

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

17th December 2017

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £327.71. Loose: £233.89. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £514.61. Total: £1,076.21. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Christmas Flowers** Envelopes: £101.70. Loose: £116.16. Total: £217.86. Thank you.

**SICK PARISHIONERS:**

**Those of our parishioners and friends who have asked for prayers:**

Mary Rooney, Peter Beard, Frankie Gall, Maria Hoeffft, Megan Delaney, Marie Day, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Henryka Duzniak, Sandra Gilbert, Frances Weaver, Janet Cash, Mary McGrath, Rachel Stokes, Isaac Barry, Maria Wray, and Margaret Butler.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Doyle, Mildred Brown, Nora Carroll, Michael Elliott, Vera Bambrick, Alexine Townley, Jozef Wierzbicki, Andrew McClements, Sue Metson, Szymon Duzniak, Walter Keavey, Jerome Galvin, Olive Harris, Maud McCarthy, Zdzislaw Duzniak, Alina Kordaszewska, Emilia Kordaszewska, Anita Peagram, Donald Butler, Mgr John Roche, Edith Moynihan, Shirley De Prazer, Bridget Llewelyn, Peter Wallace, Louis Dawson and Walter Petchey. May they all rest in peace.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Owing to the bad weather last weekend, we will hold another Second Collection for **Christmas Flowers** for our Church, **this weekend**. Gift-aiders please use Second Collection envelopes.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am Sunday** Masses.

**FR TONY McKENTY:** It is with great sadness we announce the death of our former Parish Priest, Fr Tony. His Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 22nd December**, at **11.30am**, at St James the Less and St Helen Catholic Church, Colchester.

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mark Higgins**. We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to his family at this sad and difficult time. Funeral arrangements will be advised in due course. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERALS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Martin O'Donnell**. His Requiem Mass will be on **Thursday 21st December**, at **12.30pm**, in the church, followed by cremation at the Three Counties Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome **Tinayeishe Christopher Chinamhora**, son of Tarisaye and Christopher, into the family of our Church. May God bless him at this special time.

**MASS AT ST FRANCIS SCHOOL:** Please note: Mass on **Wednesday 20th December**, will be at **9.30am**, at St Francis School.

**READERS' ROTAS:** New rotas have been emailed out this week. For those who don't use email, paper copies are available in the Sacristy.

**USHERS:** Please put your name down on the form, at the back of Church, if you are able to usher at any of the Christmas Masses. Thank you.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Please put your name down on the list, in the Sacristy, if you are able to serve at the Christmas Masses. Thank you.

**REPOSITORY:** Someone has recently ordered some medals for St Bernardine of Siena and St Alphonsus. These are ready for collection. Please contact Liz on 01376 323705.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** There is a box, at the back of Church, for you to put your Christmas cards to people. There is an index system so if you know the surname then please put it **behind** the appropriate letter. If you don't know the surname then put it under their first name. Don't forget to look to see if there are any for you!

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS OVER THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND:** This is your personal gift to Fr David. Gift-aiders please use your second collection envelope.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** Donations can be placed into the small box next to the crib next week. All offerings will be sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society to support the children and families who need their help. We would ask you take a moment to pray for those children and families for whom Christmas may be a difficult time.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN:** On **Christmas Eve**, we hold a special pre-Christmas service for our young people, from **2.00-2.30pm**, in the Church. At such an exciting time for children, it's a good way for them to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We would stress this is not a Mass and shouldn't replace the Christmas Masses. Please encourage your child to make and bring along a birthday card for Jesus.

**CONVENT MASS TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:** Christmas Eve - **7.00pm**. Christmas Day - **10.00am**. St Stephen's Day - **10.00am** and New Year's Day - **10.00am**.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Bishop Alan will lead our annual pilgrimage from **Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th July 2018**. Brochures at the back of the church. For information or a brochure, please 'phone the pilgrimage administrator, Cathy O'Connor: 01206 735623.

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS:** At Brentwood Cathedral on **Sunday 15th December, 4.00pm**. Can be heard on BBC Essex at 6.00am on Christmas Eve and 6.00am on Christmas Day.

**IRISH DANCING:** At O'Grady's Pub, Panfield Lane on **Friday 22nd December, at 8.00pm**. All welcome - beginners too! Free admission. Why not come and give it a go?

#### **OUR SCHOOLS:**

**St Francis Primary School**, Gilchrist Way, Braintree, CM7 2SY

Headteacher: Vicky Jackson

Telephone: 01376 320440 / Website: [www.stfrancisbraintree.co.uk](http://www.stfrancisbraintree.co.uk)

**St John Payne Secondary School**, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS

Headteacher: Anthony Schular

Telephone: 01245 256030 / Website: [www.sjp.essex.sch.uk](http://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk)

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th December - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Nora Carroll RIP (A)
Sunday 17th December <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Gary Gall RIP
Monday 18th December	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 19th December	9.30am	Ints Jacinta Smith
Wednesday 20th December <b>(Mass at St Francis School)</b>	9.30am	Ints Ben Webster
Thursday 21st December <b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	9.30am <b>12.30pm</b>	Fr Tony McKentey RIP Martin O'Donnell RIP
Friday 22nd December	9.30am	Ellen Theresa Riordan RIP
Saturday 23rd December	9.30am	Harry Rigdon RIP and Kay Stephens RIP
Saturday 23rd December - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Margaret Gomez RIP
Sunday 24th December <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving

### **CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY - 10.00-10.30AM**

Rosary	Church	Monday (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	January 2018 (to be advised)	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 19th December	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 12th January	7.00pm

### **COUNTERS OF COLLECTION**

17th December	R&B Sewell
24th December and 31st December	M Wetton and J Hull
7th January	G Myddleton-Evans and J Baglin

### **CHURCH CLEANERS**

Week commencing 18th December	P Mohan, D Dobrowolski & C Gleeson
Week commencing 25th December	S McKay and M Leyden
Week commencing 1st January	J Baker

### **FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 12th January	T Seward and A&B Paul
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