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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday, we had a wonderful afternoon celebrating my special birthday. A huge thank you goes to the Ladies who organized the Hall and the Food. We thank Roy for running the Bar-B-Q and feeding so many people. We also thank the Aroma Multi Cuisine Restaurant Team for their very generous donation of 200 Samosas, which people thoroughly enjoyed. All the people who served the food and the drinks and raised funds with the Raffle that we had. A big thank you must go to all who supplied the food and the drinks, such generosity, shown by all involved. I also thank the many people who were so generous with their Cards and Gifts. It really was a wonderful surprise and I really had a great time. I also thank the people who cleaned the hall and put all the chairs and tables back in the storeroom. So many of you helping out, it was unbelievable, and it is an afternoon that I will remember for a long time. Thank you all for being so kind and helpful.

RCIA: Last Sunday over 300 candidates came to Brentwood Cathedral for the Rite of Election and are formally accepted by Bishop Alan. Two of our parishioners were amongst them and we now, over the next three weeks will have the Scrutiny's which are basically professing their readiness and commitment to be welcomed into the Catholic Faith. Please keep them in your prayers. We will be receiving them at the Easter Vigil to the full communion with the Catholic Church.

God Bless,

Bob

WALK WITH ME LENT BOOKLETS Some people missed out on buying this booklet lastweekend. We have acquired some more and they are being sold at £1.50 a booklet in the shop. Please get a copy for yourself. It offers great reflections for lent.

BAPTISM COURSE: begins on **Monday 2nd March** at 6.30pm in the Church. Any parents who wish to have their children Baptized in the next few months need to attend the course and bring a copy of their own Baptismal Certificate.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: I would ask if all the Eucharistic Ministers could give me their names, addresses and telephone numbers, in case I would like to be able to contact you at any time I would need to. I do hope also to have some extra Ministers in the near future. I have asked three new candidates and hope to have a few more then I will ask Deacon Ken to come and prepare you for the ministry.

CONFIRMATION: Our Confirmation programme continues this week for our young people, **Thursday 5th March** in the School Hall. Please arrive for 6:20pm for a prompt start to our session. Don't forget to bring your programme, Bible and a pen with you. Our session this week will be based on the theme 'Encountering Jesus', as we reflect on encountering Jesus in others and the world around us.

SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026: Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?"

This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 1. Wednesday 25th February. Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. "I Believe..." Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith. 7.30pm

Talk 2. Wednesday 4th March. Rev Mgr. Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints. 7.30pm

Talk 3. Wednesday 11th March. Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. 7.30pm

Talk 4. Wednesday 18th March. Rev Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society. 7.30pm

FREE LENTEN ACTIVITY KIT : from Shalom World* and it's designed to help children (ages 6–12) walk through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter in a meaningful, fun, and prayerful way. The kit includes coloring pages, crossword puzzles, Works of Mercy bingo, Lenten planner with reflections, videos and family ideas, and even Easter party placemats to celebrate the Resurrection. They can download it for FREE here and use it with their family: <https://shalomworld.org/lenten-kit>

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Fr. Victor Camilleri	Aryia Tony	Andre Scafe	Colin Smyth
Baby Lila Brincat	Bernadina Santy	Andy Brett	Davey Jose
Cora Bantog	Berthilia Riviere	Anne Flynn	Enzo Zechariah Riley
Gemma Yao	Callista Hudson	Anthony Kearney	Francis Seaman
John Maughan	Gemma Faulkner	Chidera Harvey	Gillian Pepper
Madonna Beupierre	Ireneo Oreiro	Gilbert Jacob	Jeanette Steele
Mary John	John Peppard	James Towns	Joe Fitzgerald
Ranjith Mendes	Loly Antonio	Louise Simmons	Lassyhani Janahan
Seamus Peppard	Mary Fitzgerald	Natalie Williams	Natalie McCarthy
Thomas John	Myrna Gonzales	Olympia Pahati	Stephen Laviniere
Tom Morgan	Nia La Foucade	Onat Sarmiento	Joy Pereira
Ullrick Scafe	Regina Peppard	Paula Joseph	Veronica Scafe
Bridget Tully	Piper Phelan	Philip Crangle	Bernard Fredrick
Anita Bajade			

PARISH FINANCE 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

Envelopes	£	845.94
Plate	£	812.62
January Statement Standing Orders	£	828.00

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun 01st Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.30pm
- Mon 02nd Baptism Course begins, Church – 6.30pm
- Tue 03rd
- Wed 04th Year 5 Mass St. Michael's School – 10.30pm
FHC meeting for Parents in Church - 7.30pm
- Thu 05th Confirmation meeting, St. Michael's school hall – 6.15pm
- Fri 06th Stations of the Cross after Mass – 9.40am
Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm followed by Mass – 7.00pm
- Sat 07th FHC Children meet, Church – 9.15am
- Sun 08th Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Confirmation Retreat Saturday 14th March

Sat 28th **First Mass of Sunday**
6.00 pm Maureen Marshall F.M.

Sun 01st **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (A)**

March 7.30 am Parish Family
9.00 am Marcolino Alves Pereira Anniv. (Horacia Sanos)
11.00 am Justin Suresh Anniv. (Family)
4.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

Mon 2nd 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Rita Frost Anniv.
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00 pm Holy Souls

Tues 3rd 8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am John, Daniel & Patrick Crangle (Frances)
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00 pm William Denis Hale RIP

Wed 4th

8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Leela Antony Anniv. (Jolly & Family)
7.00 pm Alice & Denis Drew RIP (Sue Fahy)

Thu 5th

8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Matthew, Rany & Family (Srs. Patricia & Immaculata)
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00 pm Sr. Theresa Baptista RIP

Fri 6th

8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Maureen Gemma D'Souza RIP (Srs. Patricia & Immaculata)
9.40 am Stations of the Cross
6.30 pm Stations of the Cross
7.00 pm Holy Souls

Sat 7th

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation.
11.45 am Mid-day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus
12.00 noon Carol Abraham Int.

Sat 7th **First Mass of Sunday**

6.00 pm Gloria Sammy Anniv. (Martine0

Sun 8th **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (A)**

7.30 am Parish Family
9.00 am Seviar, Emily & Allese Varghese RIP
11.00 am Thanksgiving Maribel Condes
4.00 pm Malayalam Mass