

## 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*



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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, little-developed 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](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://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. 1<sup>st</sup> February. If interested, please call Emma on 07787 524 868.