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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

**Dear Parishioners,**

This Sunday, the First Sunday in Lent we have the Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral at 3pm and are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. There will be many new members attending this service and we have two people from our Parish who have been on our RCIA program for the past five months, Euclides Alves Pereira and Charlotte Nyanzi. It is the beginning of the final preparation and I will be joining them, along with Sr. Helena for this very special ceremony. We ask you all to keep them in your prayers. Each year we have about two hundred Candidates, which is a great number and hopefully we will have more or less the same this year.

During this Season of Lent we will have two Masses each day, Monday to Friday. Mass each morning at 9am and evening at 7pm. On Fridays we will have Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass and at 6.30pm before the evening Mass. This gives everyone the opportunity of coming along and joining us. It is an opportunity for all of us to do something special during the Season of Lent. We should also try and give a little more time to the Lord in reading the Bible and spending a little more time in private prayer. Our children can also fast from sweets during this season and the money they save they can either give it to a children's charity or put it in a savings account for the future. We will try and open the Church a little longer than usual and people can pop in for a quiet time for prayer and meditation. We will open an hour before Mass and close the Church about an hour after the Masses each day.

**God Bless,**

**Bob**

**MONTHLY YOUTH CLUB:** Our monthly Youth club will be this Sunday, February 22nd after the 11am Mass. Join us in St Michael's school hall for games, laughs and lots of fun. Bring yourself, a friend and something to share. If you would like to find out more please speak to Johnny or Leo.

**CONFIRMATION:** Our Confirmation programme resumes this week for our young people, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 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 'Where is Jesus?', as we reflect on finding Jesus in today's world.

**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.

**SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026:** Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February.** Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. "I Believe..."  
Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith. 7.30pm

**Talk 2. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.** Rev Msgr 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 11<sup>th</sup> March.** Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. 7.30pm

**Talk 4. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** I would ask if all the Eucharistic Ministers could give me their names, addresses and telephone numbers, as 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.

**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.

**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 15TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Envelopes	£	774.69
Plate	£	930.37
St. Antony's (Malayalam) Feast	£	287.09

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sun 22nd	Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.30pm
Mon 23rd	Marriage talks, Presbytery – 7.00pm
Tue 24th	Funeral of Bernard Hill, Manor Park Creme – 12.30pm Prayer Group meet in Church - 7.30pm
Wed 25th	FHC meeting for Parents in Church - 7.30pm
Thu 26th	Confirmation meeting, St. Michael's school hall – 6.15pm
Fri 27th	Stations of the Cross after Mass – 9.40am Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm followed by Mass – 7.00pm
Sat 28th	FHC Children meet, Church – 9.15am

Sun 1st Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.30pm

## COMING EVENTS

Year 5 Mass St. Michael's School Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Confirmation Retreat Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

### Sat 21st First Mass of Sunday

6.00 pm Martin O'Dea Anniv. (June & Family)

### Sun 22nd FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

7.30 am Parish Family

9.00 am Christopher Lukose Int.

11.00 am Andrea Costelloe Anniv. (Family)

3.30 pm Malayalam Mass

### Mon 23rd

8.45 am Morning Prayer

9.00 am Justin RIP

9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00 pm Holy Souls

### Tue 24th

8.45 am Morning Prayer

9.00 am Joaquin Nebrija (Liza)

9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00 pm Holy Souls

### Wed 25th

8.45 am Morning Prayer

9.00 am Esther Simpson RIP (Mary & Family)

7.00 pm Holy Souls

### Thu 26th

8.45 am Morning Prayer

9.00 am Ciro Di Sarno & Ciro Lentini Anniv. (Dora)

9.40 am Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00 pm Holy Souls

### Fri 27th

8.45 am Morning Prayer

9.00 am Mercy Lopez Anniv. (Family)

9.40 am Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross

7.00 pm Jim, May & Margaret Gilligan RIP (Srs Patricia & Immaculata)

### Sat 28th

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

11.45 am Mid-day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus

12.00 noon Stella George RIP

**Sat 28th      First Mass of Sunday**

6.00 pm      Maureen Marshall F.M.

7.30 pm      Malayalam Mass

**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