

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Carol & Alex Farmer Ints  
10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday Maureen & Pat Price Ints

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Peace Day)

9.00am Mass Erickson Lord RIP  
11.00am Mass People of the Parish  
5pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – St Anthony the Abbot

10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**NO MASS**

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary Andrew Reynolds RIP  
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Feria

**NO MASS**

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Feria

**NO MASS**

10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – St Agnes

**NO MORNING MASS**  
**NO CONFESSIONS**

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday People of the Parish

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Sunday of the Word of God)

9.00am Mass Erickson Lord RIP  
11.00am Mass Margaret Clyne RIP



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Gospel John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.'

John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

### Peace Sunday

This Sunday is Peace Sunday and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together.

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>

The Second Collection this weekend is for Pax Christi to help them in their work.

Parish Office Opening Hours are Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's 9am – 1pm  
Hall Bookings: email: [wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com) / Tel: 01268 733219

## **Pope Francis. Angelus for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

In his Angelus address on Sunday, Pope Francis said that God's justice is often misunderstood as mere punishment when, in reality, it "raises us up" by "freeing us from the snares of evil."

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 8, the Pope said that "Jesus reveals God's justice." Speaking from the window of the Apostolic Palace, he said: "Very often we have a limited idea of justice and think that it means: those who do wrong pay ... and in this way compensate for the wrong they have done." "But God's justice, as the Scripture teaches, is much greater: it does not have as its end the condemnation of the guilty, but their salvation and rebirth, making them just." The Pope said that God's justice is not "intended to distribute penalties and punishments but rather, as the Apostle Paul affirms, it consists of making us, his children, righteous (cf. Rm 3: 22-31), freeing us from the snares of evil, healing us, raising us up again."

Jesus revealed the meaning of his mission when he was baptized on the banks of the Jordan River, the Pope explained: "He came to fulfil divine justice, which is that of saving sinners; he came to take on his own shoulders the sin of the world and to descend into the waters of the abyss ... of death, so as to rescue us from drowning."

Pope Francis quoted a homily that Benedict XVI gave in January 2008 in which the late pope said: ***"God desired to save us by going to the bottom of this abyss himself so that every person, even those who have fallen so low that they can no longer perceive Heaven, may find God's hand to cling to and rise from the darkness to see again the light for which he or she was made."***

Francis urged all Christians to also exercise justice in this way in relationships with others, not condemning or dividing, but with "the mercy of those who welcome by sharing the wounds and frailties of their sisters and brothers, so as to lift them up."

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. Earlier in the day, Pope Francis baptized 13 babies in the Sistine chapel and encouraged parents to teach their children to celebrate their baptism anniversary each year "like a birthday."

## **Summary of General Audience of Pope Francis 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters: Today we begin a new series of catecheses on apostolic zeal. Christ's Church, founded on the apostles, was born with missionary zeal, sent by the Holy Spirit to radiate the light of Christ to every land and people. Apostolic zeal is the very oxygen of our Christian life and an index of the Church's spiritual health. Drawing upon the Scriptures and the Church's living tradition, we can find a first, eloquent example of this in the calling of the apostle Matthew. The Gospel tells us that Jesus "saw" this despised tax collector; he looked at Matthew with eyes of mercy and called him to become his disciple. Matthew then "got up and followed him"; now a changed man, he left behind his ill-gotten gains and embraced, with Jesus, a life of discipleship and service to others. Significantly, the first thing Matthew did was bring Jesus to a dinner with many other "tax collectors and sinners". He went back to where he lived and introduced Jesus to others. This can be our primary lesson in apostolic zeal; in the words of the late Pope Benedict, it proclaims Jesus not by proselytism but by attraction, out of a joyful desire to share with others the loving gaze of Jesus and the call to follow him as his disciples.

### **Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July 2023)**

The Parishes of Wickford, Leigh-on-sea, Southend & Prittlewell will travel together to join with the Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage in Lourdes (£790 per adult sharing) (an additional £245 supplement for a single (limited number)).

***Package Inclusions:*** Return flights with British Airways from Heathrow including 23kg hold-luggage, 5 nights full-board in the 4\* Grand Hotel Moderne (closest to the shrine), fully guided with walking tour & full religious itinerary.

***Please confirm your interest before 30 January 2023.*** Please register your details (name, number of seats requested, contact number & email address) with the Parish Office before 30 January 23. Online booking forms will be available from 01 February 2023.

### **Jubilee Photos**

If you supplied photos of Our Lady of Good Counsel for the Jubilee celebrations and would like them back, please collect from the office.

### **Sunday Coffee Mornings**

If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Morning after 9am or 11am Sunday Masses to raise money for a charity, please contact the parish office.

### **Children's Liturgy**

There will be Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11am Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

## **Divine Mercy Retreat**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 68 Grange Park Road Leyton London E10 5ES on Saturday 21 January 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

## **Chaplaincy Volunteer Training:**

Are you a people person? Are you a team player? Are you a good listener? Can you offer a morning or afternoon a week to visit a ward?

