PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

Michael Grant

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Mary Flynn, Nora Gallagher, Edward Haliburn, Minnie Nash, Sean Connolly, Harry Donovan, Ersilia Fazzani, Frank O'Shea, Patricia Tish, Jacqueline Da'Prato, James Hopkins, Kathleen Johnson, Ann Maher, Kathleen Naismith, Mary Spillane, Vera Barr, Muriel Cooper, Majorie Cummings, Ivan Du Casse, Mary Ferrett, Patrick Graves, Nello Pieroni, Włodzimierz Zykon, Edward Foley, Gertrude McCarthy, Keith Newman, Betty Norton, Joan Steadman, Nigel Dawson, Adela Musson, Gerard Seeberan, Mary Cunningham.

Mass Timetable Facemasks MUST be worn

All our services are live streamed

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am

CONFESSIONS

By Appointment

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays Of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing Don't forget to provide track & trace information by using the QR code



Retiring Collection Next Weekend 16th January 2022 Peace Sunday

"Education, Work, and dialogue between generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace"

> Pope Francis World Peace Message 2022



A FAIRTRADE PARISH



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The Baptism of the Lord (C) 9th January 2022

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It's the last day of the Christmas season, but the readings herald the start of Jesus' ministry as an adult.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

The prophet consoles God's people who are in exile in Babylon.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

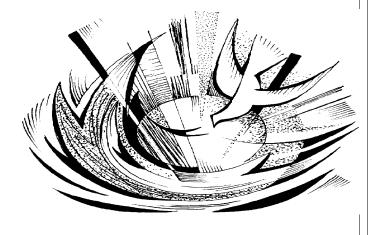
The writer tells us that God has saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth.

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At his baptism, Jesus hears the voice of God his Father: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

Responsorial Psalm

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.



A happy new year to you all!

We are always sad when the Christmas decorations come down, and it is back to work in the gloom and rain. It is time for setting out plans for the New Year. But this year firm planning is impossible. We still wait from day to day to know: will there be more restrictions on socialising? How long will it last? So detailed plans are on the back burner but we can do something to set the direction in which we are hoping to go.

The Synodal Pathway

Ugh! It sounds like more of the old contrivances to bolster old practices. I am still struggling to be clear about what it means. But I do see that it is something genuinely new and of prime importance. Though fuzzy it is worth looking at one insistence of our Pope. "Go to the outsiders to find what is real." He chooses Cardinals from small. littledeveloped communities of catholic people, rather than from the great cities. He visits the hot spots of the world where there is poverty, violence, corruption, intrigue and persecution. We wonder who and how many will be interested in "coming back to church" when the pandemic relents. On our doorstep there are many, carefully taught in our catholic schools, who find us in our practice just irrelevant. And – I dare to suggest - they are partly right, but partly wrong. By listening to them and adapting we can find the real pattern of what our church should be today.

Parish Council

The Parish Council will next meet on 17th January 2022



Congratulations

Wedding

To Oliver Amodio & Poppy Kitcher who were married last weekend.

New Year Honours

To two members of our parish who have received honours for their contribution to help in the pandemic. "Genevieve Carnell and Laura Argyle were both awarded BEMs in the New Year honours for their services to the community during the pandemic - they're two of our SVP and the group who originally started the Redbridge foodbank which we have supported both financially and practically." It is a reminder to us of how many of you are working in like fashion to help those in need. Just what Pope Francis ordered, and where he sees the real church.



Parish Faith Talk

May the Lord help us to travel along the path of the commandments, with eyes and hearts focused on the love of God, ever present in Jesus-with-us, knowing that the encounter with Jesus is more important than all of the commandments.

Fr Austin is inviting everyone to the Becket Centre on the 10th January at 7pm. Please wear face masks.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 9th January

8.30 Maurice O'Sullivan RIP

10 Bill Holloway RIP

11.30 Irene & Carter de Freitas RIP People of the parish

Monday 10th January

Della Kerr RIP Bryan Arkell RIP John Burns RIP

Tuesday 11th January

Kathleen Johnson anniversary Mary Yates RIP Sister Teresa Quinn 99th Birthday

Wednesday 12th January

Blaize Diaz RIP Vera D'Souza ill Deceased brethren

Thursday 13th January

Jean Watson RIP
Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Trinity intentions

Friday 14th January

Tom Forde RIP
Ambrose McKiernan anniversary
Sabina Mutale Tomp RIP

Saturday 15th January

10 am Stubbings family Thanks 6 pm Grace McCauliffe RIP

Sunday 16th January

8.30 Brian Beveridge RIP
10 Nadege Gabi RIP
11.30 Kevin Hopkins RIP
People of the parish

Church Cleaning Saturday 15th January at 10.30am Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry:

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. The course will begin on the evening of **24th February**, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/ or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February.

Thresholds of Hope Questions:

What is the point of canon law? will be given by Fr Gary Dench, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral on Sundays 9th and 16th January 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbren twood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Childcare cover

required for 4 children from Monday to Thursday 2:30pm – 6:30pm. Based in Woodford Green, the role includes collecting children from school, supporting children with homework, leaving and collecting children from after-school activities and cooking the family meal. Competitive rate. Start date: approx. 1st February. If interested, please call Emma on 07787 524 868.