OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE Parish News

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Saturday 1st March/Sunday 2nd March 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Day for the Unemployed)

The last Sunday before the start of Lent, is commonly reserved as a day of Prayer for the Unemployed.

The Day of Prayer for the Unemployed was organised by Church Action on Poverty. They have recently renamed their day as Poverty Action Sunday. Caritas-Social Action is the agency in the Catholic Church which acts an umbrella for many diocesan and local organisations concerned with poverty and other social issues.

"O God, the source of human dignity, in your image every person is fashioned and by your Son all people are redeemed. Make us honour the work of your hands, that we may reverence you in those whom the world considers least and serve you in all whom society neglects". SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who

have asked for our prayers: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Hazel Smith , John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Noel McCormack, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Melissa Kendal, Maria Kersey, Ursula Kirk, Peter North and Michael Blancs.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Ellison, Vernon Rolls, John Coveney,

Taysharn Baptiste, Adam Krykowski. Bernard Boylan, Genevieve Roles, Seamus O'Grady, Gregory Gall, Terry Dunne, Gerard Mooney, Stephen Grealish, Czeslaw Duzniak, Austin Ryan, John Linehan, Alexander Szerynski, Ernest Smoothy, Veronica Prosser, Patricia Smith, Lillian Lowe, Richard Rolfe, Alan Doleman, Stanislaw Sosler, Roy Drane, Elsa Luck, Beryl Kelly, Mary Humpoletz and Ernest Smoothy.

May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament take place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION:

Thank you for your contribution to the last Red Box Collection; $\pounds 155.00$ was deposited into the account.

The February/March Collection is now open. Could you please return any monies you have collected to Clare in the Presbytery in the usual way by Friday 8th March.

Thank you for your continuing support. Pauline Smith (Parish MISSIO Secretary).

JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR:

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope.

Sign up here: https://walk.cafod.org.uk/

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:

Please save the date for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminars which are being held in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall over 6 Tuesday evenings (29th April - 3rd June). Come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own '*Holy Door*' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. **More details will follow shortly.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: On Friday 7th March at 10.30am a service will be held in the Church for **World Day of Prayer 2025. All are welcome.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 4-6 April at the Sion Community, Essex; for further details please contact: Mary: 07730 884315, or email **BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please keep our First Holy Communion children in your prayers as they receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming month.

100 CLUB - WINNERS: Congratulations to this month's winners! First Prize (£200): **Carole Hodgson** Second Prize (£50): **Deirdre Doleman**

For £5 per month you have the chance to win £200. Money that isn't paid out as prizes, goes towards the church funds. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the

100 Club; please contact Clare on: 01376 326779.



<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>: Mass will take place at St Francis School on Wednesday 5th March at 9.30am.

Mass will be take place in the Church at 11.15am.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Day for the Unemployed) Saturday 1st March Sunday 2nd March	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ints Anita Quigley (Bill) & Anthony Joseph Calaco RIP (Norma) Ints Mary and Dermott (Bill) Daniel Gouthon RIP (A) & Martin Henry RIP (A) (Ita) & Marion Jackson RIP (B'day) (Mark and Ann)
Monday 3rd March St Anne Line, M	No Mass	
Tuesday 4th March	9.30am	In Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Aloui and Ovinda) & Francis Dornan RIP (Bill)
Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday Mass at St Francis School	9.30am	Special Intentions for Staff and Pupils
Mass in the Church	11.15am	Ints Bill & Denis Owen RIP (A) (Bill)
Thursday 6th March	9.30am	Ints Jacqui and Clare & Ints Arthur Cuthbert, and Ints Susan, Olivia and Jack (Rita Cuthbert)
Friday 7th March	9.30am	Alan Doleman RIP (A) (Doleman) & Patrick Paul RIP (Bill)
World Day of Prayer	10.30am	
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Saturday 8th March	6.00pm	Ints Norma and Family (Seward) & Thanksgiving and Blessings for Sharon and Colin Mussett (Norma)
Sunday 9th March	9.00am 11.00am	Anne Mahon RIP (B'day) (McNulty) Alan Doleman RIP (A) (Burford)