

## WEEKEND 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat. 6.30pm	Michelle Tarten/Peter Amey		
	Sun. 8.00am	Sergio Cantoni/Susan Squire		
	9.30am	K Adams/L Riddick		
	11.30am	Donna Coy/John Hawes		
<b>Bidding Prayers:</b>	Brian Rodgers	<b>Coffee Morning Rota:</b> Group C		
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Group 6	<b>Newsletter Folding:</b> Team A		
<b>Offerings 29/01/12:</b>	Envs: £1,092.04	Loose: £750.29	Total: £1,842.35	
<b>Anchor House Coll:</b>	Envs: £ 99.41	Loose: £315.62	Total: £ 415.03	

## MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.00 Noon	Mary Kelly RIP
		6.30pm	Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Mattie O'Brien RIP
		11.30am	Anne Flower RIP
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	Janina Wojkiewicz RIP Bday
		7.30pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	Muriel Tomkins RIP
		7.30pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
		7.30pm	Patrick Green RIP
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	Roberto Caprari RIP Anniv
		7.30pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	Jimmy Long RIP
<small>St Scholastica</small>		7.30pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.00 Noon	Robert Bailey RIP
<small>Our Lady of Lourdes</small>		6.30pm	Imelda Peace RIP Bday
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00am	Albert Edgley RIP Anniv
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Fr John King RIP



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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

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

Or by appointment



## 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Year B) Fifth Sunday of the Year

From Fr. Paul:

I was called to the hospital. A child died. It was sudden. The parents wail. Unthinkable, yet real suffering at its most intense and raw. The parents are told by a friend “your child is in a better place now”. Ugh! Will that response really help?

A big obstacle to real Christianity is second-hand knowledge. “This is what the church says about God... this is what priests say about God... this is what the Bible says about God”. All insufficient evidence. Such “hand-me-down” knowledge may be interesting, but has little power. Quick, glib, superficial answers. Such pious platitudes may be “religiously correct”, but are seriously lacking.

Unless we find the grace to put ourselves in the sufferers place, or unless we have been there already, answers will be shallow and useless – possibly hurtful.

What do we do when suffering makes God meaningless and ridiculous? When our old ways have fallen apart? When we're the victims of innocent suffering? *The absurdity of it all.* Such are the questions of Job in his book in the Old Testament. Job prepares us for the stunning mystery of the cross – which cannot be faced philosophically, but through *experience and praxis.* (St. Paul).

Religion does not provide answers to the problems of suffering and evil, spirituality does. Rather than emphasise catechisms and religious education, what about prayer? What about a prayer response? To stay in touch with God (even if we do scream at, curse and mock Him like Job). To hang on in there, keep talking.

Job's buddies try to console him talking “about” God. Job keeps talking “to” God. It is in his total despair, he makes a break-through. Read his book, it's amazing.

Many suffer so dreadfully. If they authentically experience God - his power and love - in and through such despair and pain, (like Job), they really will discover an authority, humility, depth, and wisdom about life that few others have.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK** for Catholic Education Services.

**BAPTISM COURSE** February Baptism Course is now in progress.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Rainbows Session on 'The Word of God'.

**HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING** on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES RETREAT** Please pray for our young people who are currently on retreat at Walsingham House.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Ann Gyves, recently deceased, and her family. Funeral on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00pm at St. Mary's. May she rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** John Wilson, recently deceased, and his family. Reception of his body on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm. Funeral at St. Mary's on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am. May he rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Paul Casey, recently deceased, and his family. Funeral on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

**CAR PARKING AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH** We have had complaints from Holy Cross Church that our school parents are parking in their car park, walking through their lawns to drop their children to school. Some of their congregation couldn't get out of the car park due to this. Please refrain from using their car park **OR ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.**

**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED** to take over the running of St Mary's Grand Draw. This event is run twice a year to coincide with our Summer Fayre and Christmas Bazaar. Full training will be given. If you are able to help please give your name and contact details into the Parish Office. Thank you.

**HEALING EVENING** at St. Joseph's Church, Upminster on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm with Fr. Angelus and team. All welcome.

**BRENTWOOD CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** You are invited to come and hear about the work they do on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00 – 3.00pm in the Parish Room. Refreshments available.

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MASS** for people with special needs and their carers is at the Cathedral on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.

**LENT CAFE COURSE** "Believe". Monday evenings at 8.00pm in St Edwards Parish Hall, Romford on February 27th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd. Come and join us for some or all of the sessions and enjoy an evening with refreshments, a DVD presentation and time to talk. Everyone welcome! For more details please contact Jane on livingwater@live.co.uk.

**LENT 2012** 'Living the Word of God-self esteem.' This Lenten talk will be given by Fr Jim McManus on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Cathedral Conference Centre. Cost: £5 per person.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** An ecumenical service, to bring people together, will be held at St. Mary's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. Contact Shirley Campbell on 01708 447580.

**RAISING AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Lambourne Rooms, Redbridge Town Hall, Ilford. 6.00 – 8.30pm. This event, supported by Redbridge Faith Forum and the Marriage and Family Life Office,

aims to break the silence which often surrounds Domestic Abuse. Victim Support will also be at this event. To book your free place call 020 8708 2478/2445 or email faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk.

**FLAME CONGRESS** Flame Congress is the largest ever event for young Catholics in England and Wales, taking place in Wembley Arena on 24<sup>th</sup> March with speakers such as Fr Christopher Jamison, Barry and Margaret Mizen, Fr Timothy Radcliffe, and a number of Olympians and Paralympians. The day will finish with a time of Adoration led by Archbishop Vincent.

**TEAM CAFOD** are aiming for fifty people from across the diocese to take part in the 120ft abseil down Harlow Water Tower on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May and also for fifty riders to take part in the Lee Valley Bike Ride (10 mile family ride or longer 19 mile ride) on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. (Abseilers must be over 16 years, no upper age limit!) Email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 020 8502 9722.

**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.

#### **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 Yorgio, 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, Marie Tuck, Selby Tweedie, Ken Warren, Bernadette Watts, David Wells, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill. Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill.