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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



Second Sunday of Lent

Year B

25th February 2018

LISTEN!

The readings for this second Sunday in Lent invite us to listen and to trust that God will lead us in ways that are life-giving.

Abraham learns that he can trust God with the life of his precious son, even though what he is asked to do seems contrary to all God's previous promises. His obedience and faithfulness are blessed by God (**First Reading** Gen. 22: 1–2, 9–13, 15–18).

St. Paul reminds us that, since God gave up his only Son as his gift to us, we can be certain that he will not refuse us anything that we ask. God is on our side! We can trust him for our needs (**Second Reading** Rom. 8: 31–34).

In the **Gospel** Mark 9: 2–10, we hear Jesus ask for a different kind of trust from Peter, James and John. After seeing Jesus transfigured in all his glory on the mountain top, they are asked to listen and believe in him, but to wait for the right time to speak of all they have seen and heard.

The **Psalmist** (115) sings a song of rejoicing. Even when sorely afflicted, he has trusted in the Lord. Now he gives thanks for the ways in which the Lord has freed him and becomes a joyful witness before all God's people.

We pray for the grace to listen and to trust more fully in Jesus this Lent so that we, too, may "walk in the presence of the Lord".

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm followed by **Evening Mass on Fridays** at 7.30pm during Lent.

Saturdays in Lent Exposition and Confessions from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Mass at 12.00 noon (except for Saturday 17th March due to a wedding).

Lenten Project – StreetInvest: This year, the Parish and the school will take on the Lenten project to support StreetInvest who work with children on the street. This is a global charity founded by Fr Patrick Shanahan, a missionary priest for over 40 years. StreetInvest is a global charity which exists to create positive sustainable change for street children. They are experts in a social practice called street work which is based on building empowering relationships of trust with street children. For a street child, knowing that they have an adult they can rely on to be there, to listen without judgement and to support them for as long as they need, is the first step towards changing their young lives. Details can be found on www.streetinvest.org. Further details as to how you can donate will follow.

Confirmation Meeting: A reminder that there will be a confirmation meeting this Wednesday 28th February, starting with mass at 7.30pm in the Church.

FHC - Stations of the Cross: On the 23rd March at 7.00pm the First Holy Communion children will be doing the Stations of the Cross. It is based on the work of CAFOD. We will be having a collection afterwards so that we will be able to send a Lenten donation to CAFOD to support them in their immeasurable work.

Easter Eggs from the Real Easter Egg Company are now on sale in the repository shop.

Can you help? We are looking to build a team of parishioners who are willing to work on a flexible rota basis in helping Fr Martin by carrying out some of the essential but unseen tasks that we all take for granted. These range from putting out new candles and clearing away the old used ones, through to preparing vestments generally and ensuring the altar and sacristy is left tidy after Mass. If you are able to give **any** help, please contact Jack How 0774 0778 723 (john.how@ntlworld.com) for more information. Many hands...

Medugorje 2018: a small group of parishioners are going on an annual pilgrimage to Medugorje from 7th-14th August. Places are limited so if anyone is interested in coming with us please contact Kathy on 07932 762608.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet on ***Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm*** in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

World Youth Day, January 16th – 30th 2019: Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to Costa Rica and Panama; gather with over a million young people from across the world, together with our Pope. Age 17(school year 12)-27 when we travel. Cost £1,750. More details of this “once in a lifetime” opportunity at www.bcys.net, email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or come to the information evening on Sunday 18th February 5.00-8.00pm, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Nr Brentwood, CM14 5SH. Places are very limited.

Vocations in Later Life: The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. Run jointly by St Beuno’s Spirituality Centre and the Beda College in Rome, the weekend will take place in St Beuno’s, north Wales on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September 2018. Details and booking at:

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/weekend-individually-guided-retreat-men-aged-30>

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27: Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a program that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Full details & online application at www.bcys.net

Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree: On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please let them know if you wish to attend on 020 8590 7222.

Iona Social Club family atmosphere, close to Church. Club is available to members and non-members for non-exclusive functions during the weekday, for weddings, funerals and parties, alongside our existing programme. Phone the Iona on 01708 442453 for bookings, membership and general enquiries.

CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

Baptism Course: First and second Thursday of the month.

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

RCIA Journey in Faith: Mondays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Rosary: Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Patricia Crudginton, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Betty Long, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahan, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, Edna Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, David Wells, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

WEEKEND 3rd / 4th March 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Janet James / Peter Amey
	Sun	8.00am	Brian Rodgers / Seb Hough
		9.30am	Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew
		11.30am	Nneamaka Ajoh / Nonita Emilianus

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 4

Offerings 18.02.18: Envs: £1,076.24

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Loose: £879.32 Total: £1,955.56

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	24 th Feb	11.00am 12.00pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession Edith & George Thompson Patrick McDonagh Anniversary
Sunday <small>Second Sunday of Lent</small>	25 th Feb	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	The Hughes Children & Grandparents All Parishioners / Len Rice RIP Mary Oram RIP
Monday	26 th Feb	8.30am	John Coughlan RIP / Tony Darcy RIP
Tuesday	27 th Feb	8.30am	Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Wednesday	28 th Feb	7.30pm	Brid Daly RIP
Thursday <small>St David</small>	1 st March	8.30am 2.30pm	Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	2 nd March	8.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Ged Lynch RIP Stations of the Cross Michael Hirst RIP
Saturday	3 rd March	11.00am 12.00pm 6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession Willie Murphy Int Theresa Carson RIP
Sunday <small>Third Sunday of Lent</small>	4 th March	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Jisma Joseph RIP John & Kathleen Bennett O'Reilly RIP All Parishioners / Sam Farrugia RIP

***Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick
after all Sunday Masses.***