

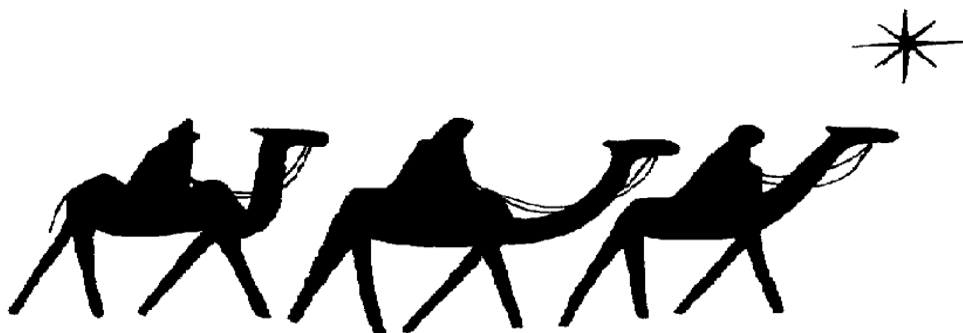
## WEEKEND 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012:

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat. 6.30pm	Pat Martin/Sue Laffey
	Sun. 8.00am	Seb Hough/Nicola Stacey
	9.30am	E Smith/A M Smith
	11.30am	Philip Rodgers/Michael McCaul
<b>Bidding Prayers:</b>	Gail Pitchley	<b>Coffee Morning Rota:</b> Group G
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Group 3	<b>Newsletter Folding:</b> Team C
<b>6.30pm Mass Rota:</b>	Group 6	

**Offerings 01/01/12:** Envs: £1,180.02 Loose: £739.80 Total: £1,919.82

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30pm	Tricia Owens Int
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00am	All Parishioners
The Epiphany of the Lord	9.30am	Peggy Irwin RIP
	11.30am	Stephen Kerby RIP
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am	Claud Le Veaux RIP
The Baptism of the Lord	7.30pm	Florence & David Armstrong RIP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am	Ethna Ramsay RIP
	7.30pm	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am	A McVeigh Sp Int
	7.30pm	James Poddington RIP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am	John O'Brien RIP
	7.30pm	Johnny Casey Int
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am	Mary Ryan RIP
	7.30pm	Eileen Collins Int
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.00 Noon	John Roast RIP
	6.30pm	Ann Newby
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00am	Mattie O'Brien
	9.30am	All Parishioners
	11.30am	Monica & Mike Hebron 40th Wedding Anniv



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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

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

Or by appointment



### 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (Year B) The Epiphany of the Lord

From Fr Daniel:

‘When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are, anything your heart desires will come to you.’

I have only had two dreams in life. The first came true on 17<sup>th</sup> September last year and the second will come true on 25<sup>th</sup> February this year. After that it’s all to play for.

2000 years ago some wise men wished upon a star and the greatest dream any human being could ever dream came true. They found their salvation wrapped in swaddling bands and lying in a manger. They had originally looked for Him in the palace in Jerusalem but found only greed, envy and revenge.

The Magi teach us a great lesson. When we wish upon a star our dreams are usually too big to contain, we want to win the lottery or find fame. In actual fact our dreams are in much smaller, humbler places. Our dreams are what God put us on this earth for. He didn’t create us to become rich and famous, we are shown every day what happens to those who find fame and fortune – and it isn’t pleasant viewing.

Why *did* God make you? God made me to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next. Sound familiar?

‘When you wish upon a star your dreams come true.’

**THANK YOU** on behalf of Fr Daniel and myself for your overwhelming generosity, gifts and good wishes over Christmas. We really are very grateful. Also, a huge thanks to everyone who enabled our Christmas celebrations to be so wonderful in our parish. Fr Paul.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** for World Peace Day.

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

**HOLY COMMUNION** Welcome to the Sunshines for their session on 'Celebrating'.

**HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING** 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLEMENT MASS** Welcome young people to your Enrolement Mass which will be followed by your first session.

**RCIA** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

**MASS IN SIGN LANGUAGE** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. Fr Paul will be saying the Mass in sign language on behalf of the Diocesan Deaf Service. Come and have a different experience of the Mass. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf.

**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.

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

**ST. MARY'S YOUTH CLUB** will reopen on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

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

**ST. MARY'S MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP** resumes on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2.00 – 3.15pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! £2.50 per family. Refreshments included. All monies raised go to St. Mary's School.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 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.

**SVP** thank Fr Paul for passing to us an anonymous donation of £50, which had been given to provide Christmas gifts for needy children. This has been spent prudently by the SVP Conference on behalf of the donor.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Ethna Ramsay, recently deceased, and her family. May she rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Bridget McKennedy, recently deceased, and her family. Reception of her body on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm and funeral on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am at St. Mary's. May she rest in peace.

**ASK THE CABINET** Put your questions to the Councillors who run Havering. 6.30 – 7.15pm at Romford Town Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July. Open to all.

**HEALING EVENING** at St. Joseph's Church, Upminster on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm with Fr. Angelus and team. All welcome.

**THE JOURNEY** A reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs performed by folk band Meditation. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm at St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels, Kelvedon.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ANTIQUE, VINTAGE, NEW HOMEWARE, GIFTWARE & FURNITURE** Bespoke hand-painted, Shabby-Chic, Vintage, French & English Furniture. 226 Hornchurch Road, 01708 607383 or email www.vintage-b.co.uk.

**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 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, Peggy Patten, 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.