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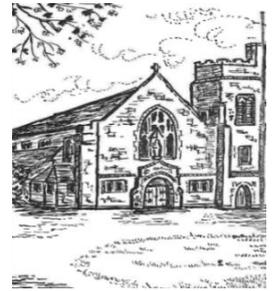
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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There is great movement through sorrow to joy in today's readings stimulated by the grace of God. How difficult it must have been for Abraham to leave everything that was familiar to him and to trust in the promise of God but, ultimately, what joy came from his faithfulness to God.

Like Timothy, we have to embrace sufferings and difficulties as disciples of Jesus, following the one who loves the world but leads us beyond the world to the eternal life and light of the Kingdom of God.

As Jesus was transfigured in the Gospel today, so we are invited to seek forgiveness of our sins and then live in the light of God's grace.

May what we celebrate this Sunday encourage us in the movement of this Lenten season from darkness to light, from sin to grace, from death to life in Jesus.

LENT PRAYER SESSIONS: Lent is a special time for reflection and prayer. To prepare for Holy Week we are holding two prayer sessions: Tuesday 3rd March & Monday 16th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us on this journey. Liz, Karen, Teresa & Kathy

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will take place twice a week during Lent, on Tuesdays after the morning Mass and on Fridays at 7pm followed by Mass or a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION: This Lent, may we live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what we save, we join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Our donations can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions, such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **There will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day at the end of Mass today.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026: Mass intention diary is open for the months of May to August 2026.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 2:

Dear brothers and sisters, we begin our new series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council by considering *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. As scripture reminds us, Jesus calls us friends because he has revealed to us everything that he has heard from the Father. It is through Revelation, which reaches its fullness in Jesus, the Word made flesh, that we are invited to share in God's life as his children in Christ. We are reminded that friendship with God is not only a gift, but also an invitation that requires a response, as in any relationship. To cultivate this friendship, we must spend time with God in prayer, both personally and especially through the Liturgy, where the community gathers to listen to the word of God with the guidance of the Church. Together, let us respond wholeheartedly to the Lord's invitation and discover in his friendship the true mystery of our salvation.

40 HOURS DEVOTION: The 40 hours devotion is a continuous prayer made before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. With a focus on the Holy Eucharist, this devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. The 40 Hours will begin on the evening of Thursday 12th March and end on the morning of Saturday 14th March. **Please sign up for an hour slot on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in the church porch.**

LENTEN TALKS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. is to give a talk at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm entitled "Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints." All are welcome.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Would you like to join our bishop and parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? The dates are Friday 17th - Friday 24th July. Please visit <https://tangney-tours.com/brentwood> for further information and to book, or contact Deirdre Pembroke, lourdes@brcdt.org if you have any questions. Paper booking forms to follow.

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here Applications close on the 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

HELPERS FOR THE REPOSITORY: We are delighted to be able to open the Repository shop after more Masses now, but we need a few more helpers please. Don't worry if you haven't done anything like this before, you will be fully supported and working in small groups. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office.

COFFEE MORNING VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to join the rota to help out at weekly coffee mornings after the 9.30am Mass, please contact the Parish office. It's a great way to socialise and meet people. No experience necessary!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM– 23rd May 2026: Please save the date. Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. More information to follow.

CHURCH CLEANERS VOLUNTEERS: If you can help Friday mornings for about an hour from 10am, please contact the parish office.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDRENS'S CAMP: If you are in school year 12 or student age (or any age over 17!) you are very welcome to apply at www.boscocamp.co.uk. The application process includes references and a DBS check, which we can help with, as well as a training and support before and during Camp. The Camp provides over 100 children a week with a summer holiday – for many their only holiday. As a volunteer you use your skills in assisting with different sporting and fun activities, as well as the practical aspects of camp life. **Volunteer for 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August.** The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and also seeks financial donations – all information on the website.

VACANCIES:

Headteacher – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00 Friday 6th March 2026

Deputy Headteacher – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stanford-le-Hope

Deadline for applications: 23:59 Thursday 12th March 2026

Class Teacher – St Antony's Catholic Primary School, Woodford Green

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Thursday 19th March 2026

Deputy Headteacher – Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Friday 20th March 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR Bridget O'Sullivan, Phil Reid, Terence Whithington and Elizabeth Kelly, who passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. Phil's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Tuesday 3rd March at 11am. Bridget's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Friday 6th March at 10.15am, and Terence's funeral will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 12noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially:

Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Patricia Magson nee Shanahan, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Claire Ramm, Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Paul Hiscock, Anne Sullivan and Bernard Frederick.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	28 th February	6.30pm	James & Moyra How RIP
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent	1 st March	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Igwemadu family Int
		11.30am	Bridget & John Reilly RIP & Grandchildren RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	2 nd March	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Baby Norie, Laura & Nana Donovan Int
		5.00pm	Reception of the body - Phil Reid
Tuesday	3 rd March	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		11.00am	Requiem Mass - Phil Reid
		7.00pm	<i>St Antony Devotions plus Adoration until 8pm</i>
Wednesday	4 th March	7.15pm	Evening Prayer
		7.30pm	Paul Hiscock Int
Thursday	5 th March	9.15am	Eamon Commins RIP & John Dawson RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	6 th March	9.15am	Mary Magadelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		10.15am	Requiem Mass - Bridget O'Sullivan
		7.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross plus Adoration until 8pm</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass	7 th March	9.15am	Marcus Oladipo Olaniyan RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Hannah & Dan Falvey RIP
Sunday Third Sunday of Lent	8 th March	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Mr Eric & Mrs Dorothy Dodkins RIP
		11.30am	Chris Murphy RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass. Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

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