

### Services in the Church and Mass Intentions

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	Confessions
	9.00am	Michael O'Donnell (Anniversary)
	1.00pm	Baptism of Elijah & Diamond St Luce
	5.00pm	Confessions
	5.30pm	Sheila Payne (RIP)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Emeka Ifediora (Memorial mass)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	1.Kathleen Daly (RIP) 2.Jim Hayes (Sick)
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	1. George Duval (Anniv. RIP) 2. Denis Donovan (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
	9.30am	<b>Devotion to Our Lady of La Salette</b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>ASH WEDNSDAY</b>	9.00am	Bella Thwaites (RIP)
	7.30pm	Thomas Daly (RIP)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	1. Joanie (RIP) 2. Mary Whelan (Anniv)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am 7.30pm	Patrick Joyce (Spec Int) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Nicholas Guard (RIP)
	1.00pm	Baptism of Ugochukwu Andre Ken Nnadi
	5.30pm	John & Bridget Connors (Anniv.)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Ada Nichols (RIP)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	African Mass

**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:

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12-4pm	Half Term Family Fun day-Youth Hall
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.00pm	Rite of Election (RCIA) –Brentwood Cath.
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Confirmation Session
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting - Presbytery

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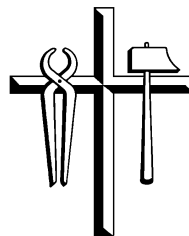
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**Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette:**

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



11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Response: *You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation*

Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They



were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of

his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well. [servantsoftheword.org](http://servantsoftheword.org)

**Please pray for our Sick:** 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, John Riordan, Roz Dalgan, Denis Donovan, Alfie Jeyes, Pat Nye, baby Edward, Michael Morris, Josie Meehan, Malcolm Simmons

**Faithful Departed:** Kathleen Daly, Bella Thwaites, Joanie, Jack, Sheila Hartnett

**Birthday Remembrance:** Molly McCarthy,

**Special Intentions:** Denis Donovan (Birthday), Fr William Mulcair MS,

**Anniversaries:** Marie Buckley, Dominic Quirke, Mary Whelan, Stephen & Ellen O'Brien

Last Sunday	Envelopes	Loose	Total
Collection	£582.30	£553.95	£1136.25
Building Fund	£72.90	£55.99	£128.89
Standing Orders	£70 (average) Crib Collection Envelopes £50		

**Second Collection this week** for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund

**Second Collection next week** is for our parish Building Fund

*Thank you very much for your offerings.*

**Gift Aid** Are you a Tax Payer? The parish can claim back Tax on your donations; an increase of an extra 25% from your offertory donation at no extra cost to you. Application forms to join the Gift Aid scheme are in the church porch.

**ACA (African Catholic Association)** Mass 12.30pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Church and **meeting only** held in Meeting Room every last Sunday after 11am mass. Everyone is welcome.



**Ash Wednesday** begins Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Easter. We remember Jesus' forty days in the desert. During this Lenten season, let us strive to turn from our selfish ways, draw closer to God and grow in compassion for all in need. In our parish the service of signing with the ashes will take place during 9.00 am and 7.30pm Mass.

On Ash Wednesday **abstinence and fasting** are to be observed. Abstinence means not eating meat. Fasting means that one eats only one full meal in a day, with no food in-between meals. It is understood that two other meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

**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 Ladies of La Salette.

Next week –Divine Mercy Group.

**Half Term Family Fun** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 12-4pm in the youth club hall. Sara Ronayne will be hosting and organising this fundraising event in memory of her late brother, Charles. Please come and support. **Free** entry and gift with the event flyer. Children are welcome to come in fancy dress. For more information, please look on our parish website.

**PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK.** On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr David Manson will be presenting a talk entitled 'Preparing for Holy Week'. This 'Gidea Park Faith Evening' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.