

**Saturday 23rd** **First Mass of Sunday**  
6.00pm Mary Joyce Line Janvier Int.

**Sunday 24th** **Third Sunday of Lent (C)**  
8.00am Mary & Ken Murooney Anniv. (Doris)  
9.00am Parish Family  
11.00am Bert De Cruz Anniv.(jane Perry)  
4.00pm Malayalam Mass

**Monday 25th** **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Fortunata Balzan RIP  
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**NB 2.00pm** Funeral Mass of Olive Theresa Monisse

**Tuesday 26th**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Brenda Adenberry Int. (Veronica Grant)  
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 27th**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Sophie and Christina's Int. (Hilda)  
12.30pm Holy Souls said in Newham Hospital

**Thursday 28th**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Special Intention (Irene)  
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday 29th**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Philomena Perry RIP  
**NB 9.40am Stations of the Cross**  
**NB 6.30pm Stations of the Cross**  
**NB 7.00pm** Holy Souls

**Saturday 30th**  
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 Amos Galang RIP  
12.40pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

**Saturday 30th** **First Mass of Sunday**  
6.00pm Thomas and Jainamma RIP (Fiora)

**Sunday 31st** **Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)**  
8.00am Rose Moxam Anniv. (Sisters)  
9.00am Parish Family  
11.00am Bernie & JuliaReilly & Family RIP (Family)

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Dear Parishioners,

We have had the 300 Club final Draw for the years 2018/2019 and we hope to be able to give you a total of what has been received by the Church when all the Prizes have been paid out. We have already started given out forms for the New year and do thank those who have already filled in the form and have paid the monies for the next year. We do hope more people will join and have the chance of helping the Parish to raise more funds for the extra work we want to do in this coming year. The main project will be the new Toilets. We hope to have two for the Ladies, two for the men and one for those with disabilities. It is hoped that this will be possible if we build onto the toilet already there and we will try and extend the Sacristy or have a new Parish Office as part of the extensions. The 300 Club monies would be a great help, but we will also need to raise funds in other way too. So we do ask you to support the 300 Club and of course if more people would join, we had 157 members last year, if it could get nearer to the 300 it would really make a difference to the prize money. We could probably have four big Draws in the year (every three months) and even have a bigger monthly prize. It is £2.00 per month, you can pay monthly or just make a one payment of £24.00 when you fill your form. You can also pay either every three months or six months, what ever you want. I want to thank everyone who has been in the 300 Club and a very special thanks to those who donated their winnings back to the Parish, which was very kind of you all.

### PASTORAL CARE PROJECT DEMENTIA PRAYER:

**As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.**

**(John Ch: 15 V9)**

**Lord, thank you For your presence**

**This moment, Holding us in your love.**

**Help us to share Your love with those who live**

**Among us with demetia, That we may see**

**Your beauty in them. Amen.**

Last week was a week of prayer for people with dementia and we have been asked to say this prayer for these people and for their families and carers. I should have put it in the newsletter last week, but we can remember them and pray for them throughout the year.

**GOD BLESS, Bob**

**Please pray for Mrs Esther Walsh who has died. Please remember her Family and Friends at this time.**

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

- 24th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm
- 25th Monday** Funeral of Olive Monisse – 2.00pm  
R.C.I.A continues in the Parish Room – 7.30pm
- 26 Tuesday** Communion to the Sick/Housebound – 10.30am  
St. Michael's School Governors meet – 6.00pm
- 27th Wednesday** Mass in Newham Hospital – 12.30pm  
Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion meet in Church -7.30pm
- 28th Thursday** Deanery meeting of Priests – 10.30am  
Funeral of Les Riches, St. Thomas Church, Grays – 2.30pm  
Confirmation Group meet, St. Michael's School Hall – 6.30pm
- 29th Friday** **Stations of the Cross after 9.00am Mass**  
**Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm followed by Mass – 7.00pm**
- 30th Saturday** Children of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion meet, Church – 9.15am
- 31st Sunday** Communion to the Housebound -1.30pm

### **COMING EVENTS**

Mass in St. John's School, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Meeting in Elm Park Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Reconciliation St. Michael's School, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Reconciliation Upton Park, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Confirmation Program continues, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Reconciliation Canning Town, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Schools close for Holiday Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
C.F. Disco, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**300 CLUB:** We urge more people to join the scheme in the new Financial Year, so as to make the prizes bigger, as well as, to raise much needed funds for the Parish.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** We travel Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and return Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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:** Please come to the front of the Church and take your box. 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.

**LENT TALK 4** will be given by our second outside speaker, **Dr Kate Stogdon**, a Cenacle Sister. Her theme is '**Giving and Receiving in Lent: the sacred art of surrender.**' Please give her the same *excellent* support you gave Sr Helen, our first speaker. **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm in the Hall.**

**WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKS** gives a daily meditation throughout the season of Lent and they cost £1.00 each. Please place the money in the money box in the wall marked with Catholic papers

**On 21- 23 June, Calais Light**, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com) or donate by emailing: [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** – Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place **after school or at an evening clinic** at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk). There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.