remind the Parish that we are still working, and are still available to assist with the following:

Wills

Probate (15-Minute Free Discussion for Parishioners)

Lasting Powers of Attorney and Deputy Orders

Conveyancing including Sales, Purchases,

Transfer of Equity, etc. and; Matrimonial Law

Safety is naturally paramount. Most of our work is now being done remotely without the need to attend our offices.

For any more information on our services and how we can assist you safely, please contact us on 0208 524 9111 or visit our website:

www.bacchuslaw.co.uk.

We wish you well.

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Church Rotas'

In the hope that in the spring life may start to return to some form of new normality we wanted to review the Church Laundry Rota and the Church Cleaning Rota. Firstly each of these rotas needs a new co-ordinator, so if there is a willing parishioner who can assist with this please contact the Parish Office. Secondly, for those of you who are currently on the Rota's it would be very much appreciated if you can confirm your willingness to continue. If any parishioner would like to join these Rota's later in the year please let the Parish Office know.