

Saturday	First Mass of Sunday	
16th	6.00pm	Bernard Cawley Anniv. (Family)
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent (C)	
17th	8.00am	Parish Family
	9.00am	Patrick Bernard Anniv. (Family)
	11.00am	Joseph Lehane RIP
	12.30pm	We welcome into the Parish Family: Ava O'Dwyer and Adrian James
	2.15pm	Catechesis and Mass Syro Malabar
Monday		
18th	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Patrick Joyce RIP (Bridget, Martin & Family)
	9.40am	Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday	ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
19th	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Thanksgiving (Shella & Leonna)
	9.40am	Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday		
20th	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Thanksgiving (Aurea Dela Cruz)
Thursday		
21st	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Kim Van Der Straaten Anniv. (Irene)
	9.40am	Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday		
22nd	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	9.00am	Terence Baptiste RIP (Audrey)
NB	9.40am	Stations of the Cross
NB	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
NB	7.00pm	Taibat Awogbadebo Anniv. (B. Abiwon)
Saturday		
23rd	11.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation during which We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.45am	Mid-Day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus
	12.00noon	Felintra Luiza
	12.40pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Saturday	First Mass of Sunday	
23rd	6.00pm	Mary Joyceline Janvier Int.
Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent (C)	
24th	8.00am	Mary & Ken Murooney Anniv. (Doris)
	9.00am	Parish Family
	11.00am	Bert De Cruz Anniv.
	4.00pm	Malayalam Mass

PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Dear Parishioners,

We received the sad news of the death of Les Riches a former member of our Parish. He was here in St. Michaels during the time of Fr. David Papworth and was Chairman of the Parish Committee whose work was mainly fund raising for the Parish. This he did with his team, by putting on Parish Dances, The Christmas Bazaar and the Bar-B-Q in the summer each year. He would have spent about ten to fifteen years in this position and did a very good job. His wife Eileen, was the housekeeper at the time and looked after both Fr. David and myself while I was here as the Assistant Priest. We had in those days our own Hall, which we shared with the School and were able to have use of it every evening and week ends. This is now the Nursery. Les and the Committee made great use of it and we were able to raise funds and of course involve the Parish in the activities. Les was a great Leader and really enjoyed himself with his team and they all worked very hard and with a lot of laughter. So we take this opportunity of say a very big thank you to Les and the team for their loyalty and care they gave to St. Michael's Parish. One of the activities he did was to join the Priests with the rest of the committee and play Darts in the Presbytery until all hours of the night. We did have a lot of fun. Les was not a member of our Faith, he became a Catholic when he moved to Grays and involved himself with the Knights of St. Columba. Do please keep him in your prayers and pray for the family who all supported him, in all he did. His Funeral will be on Thursday 28th March 2.30pm at St. Thomas's Church Grays. May he Rest in Peace.

RCIA: We had a lovely trip to Brentwood Cathedral last Sunday for the Rite of Election, the beginning of the final preparations for the receiving of the Candidates at the Easter Vigil celebrations. There was about 300 other Candidates from all over the Diocese. We do ask you to keep them all in your prayers over the next few weeks. Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Lent, we will have the first of the Scrutinies where the Candidates will receive a copy of the Nicene Creed, the following Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent they will receive a copy of the Our Father and the third Scrutiny which will be on the Fifth Sunday of Lent they are reminded of the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism. We have five Candidates and I ask you please to keep them in your prayers. A special thanks must go to Sr.lfe Kristi and Suzanne for their work in the preparation of the Candidates. **GOD BLESS, Bob**

Please pray for Les Riches who has died. Please pray for his Family and Friends at this time.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- 17th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm
- 18th Monday** C.F Executive meet, Barkingside – 10.30am
St. John's School Governors meet – 4.30pm
R.C.I.A continues in the Parish Room – 7.30pm
- 19th Tuesday** **SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH,
HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
A few days in Lourdes
- 20th Wednesday** Parents of 1st Communion meet in Church -7.30pm
- 21st Thursday** Praying for all your intentions in Lourdes
- 22nd Friday** **Stations of the Cross after 9.00am Mass**
Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm followed by Mass – 7.00pm
- 23rd Saturday** Return from Lourdes
- 24th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound -1.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Funeral of Olive Theresa Monisse, Monday 25th March
St. Michael's School Governors meet, Tuesday 26th March
1st Communion Parents meet, Wednesday 27th March
Deanery Priests meet, Thursday 28th March
Confirmation Programme Continues, Thursday 29th March
1st Communion Children meet, Saturday, 30th March
Mothering Sunday 31st March
Clocks go forward one hour, Sunday 31st March
Mass in St. John's School, Thursday 4th April
Meeting in Elm Park Friday 5th April

300 CLUB: The March Draw Winners are:- **1st prize**-No.12- Bibin Paul- £300; **2nd prize** No.97- Jose Pedro Fernandes- £100; **3rd prize**-No.121- Jose Alexander- £50; **4th prize**- No.131- Johnny Porritt-£25; **5th prize**- No.68- Henrietta U Vuyonbo- £10.
We congratulate all the Winners and ask them to see Fr. Bob For your Winnings. We urge more people to join the scheme so as to make the prizes bigger, but also to raise much needed funds for the Parish.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: We travel Monday 29th April and return Friday 3rd May. Cost £475.00 per person shared room, plus £30.00 Insurance. If you wish for a single room, it will be an extra £112.00. Times of Flights: from Stansted 13.10 to arrive in Lourdes at 16.10 return flight from Lourdes 15.20 arrive Stansted 16.10. A coach will take us from East Ham to Stansted at 11.00am and also return from Stansted back to East Ham. If you are interested please see Fr. Bob, who will be leading the Pilgrimage, for more information

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organizing A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18th May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

GIFTAID: IF you are an income tax payer in the UK and you are not a member of the Gift Aid scheme the church loses out on claiming a tax rebate from the government.

The government will give the church an extra .25p for every £1.00 that you put in a Gift Aid envelope over the year. For example, if you give £5 every week that means the government will give the church an extra £1.25. Over the year this would be an extra £65. At no cost yourself.

All that is needed is your full name and title, address and telephone number. A box of envelopes will be given to you, with your own special number to start using,—Very simple.

In the coming weeks, forms and boxes will be available to take. The new tax year starts on 6 April...

NEW PILGRIM PATH WEBSITE OF THE WEEK. The superb Jesuit websites Sacred Space and Pray As You Go have combined to offer an online Lent Retreat. The retreat engages with an audio adaptation of a new book by Gemma Simmonds CJ, which draws on the story and prayer tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola, together with the contribution of the seventeenth-century Yorkshire woman, Mary Ward. You can access it at www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

FATIMA DEVOTION DAY ,
Saturday 23 March, Parish of Our Lady Immaculate, 178 New London Rd, Chelmsford CM2 0AR(notice board)

WALK WITH ME:

We are very sorry to say that we did order more copies of this Book, but sadly, they have sold out. We will try and get the Easter editions if they are still printing them and hopefully these will help you through the Easter period.