

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

Sunday 31st Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
(Laetare Sunday) MOTHERS DAY
8.00am Rose Moxam Anniv (Sisters)
9.00am Parish Family
11.00am Bernie & Julia Reilly and Family RIP
2.15pm Syro Malabar Catechesis and Mass

Monday 1st April
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Francis Lukose

Tuesday 2nd
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Jim & Moira Mc Donald & Family (Veronica Grant)

Wednesday 3rd
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Cyric Legrand Anniv (Hilda)
12.30pm Holy Souls said in Newham Hospital

Thursday 4th
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Julio & Antonio De Sa Felipe & Family
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 5th
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mark Wilson RIP (Iris & Angela)
NB 9.40am Stations of the Cross
NB 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
NB 7.00pm Holy Souls

Saturday 6th
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 Anna Daly Int (Eileen Jepson) Followed
By Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
1.00pm We welcome into the Parish Family
Roca Riaco Nayara
2.00pm Memorial Mass for Teresa Pigeon (Anniv)

Saturday 6th First Mass of Sunday
6.00pm Gnanasathy Anniv (Family)

Sunday 7th Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)
8.00am Parish Family
9.00am Joseph Henry Anniv (Family)
11.00am Angelina Morales Anniv (Ed Morales & Family)
2.15pm Syro Malabar Catechesis and Mass

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we come to the half-way stage of the season of Lent. Today is known as 'Leatare' Sunday as we approach the great feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We can look back over the past three weeks and see if we have been able to keep the promises we made at the beginning of Lent and if not, we can try even harder over the next three weeks. It has been a wonderful Lent so far with so many people making the effort of attending week day Masses, especially on Fridays, when we have Stations of the Cross morning and evening with Mass. Well over 200 people attend. Let us hope we all try and make the last few weeks of Lent special by fulfilling the promises we made and maybe even put more time to the Lord, through prayer and reading the Scriptures as well as attending Holy Mass during the week. I must also say a very big thank you to our Altar Servers who attend the Stations and the Mass on Friday evenings, up to about 20 of them turn up to serve which is wonderful and very much appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY: Today we celebrate Mother's Day when we take the opportunity of thanking all Mothers for their love and kindness shown to their families. We also think and pray for those mothers who have lost a child through illness or violence. We pray and ask Mary the Mother of us all to protect and guide us on our journey through this life to the Kingdom of heaven.

CHURCH CARPET: The Church carpet is going to have a spring clean this week. It will begin on Monday morning after Mass and will take until Wednesday to be completed. We will not be having Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday or Tuesday because of the work. The gentleman is hoping to start after the morning Mass on Monday and to be finished by Wednesday. The cost of the cleaning will be about £300.00. If people would like to make a donation towards the cleaning we will be very grateful. The Church should look very nice as we approach the Holy Week and Easter Services. I take this opportunity to thank all who help to keep the Church clean on Wednesday mornings. A great job that is well done.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or death of a partner from 12th to 14th April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293 783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

God Bless, Bob

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

31st Sunday	Mother's Day Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm
1st Monday April	Funeral of Kevin Leonard, City of London Crematorium – 9.30am R.C.I.A continues in the Parish Room – 6.30pm
2nd Tuesday	A Day of Rest
3rd Wednesday	Blessing of new playground, St. Michael's School – 9.00am Mass in Newham Hospital – 12.30pm Meeting in Upton Park – 7.00pm
4th Thursday	Reconciliation, St. Bonaventure's – 11.25am Mass in St. John's School – 2.00pm
5th Friday	Stations of the Cross after 9.00am Mass Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm followed by Mass – 7.00pm
6th Saturday	Children of 1 st Communion meet, Church – 9.15am Memorial Mass – 2.00pm
7th Sunday	Communion to the Housebound -1.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Reconciliation St. Michael's School, Monday 8th April
Funeral of Esther Walsh, Monday 8th April
Meeting St. John's School, Tuesday 9th April
Reconciliation Upton Park, Tuesday 9th April
Confirmation Course continues, Wednesday 10th April
Reconciliation Canning Town, Wednesday 10th April
Funeral of Pauline Mc Glade, Thursday 11th April
C.F. Disco, Friday 12th April
Reconciliation St. Michael's Church Monday 15th April

300 CLUB: We will be starting the 300 Club on the 14th April which will be the first draw for 2019/2020. We are hoping that many of you will join the 300 Club so as to make it a success once again. We have not yet worked out the full total of the past year, but as soon as it is done we will let you know. It seems that it is another successful year and the profits will go towards the building of the new Toilet facilities for the Parish. Do pick a form up at the back of the Church and fill it in and return with the monies and we will give you a number if you have not joined before and wish you all a success during the new year of the 300 Club.

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

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.

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 Care 4 Calais'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 or donate by emailing: 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. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

PILGRIMAGE TO LINDISFARNE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (20S AND 30S) from Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019. A time to walk along part of St. Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation. For more information email lynnefcj@hotmail.com

CRIB APPEAL: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society have sent a letter of thanks for your very generous offerings through the Crib appeal. You raised £1336.53. Thank you.