

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 14th March 2015**

Sat 14	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)	6.00pm	Moira Gilligan RIP The People of the Parish Brendan & Maura Conaghan RIP
Sun 15		10.00am 12noon	
Mon 16	Lenten Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	Manuela Victor RIP followed by Novena Prayers Mass (1962 Missal)
Tue 17	ST PATRICK OF IRELAND, BP	10.00am	Thanksgiving (Mackay) / Catherine & Michael Johnston RIP (anniv.)
Wed 18	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Private Intention(Piotrowski)
Thur 19	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY	10.00am	The Holy Father's Intentions (anniversary of his Inauguration)
Fri 20	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Martina Maycock RIP
Sat 21	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 21	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)	6.00pm	Joseph D'Souza RIP Peter Hetherington RIP & Ints of Betty Hetherington (FM) The People of the Parish
Sun 22		10.00am 12noon	

**Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm**

**Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:**

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Clare Kavanagh, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Mary Holmes, Peggy Wright, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Lola-Teresa Durojaiye, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

**Mass Attendance last weekend: 395**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £735.75**

**THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.**

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**14th / 15th March 2015**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**(LAETARE SUNDAY)**

**The Holy Father's Lent Message 2015 (Part 3)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

2. "Where is your brother?" (Genesis 4:9) – Parishes and Communities

All that we have been saying about the universal Church must now be applied to the life of our parishes and communities. Do these ecclesial structures enable us to experience being part of one body? A body which receives and shares what God wishes to give? A body which acknowledges and cares for its weakest, poorest and most insignificant members? Or do we take refuge in a universal love that would embrace the whole world, while failing to see the Lazarus sitting before our closed doors (Luke 16:19-31)?

In order to receive what God gives us and to make it bear abundant fruit, we need to press beyond the boundaries of the visible Church in two ways.

In the first place, by uniting ourselves in prayer with the Church in heaven. The prayers of the Church on earth establish a communion of mutual service and goodness which reaches up into the sight of God. Together with the saints who have found their fulfilment in God, we form part of that communion in which indifference is conquered by love. The Church in heaven is not triumphant because she has turned her back on the sufferings of the world and rejoices in splendid isolation. Rather, the saints already joyfully contemplate the fact that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, they have triumphed once and for all over

indifference, hardness of heart and hatred. Until this victory of love penetrates the whole world, the saints continue to accompany us on our pilgrim way. Saint Therese of Lisieux, a Doctor of the Church, expressed her conviction that the joy in heaven for the victory of crucified love remains incomplete as long as there is still a single man or woman on earth who suffers and cries out in pain: "I trust fully that I shall not remain idle in heaven; my desire is to continue to work for the Church and for souls" (*Letter 254*, July 14, 1897).

We share in the merits and joy of the saints, even as they share in our struggles and our longing for peace and reconciliation. Their joy in the victory of the Risen Christ gives us strength as we strive to overcome our indifference and hardness of heart.

In the second place, every Christian community is called to go out of itself and to be engaged in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, especially with the poor and those who are far away. The Church is missionary by her very nature; she is not self-enclosed but sent out to every nation and people.

Her mission is to bear patient witness to the One who desires to draw all creation and every man and woman to the Father. Her mission is to bring to all a love which cannot remain silent. The Church follows Jesus Christ along the paths that lead to every man and woman, to the very ends of the earth (cf. *Acts 1:8*). In each of our neighbours, then, we must see a brother or sister for whom Christ died and rose again. What we ourselves have received, we have received for them as well. Similarly, all that our brothers and sisters possess is a gift for the Church and for all humanity.

Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!

*Franciscus PP.*

**THE ANGELUS**

*As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).*



**TEA & COFFEE** are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

*This Monday:*

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers  
6.30pm Mass (*1962 Missal*)

**NEXT WEEKEND:  
ANNUAL MISSIONARY APPEAL  
ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS  
Fr R. Manchala SMA will make the appeal**

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**ST PATRICK'S DAY:** *Sheila Mackay* would like to thank all those who got Masses said for her, sent get well cards and said prayers for her during her illness. A Thanksgiving Mass will be said *this Tuesday (St Patrick's Day) at 10.00am*. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** *this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall*

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**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** *this Thursday at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall*

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**THE LEGION OF MARY** *meets this Thursday at 7.00pm*

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**THE ROSARY** is recited *this Saturday* half an hour before the morning Mass.

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**HEALING MASS** at *Abbotswick, House of Prayer, Brentwood* to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm *Wednesday 18th March 2015*. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for more information.

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**SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL:** if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

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**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** May I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!  
*Fr Selvini*

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**MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS:** special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

*This Friday*  
10.00am Mass & Eucharistic Adoration  
7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction  
*This Saturday*  
Rosary (*Sorrowful Mysteries*) at 9.00am