

**All Masses Are Live Streamed On YouTube -
St Michael's Church East Ham**

Saturday First Mass of Sunday
2nd 6.00 pm Patrick Galbraith Anniv. (Family)

Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
3rd 7.30 am Varghese Roberts Anniv. (Family)
9.00 am Yvonne Daniels Thanksgiving
11.00 am Parish Family
4.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

Monday Monday of the First Week of Advent
4th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Anton Jeyakumar RIP
9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Tuesday of the First Week of Advent
5th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Martin O' Mahoney Anniv.
9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
6th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Arthur Wilson Anniv. (Kathy)

Thursday St. Ambrose, Bp,D
7th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Margaret Edge F.M.
9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00noon Funeral Mass for Patrick Emmanuel

Friday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8th 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Terry & Doreen Madden Anniv.
9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday
9th 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation.
11.45am Mid-day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus
12.00noon Mario Reis Arajo RIP (Dina Arthur)

Saturday First Mass of Sunday
9th 6.00 pm Edward Shorey & Tommy Finneran RIP

Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
10th 7.30 am Thanksgiving Reshma Alphonse
9.00 am Idda Mentessi (Tom & Betty Morgan)
11.00 am Parish Family
4.00 pm Malayalam Mass



PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S
PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Canon Bob Hamill

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Dear Parishioners,
Prayer for the First Week of Advent – a Prayer of Hope
Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
O Lord, as we enter this season of Advent, this time of waiting and
anticipation, fill us with the hope of Christ. Help us to wait in great
expectation for your great light to shine in our world, for all who are living
in darkness to see the dawning of your light. This world can be so dark,
so troubling, so full of despair, yet you are light and love. May your light
fill all the darkest corners of this world. and all the darkest corners of our
own hearts. May your love conquer all despair and hate, leading us all to
a better life in you. This is the hope of Christmas, that the birth of a baby
– Jesus Christ, your Son – will change the world, and will work a change
in our lives. Lord, we pray to be filled with this hope that light will triumph
over darkness, love will conquer evil, and Jesus will save us all. Amen.

Parish Christmas Get Together

What do you need to know?

Our special Christmas Get Together is next Sunday 10th December after
the 11am Mass. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for
prizes. After the Masses raffle tickets will be sold for our big prizes,
please do buy some. (A special prize awaits in each one). Remember all
money raised will go towards our parish.

Want to help?

If you would like to help, we will be setting up the school hall after the
12noon Mass on Saturday, so please come along.

What to bring?

Please bring a food dish to share, which you can drop off to the school
hall any time after after 9am. Don't forget to bring your coins and paper
with you to help raise some much needed funds for our parish.

God Bless, Bob

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd	Communion to the Sick - 1.30pm
Monday 4th	Having a Rest Day!!
Tuesday 5th	Still away for Peace and Quiet!!!
Wednesday 6th	Reconciliation St. Bonaventure's School 1.30pm Blessing the Body of Kathleen Merritt Cribbs Funeral 5.00pm
Thursday 7th 6.30pm	Funeral Mass of Patrick Emmanuel, Church - 12.00noon Confirmation Meeting, (candidates, parents and sponsors) –
Friday 8th	Funeral of Kathleen \Merritt, East London Crèm – 11.30am
Saturday 9th	Preparing Hall for Christmas Gathering 11.00am
Sunday 10th	Parish Christmas Get-together, School Hall – 12.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Altar Servers Practise Monday 11th December
Funeral of, Wednesday 13th December
Funeral of Brenda Sewell In Braintree Friday 15th December

NEWHAM DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION: 'The New Year - Praying for Peace with Our Lady' led by Fr. Stewart Foster on **Saturday 30th December** at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Upton Park E13 9BF : Mass at 9.15am, talk in the hall, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction ending at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

SAHARA DESERT RETREAT IN MOROCCO, 26 February – 11 March 2024

Including a day visiting Marrakesh and 9 full days in the Desert. With Fr Arnaud and Deacon Vladimir from St Antony's in Forest Gate. Designed for young adults, open to all adults able to hike 4 - 6 hours a day for 9 full days in the desert. £952 (plus flight). www.desert-retreat.com or phone Catherine at 07807 348223.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH FACEBOOK SITE: - now available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/737732404198996>. If you are a current or former parishioner, please have a look.

BCYS YOUTH MASS – First Thursday of the Month, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral

Beginning with pizza & refreshments with a workshop or speaker in the Parish Hall from 6pm, Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email info@bcys.net

FILIPINO SIMBAG GABI SA EAST HAM December 16, 2023 (Saturday)
Tagalog Mass at **3.00pm** St. Michael's Church. Reception follows after Mass in St. Michael's School hall. Please bring in food to share. Contact info: Mark 07791 220 362 and Shella 07748 785 994 . Loads of fun and games

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Saturday 6th January 2024 A full day retreat for those aged 18 – 27 (having left school), at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/

SUMMER LOURDES applications are open, and we have already had 60 people apply!

FLAME 2025 tickets will be on sale soon.

VOLUNTEER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE for the academic year 2024/2025 – applications are now open for anyone currently in year 13 or above and we are happy to answer any questions that young people or parents might have.

All information for the above can be found on our website – www.bcys.net

CONFIRMATION Our first meeting for Confirmation candidates, parents and sponsors will be this Thursday 7th December at 7pm in Church. If you are aged 14 or over by August 2024 and have not handed in your letter explaining why you would like to be confirmed, please bring your letter and a copy of your baptism certificate to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

