

# PARISH DIARY

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

6.00pm Mass

John McCormack RIP

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

People of the Parish  
Christie Daniels RIP

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Feria of Lent

No Mass

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – St Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am to 7pm

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – 10.00am to 4pm

Penny Stiles

## 10.00am Lent Course – Strength to Strength in St Peter's Hall

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

1pm Funeral Service

Patricia Hawes-Deares RIP  
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## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am to 5pm

Peter McEvoy RIP

## 12.00noon Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Confirmation – St Peter's Hall

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

10am & 5.00pm Confessions

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

6.00pm Mass

People of the Parish

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

Ron Howe RIP

# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## Second Sunday in Lent Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Gospel Reflection - The Transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28-36)



The gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the Transfiguration, preparing the chosen three disciples and ourselves for the coming Passion of Christ. It is a scene of Christ's heavenly glory, his clothes bright as lightning, his glory extending even to the appearance of Moses and Elijah: these two Old Testament personalities are here privileged to speak to Jesus because they each had a vision of God on the holy mountain, called both Sinai and Horeb (in the Old Testament these are two names for the same mountain). The Voice from heaven at the baptism had been addressed to Jesus himself (in Mark and Luke); this time the Voice is a public declaration of Jesus' Sonship, and presents him now as the Chosen Teacher for all people. Luke foreshadows the Passion when he mentions Jerusalem – the place where Jesus is to suffer and die on the cross. The fact that the disciples are praying, and are the same three disciples as are present at the Agony in the Garden, makes a strong link with the Passion of Jesus. This gospel also highlights the importance of prayer in Luke's gospel, for Luke mentions Jesus' prayer and the significance of prayer on several occasions and in several parables (e.g. in the Unjust Judge, the Friend at Midnight, and the Pharisee & the Tax-Collector).

What do you find the best form of prayer? What commitment to prayer can you make this Lent? Jesus was transfigured on the 'Holy' Mountain. What makes a place 'holy'?


Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)

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# Notices

 **PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Patricia Mary Hawes-Deares who died recently. Patricia's funeral service is on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1pm. May she rest in peace.



**THE LADIES SOCIAL CLUB** meet on Wednesday at 1.45pm in Our Lady's Hall.



**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The next session for our candidates is on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm in St Peter's Hall.



**FIRST COMMUNION 2019:** The next meeting for the children and parents is next Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am where the children will be looking at God's Greatest Gift of Peace.



**STRENGTH TO STRENGTH:** Our six part CaFE lent course is a DVD series is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. The course continues with "Food for thought" this Wednesday at 10am in St Peter's Hall. Tea & coffee provided. All are warmly welcome to join us.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** During lent we will be extending our period of Eucharistic Adoration on a Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm for those who are unable to come to Adoration during the day time. All are warmly welcome to come and spend some special time with our Lord.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place this Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12noon.



**CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY:** Friday was CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day. Please return your envelopes in the second collection this Sunday. Spare envelopes are available at the back of church.



**CAFOD FAST DAY SIMPLE LUNCH:** Thank you to all who supported the lunch on Friday, a fantastic £203 was raised for CAFOD.



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, LED BY FR JOHN CORBYN** on 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Application forms are available from Fr John or Karen in the Parish Office. For more information contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



**THE TIME HAS COME** the Walrus said, to talk of many things...but especially about joining or renewing your membership to **The Parish 100 Club monthly prize draw.**

This is the **9<sup>th</sup> year** of the scheme and you have raised a magnificent £24,048 since inception and half of this...£12,024...has been paid out to the members. And membership of this exclusive club is inflation proof, at £24 per year, the same price as it was in 2011. We will be at several Masses over the next few weeks so please join or renew as soon as possible and raise funds for the parish as well as for the 3 lucky monthly winners. We will be delighted to explain how it works. Please note that, if you win, your name will be published in the parish newsletter unless you have instructed us otherwise. Good luck, Peter and Fionnghuala

**VICARIATE FOR EVANGELISATION - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

## VISIT OF THE STATUES OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE CHILDREN -

### SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019- OUR LADY IMMACULATE, CHELMSFORD:

A whole day of prayer and celebration will take place at Our Lady Immaculate church, Chelmsford, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March when they welcome the pilgrimage statues from Fatima. The statues arrive at 9am and the celebrations begin with the crowning of the Statue and Mass at 10am and there will be devotions, prayers, DVD's etc. throughout the day.



### PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Fr Eduard-William Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Greece to follow in the footsteps of St Paul. Taking place from the 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October, the cost will be £730 per person with a £150 deposit to secure your place by 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Walking should be light, breakfast and dinner included. Any queries or to register your interest please email [priest@holyfamily-church.org](mailto:priest@holyfamily-church.org) or call 01268 799082/ 01268 792082



**LENT TALKS 2019 AT OUR LADY IMMACULATE, CHELMSFORD:** The Lent talks this year will centre around the subject of prayer. On Wednesday evenings there will be a Holy Hour and confessions from 6.30pm - 7.30pm with the talk at 7.30pm in the parish hall at Our Lady Immaculate Church, New London Road, Chelmsford.

20<sup>th</sup> March - "Prayer and Art" - Dr Caroline Farey

27<sup>th</sup> March - "Prayer and Music" - Fr Stephen Morrison o.praem.

3<sup>rd</sup> April - "Prayer and Scripture" - Fr John Hemer, MHM



**THE CAMPION SCHOOL HORNBURCH** is looking to appoint a casual Examinations' Invigilator. Experience is not required as training will be provided. However, the ideal candidate should have effective verbal and written communication skills and be a confident and reassuring presence to candidates in examination rooms. To apply, please contact the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Noddings for an application form ([cnoddings@thecampionschool.org](mailto:cnoddings@thecampionschool.org))