

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

10th February 2019

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Luke sometimes presents the Gospel stories in a different order from Mark and Matthew. This is the case with this story of the call of the first disciples, which he places after the visits to Nazareth and Capernaum. The story is also fuller than the short accounts in Mark and Matthew. Jesus is preaching 'the word of God' when he gets into Simon's boat in order to teach the crowds from there. The miracle of the enormous catch of fish gives further background to the call of Simon Peter.

Luke makes clear that the disciples had already heard the preaching of Jesus and witnessed his miracles when they left everything to follow him. They respond 'at the Lord's word'. They 'hear the word and put it into practice'.

Simon Peter is deeply aware of his unworthiness, an echo of the call of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading. Jesus responds, 'Do not be afraid'. These words are heard repeatedly in the Scriptures when a person is called to take up a mission for God.

***Does hearing the word of God make a difference in my life?  
Am I able to trust the words of Christ 'Do not be afraid'?  
Let us pray for the courage needed to respond to our vocation.  
We ask for the wisdom, courage and love to be 'fishers of men'.***

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £630.90. Loose Plate: £311.73. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £600.41. Total: £1,543.04. Thank you for your generosity.

**SICK PARISHIONERS:** Those who receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital: Anne-Marie Wardrop, Barbara Brabon, Gwen Rushton, Val Harding, Cecilia Omoyinbo and Kathleen Haigh.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Ryan, Fred Benfield, David Dyson, Mandy Daly, Francis Mobbs, Barry Cross, Mary Channer, Katarzyna Duzniak, Frank Geraghty, Edith McCormack, Hugh Geraghty, Elizabeth Pugh, Peter Hanlon, Kieran Hemmings and Isabella Leng. May they all rest in peace.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend, **9th/10th February**, there is a Second Collection for **The Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund**. Your generosity is most appreciated. Gift-aiders please use one of your pink envelopes (spare ones are at the back of church but please ensure you cross out the pre-printed number and put your own gift-aid number on instead) - thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Refreshments are available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am Sunday** Masses, in the hall.

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Anthony Carter**, who has died this week. His Funeral Service will be on **Tuesday 5th March, 11.00am**, in the church, followed by cremation at the Three Counties Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** This **Sunday**, welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families to the **9.00am** Mass.

**MASS CHANGES:** There will be Mass on **Monday 11th February**, at **9.30am**, as it the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. On **Wednesday 13th February**, at **9.30am**, there will be a Communion Service, instead of Mass. On **Friday 15th February**, Mass will be in St Francis School, at **9.30am**. On **Saturday 16th February**, there won't be a **9.30am** Mass or Confessions. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

**THANK YOU:** Bill Paul would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, prayers and Masses offered, for his recent retirement from his church role.

**LOST PROPERTY:** We have numerous items held in the Presbytery - glasses, coats, scarves, gloves, rosaries, crosses, toys - if you think you have lost anything, please contact us. Any items remaining by **28th February** will be taken to the charity shop.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Following on from the recent meeting, it has been decided there should be a Social Sub-Committee formed. If anyone feels they can offer some time to assist with social activities, to help improve the camaraderie of our parish community, then please speak to Sue Howell or email her at [braintree@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:braintree@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK:** On **Saturday 16th February**, Fr David will be giving a talk on 'The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion'. **10.30am-12.00noon**, at the Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. All welcome.

**JOB VACANCIES:** There are new adverts on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

**THE TABLET:** Please note there has been an increase of 40p to the price of The Tablet - this now costs £3.60.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** On **Friday 1st March**, at **10.00am**, at St Paul's Church, Hay Lane, Braintree, CM7 3DY. Refreshments after the service. All welcome.

**ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL - AFTERNOON TEA DANCE:** On **Saturday 16th February**, from **2.00-4.30pm**, at the school. Tickets: £5 each to include tea/coffee cake. There will be a raffle. Contact: [pta@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sjp.essex.sch.uk) for more details.

**CHANGE THAT COUNTS CAMPAIGN:** Ever wondered how you could help homeless people sleeping rough in Braintree? Reluctant to get involved or unsure what money gets spent on, ie alcohol, drugs? This Campaign is a new partnership formed between homeless charities Hope House and The Salvation Army to help provide shelter, food, toiletries and vital support such as welfare and counselling to help individuals make a positive change. Please visit: [mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/changethatcounts](http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/changethatcounts). Any donation, small or large can make a massive difference with this initiative. If you are concerned about someone sleeping rough, please call Braintree District Council's 24-hour number 01376 552525 or visit [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk), where trained workers can help. More information is also available on our noticeboard. Thank you.

**COLCHESTER LENT TALKS (with guest speakers):** Will be held at St James the Less and St Helen's Church, every **Friday**, from **8th March to 12th April**, at **7.30pm**, in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Admission Free. All are welcome.

**ANGLIA SINGERS' CONCERT:** On **Sunday 17th March**, at **4.00pm**, in our church. Tickets available from the presbytery - £8 each (under 16s free). Fauré - Requiem and John Rutter - Feel The Spirit. Conducted by Christopher Green OBE.

**DIocese OF BRENTWOOD - 'LANDINGS':** A workshop is being held at the Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral, Brentwood, CM15 8AT, on **Saturday 23rd February, 11.00am-3.00pm**, to explain what 'Landings' is and to see what it would look like in our parish. When run in a parish, 'Landings' is a series of relaxed, informal, lay-led meetings, based on faith-sharing within a small group, that offer a safe and supported "landing place" for Catholics who have been away from the Church and are thinking about coming back. For more information, email [adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**ST HELEN'S CHURCH, WESTCLIFF ON SEA:** St Helen's Church is celebrating it's 150th anniversary this year. Couples who were married in this church are being invited to attend a special Mass. If this applies to you, please contact Sue in the office.

**CALAIS LIGHT:** Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? 'Calais Light' run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral. The next trip is **1st-3rd March** and they'll be supporting a different charity this time; Care4Calais, who go out with their volunteers to distribute aid, clothes and food to refugees. Could you volunteer to help? Sign up on our 'Calais Light' Facebook page, email [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com) or visit [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com). Monetary donations also gratefully received at: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight).

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th February Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Tony Lamb RIP (Leyden)
Sunday 10th February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Judy Gray RIP (A) (Gray) Harry Rigdon RIP (A) (Rigdon)
Monday 11th February <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 12th February	9.30am	Ints Nicola Walker (Burford)
Wednesday 13th February	9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Thursday 14th February <b>SS CYRIL AND METHIDIUS</b>	9.30am	Ints Mary Maher (Baker)
Friday 15th February <b>Mass at St Francis School</b>	9.30am	
Saturday 16th February	-----	<b>No Mass or Confessions</b>
Saturday 16th February Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Eddie Tully RIP (Tully)
Sunday 17th February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Joanna McLaughlin RIP (A) (McLaughlin) Ints Fr Joe White (Burford)

### **CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH, EXCEPT FOR SATURDAY 9TH AND 16TH FEBRUARY**

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 21st February	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 19th February	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 22nd February	7.30pm

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Francis Primary School</b> Headteacher: Vicky Jackson Gilchrist Way, Braintree, CM7 2SY 01376 320440 <a href="http://www.stfrancisbraintree.co.uk">www.stfrancisbraintree.co.uk</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St John Payne Secondary School</b> Headteacher: Tom Coen Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS 01245 256030 <a href="http://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk">www.sjp.essex.sch.uk</a></p>
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