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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Racial Justice Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks people have lost belongings in the Church. We must ask you all, that if you see a bag or an item in the benches, please leave them there, as the person who left it there would be coming back to collect it. Sadly, one Lady lost a pair of expensive Glasses, which she forgot to pick up when leaving the Church. She came back to collect them, but they had disappeared. Another person had left her carrier bag, with items in it and that too disappeared. The parish itself has lost many items over the years, people borrowed scissors and pens but never returned them. We have to say that this is stealing, taking items that do not belong to you. We also have to say to people, please do your best not to leave anything unattended.

VALENTINE'S DANCE 14th FEBRUARY: We are sorry to say that we have a Double Booking on this day, and we are trying to solve this problem as soon as possible. We will keep you updated and the tickets are on sale at the back of the Church.

ARCHANGEL COFFEE MORNING: Will take place this weekend as normal and it is being held upstairs in the Parish Room. It is held each week, and we hope that everyone will support it. We will, hopefully, continue the Coffee Mornings in the garden when the weather is warmer. We do apologize to those members of the Parish who are unable to climb the stairs to join the sessions. So we pray that warmer weather will come as soon as possible. We thank the Ladies for the wonderful work they do in preparing the food and drinks, it is really a great opportunity for all of us to meet up and to get to know each other. So please do come along and enjoy the Coffees, Teas, Soups or Noodles and Biscuits and Cakes. We do ask you also to put a small donation towards the costs.

God Bless,

Bob

FLAG CALL: Thanks to everyone who participated in this. It is hoped a display will be created as a result to help highlight our year of celebrations for our centenary.

WEEKDAY READERS: Please see Sr Helena to give your full name to her, so we can build a list of weekday readers and to prepare for the forthcoming Word of God Sunday

R.C.I.A Parish celebration for sending of catechumens / candidates to the Rite of Election is on the **15th February**.00

SAHARA DESERT RETREAT - 19th February – 5th March 2026, £1,089 (insurance and flights not included): Led by Fr. Arnaud (St Antony's, Forest Gate). A Roman Catholic walking retreat, a pilgrimage through Morocco's beautiful Sahara Desert. A time to step back from daily life, find balance in simplicity, and reconnect with ourselves and with God. Please register by the end of January. For more information, visit www.desert-retreat.com

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, March 2026 – St Bonaventure's School St Bonaventure's Catholic School, East London, is raising funds to support students taking part in a pilgrimage to Rome. This pilgrimage is a faith journey which will allow young people to visit important holy sites, walk in the footsteps of the saints, and deepen their relationship with Christ and one another. We kindly ask for your prayers for our students as they prepare for this pilgrimage, and for any financial support you may be able to offer. Your generosity will help ensure that all students, regardless of circumstance, have the opportunity to take part in this life-changing experience of faith. Donations can be made online at:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/stbonspilgrimage2026> Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

VACANCY: The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. **Closing date: Friday 6th March 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Friday 20th March 2026.** Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmcps.co.uk, or phone 01708 448430.

A NEW ARCHBISHOP. The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Richard Moth as the new Archbishop of Westminster; he will be installed in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 14th February. As Archbishop of Westminster, he is also the Metropolitan Archbishop for our Diocese. The Metropolitan area of Westminster includes Brentwood, East Anglia, Northampton and Nottingham! Let us keep him in our prayers.

BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS Bishop Alan will be 75 in March, and this is the age for retirement for Bishops. So let us remember him at this time and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the appointment of a new Bishop of Brentwood.

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Fr. Victor Camilleri	Aryia Tony	Andre Scafe	Colin Smyth
Bridget Tully	Bernadina Santy	Andy Brett	Davey Jose
Cora Bantog	Berthilia Riviere	Anne Flynn	Enzo Zechariah Riley
Gemma Yao	Callista Hudson	Anthony Kearney	Feliciano Manansala
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	William Crowley
Ullrick Scafe	Regina Peppard	Paula Joseph	Joy Pereira
Veronica Scafe	Piper Phelan	Philip Crangle	
Winston Scafe	Francis Seaman		

PARISH FINANCE 25TH JANUARY, 2026

Envelopes	£	859.77
Plate	£	776.92
Malayalam Chaplaincy	£	149.00

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sun 1st	Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.30pm
Tues 3rd	Deanery Conference for Priests St. Antony's Forest Gate 10.30am Prayer Group meet in Church 7.30pm
Wed 4th	Health & Safety Meeting in Parish Room 7pm FHC meeting for Parents in Church 7.30pm
Thu 5th	Confirmation in School Hall 6.30pm
Fri 6th	Visiting Lourdes Helpers 6.30pm
Sat 7 th	FHC Children meet, Church – 9.15am
Sun 8th	Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Liturgy Meeting on Tuesday 17th February
Ash Wednesday 18th February

Sat 31st First Mass of Sunday
6.00 pm Agnes Marshall RIP (Family)

**Sun 01st FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A):
FEB (Racial Justice Sunday)**
7.30 am Parish Family
9.00 am Thanksgiving (Raja & Family)
11.00 am All Souls (Teresa)
4.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

Mon 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am A. Masilany (George)
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tue 3rd St. Anne Line, M
8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Private Int.
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed 4th
8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Alan Wood Int.; Sarah Wood RIP (Family)

Thur 5th St. Agatha, V, M
8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Maria Sagun Anniv...
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 6th Ss Paul Miki Comps, Mm
8.45 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Sarafina Barba Thanksgiving
9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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 Thanksgiving Gladson & Family

Sat 7th First Mass of Sunday
6.00 pm Filomena Jardin RIP

Sun 8th FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
7.30 am Parish Family
9.00 am Oscar Alphonso RIP (Kelvin & Teresa D'Souza)
11.00 am Sherlin Jerald (Peter)
3.30 pm Malayalam Mass