NHS Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust are running a 7-week

Chaplaincy Volunteer Training Course

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 10am – 12pm.

Topics include:

- An introduction to healthcare chaplaincy
- Understanding spiritual care
- Active listening and attentive presence
- Loss and bereavement
- Mental health & Dementia Friends
- Protocols for ward visiting

Please ring the Chaplains on 01268 524900 ext 3503 or email

[mse.basildonchaplains@nhs.net](mailto:mse.basildonchaplains@nhs.net) if you are interested or to know more.

## **STUDY DAY ON THE APOSTLE PAUL**

The next Gidea Park Study Day will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 from 11 am until 1.30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website.

## **A thank you from the Knights of St. Columba. Rayleigh Council**

We would like to thank all those who displayed the Christmas Posters. You may like to know that the 2021 Keeping Christ in Christ Campaign raised monies for charity. The 2021 campaign raised: £1000 to the K.S.C. National Action Project – The John Forster Memorial Home, £500.00 to Mary's Meals, £500 to Action for Youth and Young People, £1000 to K.S.C. Ukrainian Appeal, and, £1000 to a Salford Diocesan children's pilgrimage. We will do the same next Christmas.

## **BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023**

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023!

The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

## **Commons HSC Committee Launches Inquiry into Assisted Suicide**

The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has [launched an Inquiry into assisted suicide](#), and is inviting comments from individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment, and also to suggest what actions might be helpful for the debate. Options include a "Citizens' Assembly", further independent research, or a referendum.

Assisted suicide presents profound dangers to public safety and the common good, and so it is crucial that as many people as possible engage with the Parliamentary Inquiry and oppose the introduction of assisted suicide into UK law.

It is especially important that those who respond should oppose the idea of a "Citizens' Assembly" or referendum on this issue, as these are easily abused to try to legalise assisted suicide.

The timeframe for answering the consultation is a short one. Submissions must be in by Friday 20 January but happily the format of the Inquiry is simple, and not time-consuming – just six questions. To aid public engagement, the Anscombe Bioethics Centre has [produced a short two-page Briefing](#) (also attached) to help anyone interested in responding, whether as an individual or as an organisation.

We encourage as many people as possible to contribute their own submission to the Inquiry, so as to inform public and Parliamentary debate, and help maintain a more just and compassionate society.

Anyone with any questions can contact the Anscombe Centre at [admin@bioethics.co.uk](mailto:admin@bioethics.co.uk).

## **Knock Pilgrimage**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## **Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples**

### **Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages:**

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Vocations Weekend for Women - Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life Dates: 3-5 Feb 2023 Location: London**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## **DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY**

### **Our Lady and St George's Primary School, Walthamstow**

Salary: L11-L15 (£57,436 - £62,926) Outer London

Contract: Permanent/Open to job share Starting: April 2023

Our Lady and St George's Primary is a highly respected and successful Catholic school. The Governors invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 02085208500 Or email [office@olsqgschool.org](mailto:office@olsqgschool.org)

Closing Date: 12 noon 16th January 2023

Shortlisting: 23rd January 2023

Formal Interviews: 3rd February 2023

**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Gabrielle & Ralphe Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, John Ostrowski, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Joseph Rodgers, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, Anne Humphreys, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Danny Curtis, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-key, Amparo Thorogood, George O'Boyle, Pat McEvoy, Ann Parkinson, Valerie Robinson, Nelly Prada, Michael Fitzgerald, May and Chris Carey, Doreen Green, Conrad Gomes, Hannah Miller, Peter Turner, Sr. Sior Cosgrave Una, Clairin Molloy, Nicola O'Connor and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

**Anniversaries** – We pray for Frank O'Donald, Caroline Lachera, Robert Corviz McLean, Fr John King, Joseph Hajek, Sennan Nazareth, Lillian Daly, Eileen Galligan, Fr Basil Pearson, Agnes Blundell, Desmond Marsh, Joseph Tubby, Fr Neville Banks, Chris McKeever, Alice Haberland, Mildred Agnes Adams, Alice Mary Titterington, Lilian Green, Griselda Simpson, Frederick Bartlett, Geoffrey Purves, Canon Charles Kuypers, Margaret Marsello, Violet Elsie Davidson, Henry Waskett, Mildred Hopkins, Mgr Davie Donnelly, Gertrude Barrett, Eileen Micklebrough, Mary McKeever, Ernest Joseph Comber, Ann Fernandes, Agnes Cuddy, Margaret McCormack, Fr Dominic Meehan, Bridget Roberts, Antonia Corlella, Canon John McDonald, Victor Dragoni, Bishop Bernard Nicholas Ward, Peter De Roeper, James Ernest Nazell, Fr Christopher Quirke, June Moss and Colleen Marshall. May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God's Kingdom.