

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: Victor Mould

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Annie Greene, Sr Francis Regis Lehane, Aaron Basha, Mary Benn, Casse Du, Andrew Lamarque, Ernest Verney, Dennis Bryan, Eric Cooper, Gerald Mooney, Sister Teresita Mullins, Josephine Burke, Bryan Rooney, Bruno Celaschi, Jean Newman, Thomas Taylor, Iris Witchell, William Curran, Teresa Judge, Irene Stephens, Eilish Whitaker, Charles Wilkinson, William Jones, Emma Mulhern, Alfred Nash, Pauline White.

Thank you

Mary Hopkins and family wishes to thank all family and friends for all their prayers, masses and support during this sad time at the loss of Kevin. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Disability scooter

A Kymco four-wheel electric mobility scooter has become available and is seeking someone who can use it. If you know of anyone who would welcome this offer please contact the parish office

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

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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First Sunday of Lent (B) 21st February 2021

As we begin our Lenten journey, water is one of the themes of our readings today. Water is essential for life but can also be destructive and catastrophic. The waters of the flood and the water of baptism are the opportunity for a new beginning.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

After the flood, the rainbow is described as God's promise not to destroy the earth.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

St Peter reminds his readers that the Noah story now takes on a new meaning. The water of baptism is not the means of washing off dirt or destroying what is unclean, but a source of new life, a life with and in God.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

After his temptations in the wilderness, Jesus begins his ministry with the call to repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your



After Covid

Anxieties abound. Will I have a job? What damage will the pandemic have done to me, my family, my life pattern? The only certainty is that I need to pray about it. God has allowed all the horrors, but surely for a purpose. It is his school through which he teaches us to discover him, and to know our true self. If I pray he leads me gradually through the discovery. If I do not then the meaning stays hidden, and I am adrift.

So we have come to Lent in Covid. For the second time. It is a time of grace. The readings of the daily and Sunday masses are a rich resource to help our prayer. Of course praying with others is also a very necessary part of our prayer-diet. So do not be shy in organising prayer opportunities with the family.

There is hope we shall be back in church within a month. Then we shall be looking again to our trusty stewards who have kept us safe during the past year's restricted use of the church.

The Journey of Faith

For many months, each week a persevering group have met, mainly by zoom, to explore their life and spiritual journey. They have been helped by seasoned catholics, some of them who have been through this journey in the past couple of years. These share their faith—and love. Now five of the searchers are ready for the final stage of entry into our church. Lent is the most concentrated preparation: a long retreat. Today in normal times they would have gone to Brentwood formally to meet the bishop and the whole diocese. We welcome them into our parish. Please pray for them.

Pope Francis

Let us dream

“To act in a Samaritan way in a crisis means letting myself be struck by what I see, knowing that the suffering will change me. We Christians talk about this as *taking up and embracing the Cross*. Embracing the Cross, confident that what will come is new life, gives us courage to stop lamenting and move out and serve others and so enable change, which will come only from compassion and service... Be the creators of your future”

Family Fast Day

You had to forego the pleasure of ashes this past week! There is nothing to stop us observing Family Fast Day this coming Friday. It is probably hard, even impossible, to find some pleasure you can deny yourself this week, with the added benefit of giving Cafod the money you save thereby. Cafod still needs its usual revenue from this practice. Details about how you can donate can be found on our website. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Zoom Quiz

A huge vote of thanks to Keith & Lynsey Stanger for their organisation and presentation of the second Zoom Quiz last Friday. It was great fun. It shows the strength of our parish interest. Keep it going.



Well done to the McGuinness Family on getting the highest score.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 21st February

People of the parish
Kevin Hopkins RIP
Sr Sandra

Monday 22nd February

Michael Carrig RIP
Sonia Malone
Margaret Carey covid

Tuesday 23rd February

Johnny Roddy RIP
Sean Connolly RIP
Int Shillingford family

Wednesday 24th February

Jacqueline Da Prato RIP
James Doyle anniversary
Holy Souls

Thursday 25th February

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Harry Mouyia RIP
Sr Bernadette

Friday 26th February

Sr Hilda McGrane RIP
Sr Maria Ryan
Trinity intentions

Saturday 27th February

Timmie Galvin ill
Peter McNee RIP

Sunday 28th February

People of the parish
Joan Bright RIP
Victor Mould RIP



Compass in Lent reflecting together

Religious Life: the theory & the stories

Each Friday we gather together on Zoom from 7-8.15pm. There will be a short input on some aspect of religious life and then a guest speaker will share her/his vocation story. The meeting will also include a time for sharing, questions and discussion. Young adults 18-35 join us every Fridays in Lent starting on 19th February 2021 at 7pm -8.15pm

Zoom link: email us on CompassCVP@gmail.com for the link and for any other information.

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4TfXt3n8L>

LENTEN LUNCHES

As we are unable to host the annual Ecumenical Lenten Lunches this year, we are going to have a virtual lunch on Tuesday 23rd February via Zoom from 12.00 to 1.30pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible with a bowl of your own soup (or lunch of your choice!) - the joining details are as follows:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85030882812?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85030882812?pwd=QjRRY1U4RTdWNjJZY2xaWHkwVTVBUT09)
[pwd=QjRRY1U4RTdWNjJZY2xaWHkwVTVBUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85030882812?pwd=QjRRY1U4RTdWNjJZY2xaWHkwVTVBUT09)

Meeting ID: 850 3088 2812
Passcode: 027450

Of course our regular charity Mary's Meals will miss out on our fundraising this year but if you would like to contribute to their funds, their details can be found on their website, www.marysmeals.org.uk. - they would be very grateful for any contributions.