

### Services in the Church and Mass Intentions

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Connie Holloran (B'day Rem) Confessions Dominic Quirke (Anniv.)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00am 11.00am	Nicholas Guard (B'day Rem.) Martha Amoah (RIP)
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1. People of the Parish 2. John O'Riordan (RIP)
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am  9.30am	1. Michael Cleary (RIP) 2. Parishioners (Thanksgiving mass for Charles Ronayne fundraiser) <b>Devotion to Our Lady of La Salette</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am 9.30am	Joseph Mate (RIP) <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Patrick Joyce (Sick)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am 7.30pm	John Riordan (RIP) <b>Stations of the Cross Knights of St Colomba Group</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions John Riordan (RIP) Confessions John-Joe O'Donoghue (Anniversary)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Josephine Pinzon (Anniversary) People of the Parish Baptism of Michael & Michelle Baptism of Eden-Rose Obasuyi Baptism of King Ndooy Bokanga

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10.00am to 11.00am  
And from 5.30pm to 6.30 pm or by appointment.

### Parish Diary:

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30-10.30am	Confirmation Session- RE Room
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30pm	<b>SiLENT</b> sponsored silence in Youth Hall
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	12-1pm	<b>STP Youth</b> Coffee & Bake Sale-Meeting Rm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	6-7.30pm	Communion sessions & Parents Meeting Rm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10-11.30am	Communion sessions & Parents Meeting Rm
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12-1pm	Knights of St Colomba-Meeting Room

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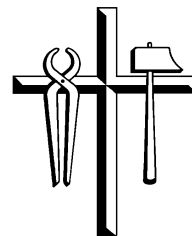
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**Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette:**

Fr.Edward Tredota MS, Fr Augustyn Hamielec MS

**Masses:** Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

**Confessions:** Saturday 8.30-9.00am, 5.00-5.30pm or by appointment



4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Reading's p 81

Response: *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*



What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them safely through the Red Sea, and led them to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of living in moral goodness and holiness embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God also gave Moses instruction for how his people were to worship him in holiness and he

instructed them to make a Tabernacle, which was also referred to as the "tent of meeting" where the people gathered to offer sacrifice and worship to God. The tent of meeting was later replaced by the construction of the temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament Scripture tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" - God's true Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do you thirst and hunger for God's holiness? [servantsoftheword.org](http://servantsoftheword.org)

**Please pray for our Sick:** Jerry Guthrie, Patrick Joyce, Jim Hayes, Valerie Brown, Theresa Brennon, Pat Lehane, Adrian Michael Harwood Smart, Stephen Fennell, Liz Costello, Bride Conroy, Fred Morrison, Iris Murlock, Keeley Jones, Connor O'Toole, Christopher Bone, Liam, O'Byrne, Pat Nyhan, Sylvie Squires, Charlie Magney, Matthew Clarke, Martin Mannion, John Kennedy, Mary Paule, Edmund Preshaw, Doreen Williams, Margaret McGeen, Michael McCarthy, Mark Asamoah, Martha Addai, Shirley, Jennifer and Amanda Owusu-Adeji, Mary Brogan, Christine Carter, Isabell Brown, Mary Jackman, Tammy Preshaw, John Joseph Mudad, Ann Stirling, Paddy Welch, Wendy, Freddy Murray, David Murray, Christopher Browne, Indie Carr, Tony Mehde, Rita & Bridget Delaney, Baby Jennifer Meyers, Noel Whelton. John Lill, Roz Dalgan, Denis Donovan, Alfie Jeyes, Pat Nye, baby Edward, Michael Morris, Josie Meehan, Malcolm Simmons

**Faithful Departed:** Kathleen Daly, John Riordan, Martha Amoah, Joseph Mate, Michael Cleary

**Birthday Remembrance:** Nicholas Guard, Connie Holloran,

**Special Intentions:** Patrick Joyce (Sick), Parishioners (Thanksgiving for Charles Ronayne Fun day Fundraiser), Theresa Brenan,

**Anniversaries:** Dominic Quirke, John-Joe O'Donoghue, Josephine Pinzon

Last Sunday	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Collection	£495.99	£526.37	£1022.36
CAFOD	£142.47	£96.52	£238.99
Standing Orders	£70 (average)		

**Second Collection this week** is for Parish Building Fund

**Second Collection next week** will be for Parish Building Fund

*Thank you very much for your offerings.*

**The Stations of the Cross** is a Lenten devotion to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. **Please join us on Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm.** This week Stations of the Cross will be led by Knights of St Colomba  
Next week – African Catholic Association

**Counter, Readers and Eucharistic Minister Rotas** for March and Holy Week available on parish website. [www.stpeterdagenham.co.uk](http://www.stpeterdagenham.co.uk)

**Thanksgiving Mass for Mr. Craft- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 11am.** As his departure after 14 years serving as head teacher of St Peters school comes to a close, we will be having a thanksgiving mass in gratitude for all the great work he has done for the school and with his past and present pupils. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the youth hall. Any donations of refreshments, please speak to either Marsha or Clara.

**STP Youth & Confirmation Group Coffee & Cake sale** this Sunday after mass in the meeting room. Please come and support our youth community to build their ministry in our church.

**Sponsored silence for SiLENT** -Million minutes **this Sunday** after 11am mass. It is not too late to take part and donate... come to the Youth Hall after mass and see Clara. Take time to give up the things that fill life with noise and restlessness. Not only will you allow time for silence, your sponsorship will make a real difference to young people without a voice, for whom silence isn't a choice.

*“Even amid the busyness and stress of our daily lives, we need to make space for silence...where we find God...and discover our true self” –Pope Benedict*

**First Holy Communion Parents Meetings** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

**Confirmation Candidates & Parents meeting** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March after 11am mass in the Youth Hall. We will be discussing oncoming Brentwood Visit and all other details leading up to Confirmation. It is important to attend this meeting.

### **Working Together to Evangelise Our Diocese**

The First Formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese has been published for some time now. It can be found at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net) and also on our parish website (First Formal Proposal). We need to send feedback before the end of March. The final text of our response will be presented on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March after 11.00am Mass.

### **Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please reply by 28<sup>th</sup> February if you wish to attend and if your Parish Priest would like to concelebrate.

**Mary's Meals News** We sent £150 earlier this month, donated by the people attending St Peters.

**“Double the Love” appeal** that ran for November and December 2017 was a great success with **£1.9 million** matched by their benefactors!

**Backpack Project** has given the 500,000 backpacks to delighted pupils in Malawi. **Thank you** for your continued support for this charity that is currently providing **1,230,171** of the world's poorest children with a daily school meal. Please see a copy of their acknowledgement letter in the porch.