

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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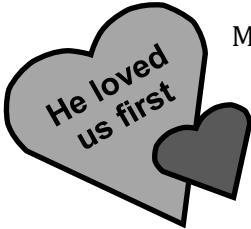


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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

17th February 2019

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May you share the love which God has given
you and help enrich the
lives of those who touch your life.



On Thursday of last week we celebrated
St Valentine's Day.

It was a day when many people give gifts of love to the special people in their lives. It is a good thing to show one's love for others and to gift the person(s) who are meaningful to you. What if you take the time to choose a special gift for your loved one and you wrap it up and present it to that person, and the person takes the gift and puts it on a shelf, unopened - how would you feel?

You might feel disappointed, even upset.

You might feel rejected and dejected.

God constantly gifts us with special presents, but sometimes we fail to appreciate and use the gifts which He gives us.

We reject the love of God symbolised by the gifts which He gives.

If we, on the other hand, gratefully accept what God bestows upon us and appreciate His presence in the presents, then we demonstrate our desire to have Him as the focus of our lives.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £780.60. Loose Plate: £344.47. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £437.91. Total: £1,562.98. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH ACCOUNTS: January. Income: £10,431.47. Expenditure: £11,174.60. This deficit was due to second collections being paid out to the appropriate charities when the money was received into the account during previous months.

SECOND COLLECTION: For **The Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage.** Envelopes: £142. Loose Plate: £173.16. 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, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Sandra Gilbert, Frances Weaver, Chris Brodie, Mary McGrath, Janet Cash, Rachel Stokes, Isaac Barry, Maria Wray, Barbara Brabon, Margaret Butler, Josie Pullum and Brenda Sewell.

ANNIVERSARIES: Daniel De-Giovanni, Joanna McLaughlin, Owen Shead, Mary Hayden, Stanley Kulik, Annette Croft, Patricia Kohle, Louis Remy, Margaret McGuire, Mary Nash, Holly Radford, Ron Matthews and Ensa Mann. May they all rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, **23rd/24th February**, there is a Second Collection for **Racial Justice.** 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: Available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am Sunday** Masses, in the hall.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ken Pannell.** We offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Maureen and all the family. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome **Oscar Frank Humpoletz**, son of Sarah and Joseph, and **Lilian Elizabeth Whiddon**, daughter of Kelly and Adam, into the family of the Church. May God bless them both at this special time.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Anthony Carter**, who has recently died. 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.

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.

LENT - 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS: Are now available at the back of church. Priced at £1 each. Please place the money in the 'Papers' box. Thank you.

FOODBANK: The latest poster is on the noticeboard and shopping lists are available for your use. Thank you for your continuing support with this invaluable charity.

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.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING: On **22nd February**, after the 9.30am Mass, in the hall.

ROSARY PROJECT: A project has just started at our partner church in Halstead, St Francis of Assisi, and it involves the invitation for parishioners to donate spare rosaries, holy medals and small crosses which will be sent to India to the Province of Tamil Nadu. These will then be distributed to very poor Catholics who are worshipping as a minority group and experiencing discrimination; the items are distributed by a Monsignor John Joseph in India. If you have any items you can donate, please put them in the prepared box at the back of church. 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.

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 or visit www.calaislight.com. Monetary donations also gratefully received at: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: The Northern Irish classical singing trio '**The Priests**' are holding a concert for the BCCS on **Saturday 15th June**, at Brentwood Cathedral, at **7.30pm**. Up to 1st March, tickets are £15 plus a booking fee. After 1st March they are £20 plus fee. To book tickets, visit www.bccs.org.uk and click '**Our 35th Anniversary**' and then '**Anniversary Events**'. Book early to avoid disappointment.

YOUNG CATHOLICS - INTERNSHIP: Applications are open with the Faith in Politics, the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme. This Scheme provides recently-graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD and CSAN. Visit www.faithinpolitics.org.uk. Deadline: **28th February**.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th February Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Eddie Tully RIP (Tully)
Sunday 17th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	9.00am 11.00am	Joanna McLaughlin RIP (A) (McLaughlin) Ints Fr Joe White (Burford)
Monday 18th February	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 19th February	9.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 20th February	9.30am	Georgia Eatherley RIP (Wilson)
Thursday 21st February	9.30am	Julie Barretto RIP (Nunes)
Friday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	9.30am	Patrick Paul RIP (A) (Paul)
Saturday 23rd February St Polycarp	9.30am	Kevin McGovern RIP (Tate)
Saturday 23rd February Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ken Pannell RIP (Maher)
Sunday 24th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Carolyn Hawkins RIP and Ints Cooper Family (Strickland)

**CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH,
EXCEPT FOR SATURDAY 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

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