

WEEKEND 21ST/22ND JANUARY 2012:

Readers:	Sat. 6.30pm	Warren James/Maureen O'Brien	
	Sun. 8.00am	Brian Rodgers/Seb Hough	
	9.30am	A McLeavy	
	11.30am	Michael McCaul/Maria Adesegha	
Bidding Prayers:	John Dawson	Coffee Morning Rota: Group H	
Church Cleaning:	Group 4	Newsletter Folding: Team D	
Offerings 08/01/12:	Envs: £1,281.39	Loose: £951.22	Total: £2,232.61

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 14 th Jan	6.30pm	Ann Newby
Sunday 15 th Jan	8.00am	Mattie O'Brien
	9.30am	All Parishioners
	11.30am	Monica & Mike Hebron 40th Wedding Anniv
Monday 16 th Jan	8.30am	Anthony Barrell RIP
	7.30pm	Jean Leech RIP
Tuesday 17 th Jan	8.30am	Patrick Mollaghan RIP Anniv
<small>St Anthony</small>		Martin McSweeney RIP Anniv
	7.30pm	NO MASS
Wednesday 18 th Jan	8.30am	Philomena Carberry RIP
	7.30pm	NO MASS
Thursday 19 th Jan	8.30am	John O'Brien RIP
	7.30pm	NO MASS
Friday 20 th Jan	8.30am	Catherine Barrell Int
	7.30pm	NO MASS
Saturday 21 st Jan	12.00 Noon	Michael Miele RIP
<small>St Agnes</small>	6.30pm	Alan France RIP
Sunday 22 nd Jan	8.00am	Josephine Gariff RIP Anniv
	9.30am	All Parishioners
	11.30am	Derry Lydon RIP Anniv



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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.45-11.45am & 5.30-6.00pm

Or by appointment



15th January 2012 (Year B) Second Sunday of the Year

From Fr Paul:

Six years I studied in Rome. Magnificent, but demanding. Academics, books, papers, theologies, philosophies, journals, doctrines – it goes on. Heads crammed with knowledge. Being brainy. All good stuff, but isn't Christianity more?

Maybe years of working with people with disabilities, mental health issues, and in prison allows for a bigger understanding about what genuine Christianity is.

It seems that to be a Christian, you have to have met someone who is already - "Christian". It is based on experience. To experience Christianity for ourselves. Christ is passed on "personally". To become a genuine follower of Christ is to have met someone who shines with a Christ-like freedom, a joy, an inner energy, a vitality – and let them rub off on you. Let it be contagious. You catch on to it, and soon yours will rub off on to someone else.

This stuff cannot be "theologised", intellectualised or made into sermons. It is simply a way of living. Way bigger and beyond Rome's academics. It's personal, always "relational", and never something private.

Once we see people like this who "get it", who have "caught on" to this bigger Christianity, once we draw close to them and let their ways rub off on us, why would we settle for anything less? It's just so good, so right, so true.

Christ challenges his first disciples to come and see - for themselves. Come and experience so that his ways may catch-on in them. And their ways on to others, and on to others – and on to others...right down the centuries, and finally to us.

Do we know anyone with these Christ-like ways? Do we have the humility to let their Christianity catch-on in us? Or does pride get in the way? To let it catch on in humility, truth and integrity could transform ours, and others lives - forever.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK for World Peace Day – Pax Christi.

HOLY COMMUNION Welcome to the Rainbows for their session on ‘Celebrating’.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SESSION on Monday 16th January starting with 7.30pm mass followed by their session in the Parish Hall until 9.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 18th January at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY’S MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP to help with teas and coffees. If you have a spare couple of hours on a Tuesday afternoon and enjoy meeting people/children, please give Sarah a call on 07807 013609 or simply pop along to meet the team.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK Churches together in Hornchurch Light of Unity Service. Saturday 21st January at 7.00pm at St George’s Church, Kenilworth Gardens, Hornchurch. Come and join fellow Christians for this annual unity service. Please bring a candle. Susan Squire is your CTIH contact: 01708 470632.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please collect your new rota from the Sacristy.

