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THE BOOK OF GENESIS – LENTEN TALK

On Thursday 12th March at 7 p.m. in the
hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest
Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road,
in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian
Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book
of Genesis, a book which in different
ways figures prominently during Lent.
The talk will be preceded by light
refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free,
in-person event is also available via live
stream at www.whatgoodnews.org

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the
Becket Centre

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on
Saturday's when mass takes place at
10am



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Baptism Course

For first time parents will take place on 11th &
18th March. Applications forms are on the
website.

Thank You

The family of Angelina Pallottolo wish to thank
everyone for their kind words, thoughts and
prayers in the passing of their dear Mother.
A mass will be said for you all.

Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage

Last week's second collection raised £512
Thank you once again for your kind generosity.

Henrietta Suite

The official opening will take place on
Saturday, 28th February from 3pm—5.30pm.
Parishioners and all involved in the project are
most welcome. Light refreshments and food
will be available. Come along and enjoy this
very important milestone in our Parish..

Keep Fit

Every Monday from 8.15PM - 9.15PM £5 per
class. Come along and join us in the newly
refurbished Henrietta Suite.



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

Life involves rules and choices. We have the freedom to choose between right and wrong, our own benefit and the good of all. We gather today to remind ourselves of God's wisdom and love for us as we seek to do what is right.

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

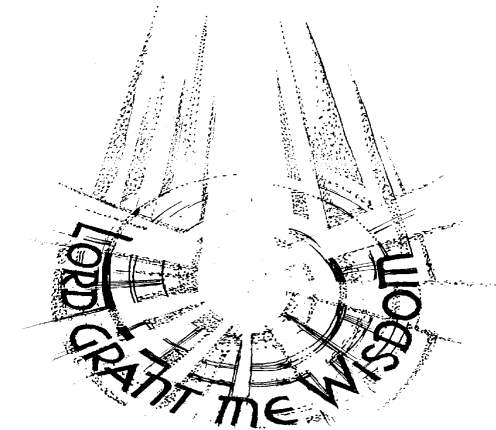
God calls us to choose what is right and keep the commandments. God knows and sees all that we do.

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The Spirit has shown us the wisdom of God, which is not the same as the wisdom of our rulers



POPE FRANCIS GIVES US A FEW SENTENCES TO HELP IN LENT

Lent is meant to wake up Christians and help them see that God can give them the strength to change their lives and their surroundings, The prophet Joel said "Rend your hearts, not your garments. "He reminds us that conversion can't be reduced to exterior forms or vague resolutions, but involves and transforms one's entire existence, starting with the centre of the person, the conscience."

*Conversion starts with recognizing that "we are creatures, that we are not God," Too many people today, think they have power and "play at being God the creator."

Christians are called to use the three elements the Gospel recommends for spiritual growth: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

* "In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness,"

* With more regular and intense prayer during Lent, Christians are called to think of the needs of others, "interceding before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering" in the world.

* As for fasting the point isn't just to follow the rules for Lenten fasting and abstinence, because that could lead to self-satisfaction.

* Fasting, should "exercise the heart" to recognize what is absolutely essential and to teach one how to share with others. "It is a sign of becoming aware of and taking responsibility for injustice and oppression, especially of the poor and the least, and is a sign of the trust we place in God and his providence."

* Almsgiving is a practice that should be common among all Christians, but especially during Lent. Christians give concrete help and attention to those in need — asking nothing in return — because they recognize how much God has given them even though they were not deserving.

* Almsgiving also helps free people from "the obsession of possession, from the fear of losing what they have and from the sadness of not sharing their well-being with others.

* The call of the prophets to turn back to God, "reminds us that it is possible to realize something new within ourselves and around us simply because God is faithful, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always reading to forgive us and start all over."

Fundraising quiz for BCYS Bursary Fund

Come and join the fun on Saturday 14 March at 7pm (for 7.30pm start) in the Becket Centre for a Quiz to raise fund for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Bursary Fund. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, just £5 per person. Text 07961 939996 to book your place!

BCCS Afternoon Tea

The Brentwood Catholic Children Society is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Tickets are £35 per person - to book your place search www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ or contact Julie Jabot

Vacancy St Athony's

The Governors of this friendly Catholic school are looking to appoint a Mid-day Assistant to work with the children during the lunch-time break. The position is for 1 ½ hours per day during term time only.

Please visit our website for further information <https://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies/>

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be 10am and 7.30pm Masses in St Thomas of Canterbury and 10am Mass in Chigwell on Ash Wednesday 18th of February. The ashes are given out at all Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On 21st November 1342 Pope Clement V1 put the Franciscan friars in charge of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. A practice they initiated was to follow the streets of Jerusalem out of the city to Golgotha the place of the Lord's crucifixion. They found that this generated such love for Our Lord that pictorial representations of the last journey of Our Lord were put up in Parish Churches. So, with out traveling a great distance, people could make this journey in their own church.

Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm, we will make this journey and we would like you to join us.



Mass Intentions

**Saturday 14th—
Sunday, 22nd
February**

Saturday 14th February

6pm -Cesar Campioni Maximiano RIP

Sunday 15th February

8.30am -Gerard McLoughlin RIP

10am -Ellen Juffs anniversary

11.30am -Isla 5-year old suffering cancer

Chigwell - Susana Treitas anniversary

Margaret Mary Brown RIP

Monday 16th February

Mr Ross McGiven

Donald Dourado RIP

Edward Dudley RIP

Tuesday 17th February

Ricky & Philip Musonza

Angelina Pallotolo RIP

Roger Tunicliffe RIP

Wednesday 18th February

Mother M Francis P Clare RIP

Shey Abey-deera (sick)

Intentions of Bacuetes family

Thursday 19th February

Raphael Musonza RIP

Anne Burkey & James McKeon (birthdays)

Celine Connolly

Friday 20th February

Paula Weddle (sick)

Thomas Gray RIP

Elvira Gatchalian RIP

Saturday 21st February

10am Bozena Graeffling

6pm Pdraigh Stephenson RIP

Michael Corry RIP

Sunday 22nd February

8.30am -Colin McCluskey

10am -Margaret Mary Brown RIP

11.30am -Maura & Brendan Conaghan in memory

**Church Cleaning
Friday, 20th February at 9am**
Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin,
Michelle Liddle, Agatha Emohare, Susan
Juffs

Cake Sale on Sunday 15th February

Loyola Cantorum Boys Choir Group have been invited to sing at Brentwood Catholic Youth Group Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July and are fundraising to help towards the cost of this trip. The pilgrimage brings enormous joy to all who attend and the boys singing at Mass at the grotto, the basilica and during the torch light and adoration processions makes each service very special. Any support would be greatly appreciated so please come and grab a lovely pre Lent treat after **10am & 11:30am** masses .

Donations for the Homeless

The parish Young Vinnies group will be visiting the SVP homeless shelter in Southend in February and March and have been asked for donations of good quality coats joggers, hoodies, hats, gloves, shoes/trainers/boots and new socks. If you have any you would like to donate please leave with the parish office between the **7th February - 23rd March** for collection.

Lenten Lunches

Lunches will be available every Friday in Lent, starting on February 20th. Homemade soup, French bread and tea/ coffee will be served between 12.15 and 1.30 in the Becket Centre, all for just £5. Please do come and join us. The money that we raise goes to Mary's Meals, a charity that feeds schoolchildren in some of the poorest countries in the world.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Are you in urgent need – financial or other?
Call us on 07547 491067 and leave a message. We will call you back

Volunteers

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in helping the Parish in any capacity, please let the parish office know.