

Saturday 29th	First Mass of Sunday	6.00pm Emily Murphy Anniv.
Sunday 1st	First Sunday of Lent (A)	8.00am Parish Family
March		9.00am Dominic Alfred Ngombi Anniv.(The Aziz-Kamara Family)
		11.00am Justin Suresh Anniv. (Family)
		2.15pm Syro Malabar Catechesis and Mass
Monday 2nd		8.45am Morning Prayer
		9.00am Frank Geraghty Anniv. (Kitty)
		9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 3rd		8.45am Morning Prayer
		9.00am Gerard Reilly Anniv. (Family)
		9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 4th		8.45am Morning Prayer
		9.00am Ted Sutherland Anniv. (Kitty)
		12.30pm Patricia Begho Int. (Nellie) in (Newham Hospital)
Thursday 5th		8.45am Morning Prayer
		9.00am Leela Antony Anniv.
		9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 6th		8.45am Morning Prayer
		9.00am Mary O'Connell F.M
		9.40am Stations of the Cross
		6.30pm Stations of the Cross
NB		7.00pm The Parishioners of St. Michael's
Saturday 7th		11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation, during which We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		11.45am Mid day Prayer, Benediction, and Angelus
		12 noon Winnie Steadman Anniv
Saturday 7th	First Mass of Sunday	6.00 John & Mary Ellul RIP (Charlene)
Sunday 8th	Second Sunday of Lent (A)	8.00am Joseph Henry Anniv. (Family)
		9.00am Alles Emily, Seviar Varhese Anniv. (Melisa & Family)
		11.00am Parish Family
		4.00pm Malayalam Mass

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First Sunday of Lent (A)

MEMORY VERSE: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Mt 4:1).

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that we have problems in two of our Schools in the Newham Deanery, sadly one of those Schools is our own, St. Michael's and the other is St. Bonaventure's which again affects our Students. Please pray for the Families of both Schools and for the Head Teachers that the difficulties can be resolved as soon as possible. Enclosed in the Newsletter is a statement from the Diocese of Brentwood regarding the future of our Schools and the importance of our Catholic Schools working together.

LENTEN RETREAT: will be held on Saturday 28th March from 10.00am – 4.00pm in the Church. You will need to bring your Bibles with you and also some food. Drinks will be provided. We do hope that as many of you can come along and spend time in prayer and talks given by Fr. Francis.

THE BEGINNING OF LENT: We had a wonderful beginning to Lent on Ash Wednesday. Both Masses were packed to the doors, so many people, they were even outside, wonderful celebrations and we hope that people will try and do their best to attend the Masses during the weeks of Lent. On Fridays we have also the Stations of the Cross, after the 9.00am Mass and at 6.30pm before the evening Mass again good numbers of people attending. We hope this will continue and also that people will remember to try and read the Bible each day. I have a number of copies of St. Matthew's Gospel, if people would like a copy please see me after the Masses. Also I have copies of The Year of the Word, 'The God Who Speaks,' again these will be given to those who ask for them after Mass. I don't have many copies, so it would be first come first served. I shall do my best to keep copies for each Mass to give out. We have been asked by Bishop Alan to say the Angelus after each Mass right up to 29th March. We will start this week end and say it each day. This is in preparation for the celebration of Dedicating England to the 'Dowry of Mary' on the 29th March 2020.

God Bless, Bob

<u>Activities this Week</u>	
1st Sunday	Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm Rite of Election R.C.I.A. Brentwood Cathedral - 3.00pm
2nd Monday	Baptism Course begins, Parish Room – 6.30pm R.C.I.A. continues in the Parish Room – 7.30pm
3rd Tuesday	Looks like a Rest Day!!!!
4th Wednesday	Mass in Newham Hospital – 12.30pm Governors meeting with Parents – 2.00pm
5th Thursday	Day of Recollection for Priests, Chigwell – 10.30am Deanery Meeting, Custom House – 11.00am
6th Friday	Syro Malabar Retreat – 2.00pm C.D.F Disco in School Hall 7.30pm – 9.30pm
7th Saturday	Syro Malabar Retreat – 2.00pm Wanstead/Woodford C.D.F. Quiz, Trinity School, Woodford – 7.00pm
8th Sunday	Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm

Coming Events

	Funeral of Annie Smith, Tuesday 10 th March
	Parish Finance meet, Tuesday 10 th March
March	Parents of 1 st Communion Children meet Wednesday 11 th March
	Reconciliation St. Angela's Thursday 12 th March
	1 st Communion Children meet Saturday 14 th March
	St. John's School Governors meet Monday 16 th March
	C.D.F. Executive meet, Monday 23 rd March

300 CLUB: Winners for February are: 1st prize-£50- No.26- Geraldine Riste; 2nd prize- £10-No.25 – Geraldine Riste; 3rd prize- £10-No.92- Christopher Lukose; 4th prize-£10- No.142- Julian Hilaire.Congratulations to all the Winners, please see

Canon Bob for your winnings. We thank all the people in this scheme, that helps to raise funds for the Church and hope more people would join.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We are looking to start up a Children's Liturgy group during the 11.00am Mass, where the children will be taken to the parish room & will learn about the Gospel in a simplified way. We will need volunteers to help with the group. If you are interested in helping out & would like to know more about this, please see Fr. Bob. All volunteers will be required to have a DBS check.

josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net ,and on website www.bcys.net. Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly.

VACANCIES

Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood. This significant role will help to deepen and strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry, at Walsingham House at Abbotswick and supporting parishes across the Diocese. Start in September 2020. Salary £40,000. Closing date for applications 16th March 2020. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277373959.

POUSTINIA PROJECT. As we prepare to celebrate the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry, the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham hopes to find benefactors who can support their 'Poustinia' project. With there being an ever-greater need for silence in today's world, many people are searching for space to enter into the silence of their hearts and listen to 'the still small voice of God' I Kings 19:12. As a community of men and women in different states of life, we accompany people so they can live in the joy and freedom of Mary's 'Fiat' or 'Yes'. We are hoping that a parish, a group of parishioners or individuals may contribute to this project. We need to raise £100,000 to build two shepherd's huts and develop prayer gardens around them at our convent, House of the Divine Will. If you know of anyone who can help please give them our contact details and ask to speak with Sr Camilla COLW (info@walsinghamcommunity.org or 01328 801018).

THE BILLERICAY PADRE PRAYER GROUP invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy led by Father Stewart Foster at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday 19th April 2020. Arrival from 10.30am for 11 am start. Mass 12 noon. Confession available. The Day will end at 3.30 pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. To assist with arrangements it would be a great help if we had an idea of numbers beforehand. Could you please ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 or send a text to 07795417420 if you are intending to come. All are welcome"

BAPTISM COURSE: Will begin this coming Monday. Parent who wish for thie children to receive the Sacrament in the next couple of months need to attend. Expectant parents are encouraged to join the course. Please bring a copy of your own baptism certificate.