YOUTH CLUB ROTA Please pick up your new rota from the Church porch.

CHURCH CLEANING New copies of the church cleaning rota will be available at the back of the church. A reminder will come. If you would like to add your name to the rota please contact Claire Trew via the parish or school office. Many thanks.

9.30AM MASS HYMN BOOK ROTA Copy on the notice board in the church porch.

DAY OF HEALING on Saturday 28th January at St. Dominic’s Church, Harold Hill with Fr. Angelus. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available at 11.00am, Mass for Healing at 12.00 noon, followed by the Anointing of the Sick and prayers for healing. Come and experience the healing power of Jesus in the Sacraments of the Church.

MASS FOR THE HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE on Thursday 19th January at 3.00pm at St. Teresa’s Church, Newbury Park with Fr Eamonn & Fr Angelus. Come and join us as we pray and offer Mass for healing within your family lineage.

SVP The St. Vincent de Paul society members would be pleased to make a friendly visit to ANY lonely people. Visits are on a confidential basis and if you, or anyone you know, would like to see us please leave a sealed envelope marked SVP at the Presbytery, giving name and address and/or phone number.

IONA SOCIAL CLUB Members Club, family atmosphere, close to Church. Apply at Club for Membership. Members may hold non-exclusive functions alongside existing programme. Telephone 01708 442453.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE MARILLAC are in urgent need of a voluntary Secretary. If you feel that you could help in this respect, you will be greatly assisting this fund raising body. Please contact the Vice-Chairman, Mick Finigan on 01708 224794.

A FOYER DE CHARITE RETREAT at the Sion Community, Brentwood from Sunday 29th January (6pm) – Saturday 4th February (2pm). The theme is God’s Plan for the Fullness of Time. For further information contact Mgr. Barltrop on 07879 953953 or email keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk.

BEAUTIFUL AFRICA Watoto African Children’s Choir will be performing at Brentwood Cathedral on 31st January. 7.30 – 9.30pm. The choir is made up of children from Uganda who have been orphaned through aids, poverty and war.

OASIS OF PEACE MARIAN PRAYER DAY Saturday 11th February at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Epping from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Led by Canon Seamus Keenan. Come and celebrate four years of Canon Seamus’ ministry to us, and bid him farewell. Includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confession, talk and discussion. Please bring packed lunch – drinks provided. More information from Susan on 01992 575017 or marys_nook@talktalk.net.

TWELFTH ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY Dom Henry Wansbrough of Ampleforth Abbey, renowned biblical scholar and author, will speak about the Acts of the Apostles at a special study day in Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 10th March from 10.30 – 3.00pm. Admission is free and lunch is provided, but please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

CHURCH EVENTS:

BAPTISM COURSE: First and second Thursday of the month.

BAPTISMS: Last two Sundays of the month.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA): Tuesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7.10pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

ST. MARY’S PRAYER HOTLINE: Contact Betty (daytime only) on 01708 720834 with any prayer requests.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: meets on Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Silence, stillness and simplicity. Tuesdays at 8.00pm in the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially Joan Allen, Giuseppe Amato, Roseleen Ammerman, Baby Stella, Ashley Baptist, Kathleen Bruxby, Rose Burling, Ann Carroll, Joyce Cougill, Patricia Crudginton, Tony De Lucia, Alfred DeSouza, Sharon De Yiorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Pat Farrell, Siobhain Furlong, Beatrice Grace Harrington, Kevin Hartie, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Fr. Gerard Hughes, Josie Humphreys, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Dave Kelly, Cathy Lennon, Doris & Carmen Magro, Myra Munden, Grady O’Neill, Mary Orford, Tricia Owens, Theresa Parr, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Len Rice, Paul Ridley, Hazel Roberts, Nicole Roye, Billy Sheehan, Elizabeth Smith, Len Smith, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Fr. John Taylor, Pat Taylor, Muriel Tompkins, Marie Tuck, Selby Tweedie, Ken Warren, Bernadette Watts, David Wells, John Wilson, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill. Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill.