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St Michael's Church East Ham**

Saturday 17th	First Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm Monica Towns F.M
Sunday 18th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 7.30 am Parish Family 9.00 am Nikhitha Gladson Int. 11.00 am Peter & Dora Pereira Anniv. (Lucy Pereira) 3.00pm Rite of Election –Brentwood Cathedral 4.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass
Monday 19th	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Ponniah RIP (Gilbert Jacob) 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 20th	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Thanksgiving Chris (Sr. Ifi Kristi) 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 21st	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Martin O'Dea Anniv (June & Family)
Thursday 22nd	The Chair of Peter, 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Joseph Alfred Anniv. 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 23rd	Lent Fast Day 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Juliana Cadjoe Int. 9.40 am Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Holy Souls
Saturday 24th	11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation. 11.45 am Mid-day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus 12.00noon Tiffany Regis RIP
Saturday 24th	First Mass of Sunday 6.00 pm Ifechukwu Thanksgiving
Sunday 25th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 7.30 am Parish Family 9.00 am Anthony Staunton RIP (Frances & Michael) 11.00 am John Macken RIP (John O'Connor) 4.00 pm Malayalam Mass

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

1st Reading **Genesis 9:8-15**

Resp Psalm **Psalm 24:4-9**

**R/ *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who
keep your covenant.***

2nd Reading **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Gospel **Mark 1:12-15**

Dear Parishioners,

Lent Prayer: by the Parish Youth

Dear Lord,

Surround us with your arms as we begin our Lenten journey. Help us to be like you as we remember your forty days of fasting in the desert. You gave up so much for us so that we could live in the light and enjoy the fruits of the Earth. Help us to focus during this time on making better choices and thinking of others. Amen.

RCIA: Today all who are preparing to become members of the Church through the RCIA program will be meeting for the Rite of Initiation at Brentwood Cathedral at 3.00pm We have five members in the Parish who will be attending. We ask for your prayers for all our Candidates on this special day and of course when they will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Celebrations. We say a very big thank you to the Catechists who are helping the Candidates with the Instructions and we look forward to Easter when they will become full members of the Catholic Faith.

YOUTH MASS & YOUTH CLUB: This month's Youth Mass will be next weekend. Saturday 24th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass. If you would like to be involved please join us in Church from 5pm to practice Hymns and get ready for our celebration.

Our monthly Youth Club will be after 11am Mass next Sunday 25th February in St. Michael's School Hall. Please come along and join in the fun. All you need is to bring a joke and some snacks to share. Please also be so kind as to make a donation towards the cost of our Youth activities for the Parish.

God Bless, BOB

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday Communion to the Sick/Housebound –1.30 pm.

18th

Monday

19th RCIA Course Continues, Church –6.30pm

Tuesday Parish Finance Meeting 7.pm

20th

Wednesday FHC Parents meet, Church – 7.30pm

21st

Thursday

22nd

Friday Internment of Kieran Jolly's Ashes, Epping 11.30am

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

23rd Followed with Mass 7.00pm

Saturday FHC children meet, Church – 9.15am

24th

Sunday Communion to the Sick/Housebound-1.00 pm

25th

CHRISTMAS HAMPER: We still have one of the Christmas Hamper unclaimed.

The number is 821 On Yellow Ticket. If you have the winning Ticket please come forward and claim it. We will have to either give it to Charity or to split it up for different Raffles.

COMING EVENTS

Funeral of Raisy Tom Wednesday 28 th February

Funeral of Omobolanie Akuwudike, Friday 1 st March

`FHC Parents meet, Wednesday 6th March

FHC Children meet, Saturday 9th March

MARRIAGE: All couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Parish Priest at least six months before the anticipated wedding date, to ensure all the paperwork is sufficiently filled in.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024: Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (Tangney-tours.com). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanna Reeves at Lourdes@brcdt.org

WALSINGHAM HOUSE: 40 years of Walsingham House Teams: 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31 st August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the New Year.

VACANCY: Parish Administrator – St Joseph the Worker, Hutton

St Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over two days (one must be a Friday). The closing date is noon on 23 rd February 2024.

HOUSEKEEPER –WICKFORD The successful applicant will effectively manage the routine Cleaning and maintaining the Presbytery to ensure that it provides a comfortable living space for the Parish Priest and prepare meals for the Parish Priest. Hours: 6 Hours per week Salary: £12.00 per hour Start Date: ASAP Apply by sending a CV and cover letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 1st March 2024

TELEPHONE LINE PROBLEMS The Parish mobile number still in use is 07459 310 729 and we can receive emails at eastham@brcdt.org Once again we thank you for your understanding and patience and we very much regret the inconvenience all this is causing.

CONFIRMATION: Our next session for our Young people will be this coming Thursday 22 nd February in St. Michael's School Hall. Please arrive for 6.20pm so we can promptly start at 6.30pm. Don't forget to bring your programme and Bible with you.

We also have a special session for parents and sponsors on Thursday 29 th February at 7.pm in Church. This is to help us take time for our own journey of Faith, as to walk beside our Candidates, towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

