

<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	6.00pm John & Mary Ellul RIP (Caroline)
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (A)</b>	8.00am Joseph Henry Anniv. (Family) 9.00am Allese, Emily & Seviar Varghese Anniv. (Melissa & Family) 11.00am Parish Family 4.00pm Malayalam Mass
<b>Monday 9th</b>		8.45am Morning Prayer 9.00am Francis Andrew RIP. (Family) 9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>		8.45am Morning Prayer 9.00am Les Riches and John Mitchell Anniv. 9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>		8.45am Morning Prayer 9.00am James & Kathleen Pepper RIP 12.30pm Holy Souls in (Newham Hospital)
<b>Thursday 12th</b>		8.45am Morning Prayer 9.00am Tan Bee Wah RIP 9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday 13th</b>	<b>The Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer 9.00am Thresiamma Alexander <b>9.40am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>NB</b>		7.00pm Edith Vidolich RIP
<b>Saturday 14th</b>		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 Irene Van Der Straaten Int. (Sr. Patricia & Sr. Immaculata)
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	6.00pm Monica Towns RIP (Tom & Betty Morgan)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent (A)</b>	8.00am Parish Family 9.00am John Sebastian Anniv. (S. Baldwin) 11.00am Michael Morrissey RIP (June & Family) 2.15pm Syro Malabar Catechesis and Mass



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### Second Sunday of Lent (A)

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“And a voice came from the cloudsaying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; Listen to him” (Mt 17:5).*

Dear Parishioners,

As you know the country is concerned about the Coronavirus that is spreading around the country. We have been advised by the Bishops of England and Wales to take precautions. We have no Holy Water in the Fonts by the entrance of the Church. We will not be receiving the The Precious Blood at Communion in the Mass and at the Sign of Peace we are encouraged not to shake hands. We will still have the Sign of Peace in the Mass, you can either turn towards each other and bow or you can use the Sign language for the Sign of Peace; you will be shown how to do this this during the Mass. In receiving Holy Communion you are encouraged to receive the Blessed Host in the hand. We also ask that you do not place your hand on the Statues and then on your face, and we aks you not to Kiss the Statues. Hopefully all this is only temporary and we will soon go back to normality.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** wil take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May as planned.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** will be held in St. Michael’s Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. You will need to bring some food, for the lunch break. Drinks will be provided. We ask you also to bring a Bible and we encourage as many of you as possible to come and join in this special day as part of our Lenten preparations for the great feast of Christ’s Resurrection.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL:** We are having meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March with the Priests and Stewards of the Gospel to discuss the future of Newham Deanery Parishes and how we can work together to continue the sharing and supporting of the Church within the Deanery. I have already three Stewards but would like three or four more to form a team in the Parish. Please contact me a s soon as possible if you are interested. We need to plan for our Future as in a few years time we will not have the number of Priests working in the Diocese. Already this year we will lose Two parish Priests through Retirement. Please pray for more vocations to the Priesthood and to the religious life.

**God Bless, Bob**

. Please pray for Marion Vidolich who has died. Please pray for her Family, Carers and Friends.

### Activities this Week

- 8th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm
- 9th Monday** Baptism Course continues, Parish Room – 6.30pm  
R.C.I.A. continues in the Parish Room – 7.30pm
- 10th Tuesday** Funeral of Annie Smith, Rippleside Cemetery  
Parish Finance- box labelling – 7.00pm
- 11th Wednesday** Mass in Newham Hospital – 12.30pm  
Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet, Church – 7.30pm
- 12th Thursday** Reconciliation St. Angela's School 11.00am
- 13th Friday** Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm  
Mass – 7.00pm
- 147th Saturday** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet in Church – 9.15am

**8th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm

### Coming Events

- St. John's School Governors meet Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Marion Vidolich's Funeral, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- C.D.F. meet, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Full Governors meet, St. Michael's School Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Deanery Meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Reconciliation St. John's School Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March

**300 CLUB:** 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](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net) and on website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly.

**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](mailto: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 continue Monday. Parent who wish for their 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.

**THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD** The following vacancies are available: Teacher of Physical Education – ideal for an NQT Closing Date: noon, Thursday 19 March 2020 For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

**CAFOD FRIDAY FAST:** We were asked to Fast from a Meal last Friday and to bring the money saved to the CAFOD collection after all Masses this week end. We always support this Charity very well and hopefully we will continue doing so this time. CAFOD do tremendous work all over the world trying to alleviate starvation amongst the poorest families and help them to grow their own food.