

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 10th Feb	St Scolastica, V
6.00 p.m.	M. Joseph (Rest in peace)
Sun 11th Feb	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (World Day for the Sick, and Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)
9.00 a.m.	All Parishioners
11.00 a.m.	Margaret, Harold, Katherine & Theresa Bryant (Foundations Mass)
Mon 12th Feb	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Julia Bannerman (Rest in Peace)
Tue 13th Feb	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed 14th Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY
9.15 a.m.	
7.00 pm	People of the parish
Thu 15th Feb	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
9.15a.m.	
Fri 16th Feb	Friday after Ash Wednesday
6.30 a.m.	
Sat 17th Feb	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
9.15a.m.	
6.00 p.m.	
Sun 18th Feb	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
9.00 a.m.	
11.00 a.m.	

Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Nicholas Graves, Kathleen Phillips, Benedicta Addo, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, and Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes.

Offertory 4th February 2024

Envelopes	£225.10
Loose plate	£461.99
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£1,044.21

Pews & Kneelers	
June-December 2023	£3,772.72
January 2024	£250.00
February 2024	£100.00
Total	£4,122.72

Coffee morning: £16.40; Kneelers: £100; Second collections: £170.06.



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B (11.02.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

The word *Vayikra* (the Hebrew name of the Book of Leviticus) means that God called Moses and His chosen people to holiness and purity. That is why the first reading teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolized by the precautions against contracting leprosy given in the first reading and by the healing of the leper described in the Gospel. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude towards leprosy and gives the rules for the segregation of lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32), the psalmist says: "*I confessed my faults to the LORD, and You took away my guilt.*" He teaches us that we become holy by confessing our sins and being reconciled with God every day. The psalm serves as a mini-treatise on reconciliation, covering the meaning of the spiritual leprosy of sin and showing how we are forgiven by a Sacramental encounter with God: "*I turn to You, Lord, in times of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.*" In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to become holy by doing "*everything for the glory of God*" and by showing sensitivity toward others who are different from us, rather than passing judgment on them. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust, inhuman social, ritual, and religious isolation and ostracism to which lepers were subjected.

Have a Blessed Week
Fr. John Victor.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the parish priest for more information.

Baptisms: By appointment. At least two months' notice is required. If you have a child to baptise kindly speak to the parish priest after Mass.

Family Mass Intentions: Those who need special prayers for your family, kindly write the details for family Mass intentions. (Find the papers at the rear of the Church). Kindly do not include RIP intentions.

Mission Appeal: The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are with us this weekend to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. Let us generously support them for their mission.

Stations of the Cross: If anyone likes to read the stations of the cross, kindly write your details in the paper provided at the rear of the Church.

Season of Lent: Let us be more prayerful and peace loving.

Lent	Day	Time
	Ash Wednesday	9.15 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.
Adoration	Sunday to Thursday	8.30 to 9.10 a.m.
	Saturday	9.45 to 10.30 a.m.
Adoration, Mass & Stations of the Cross	Every Friday	6.30 p.m.
Vigil Mass	Every Saturday	6.00 p.m.
Adoration & Confession	Every Saturday	9.45 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

World Day of Prayer: Ecumenical World Day of prayer takes place on Friday 1st March at Methodist Church, High Street South, East Ham E6 3PA. Those who would like to participate are welcomed.

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting you to take part in several activities during Lent: We have a photo challenge for all ages. Stations of the Cross for teenagers, a Giving Calendar to help collections for local foodbanks, suggestions on how to raise awareness for the homeless within Essex and East London and some great resources from charities such as SVP and CAFOD. All information and resources can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing sianthomas@brcdt.org.

Brentwood Cathedral Lent Lectures 2024: Talk One: Fr Timothy Radcliffe, OP, Wednesday 21st February, 7.30 pm. Talk Two: Fr Jan Nowotnik, Wednesday 28th February, 7.30 pm. Talk Three: Mr Austen Ivereigh, Wednesday 6th March, 7.30 pm. Talk Four: Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Wednesday 13th March, 7.30 pm. Free entry, all welcome. Further details on Brentwood Cathedral website: www.cathedral-brentwood.org.

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House: Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr 13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Lectionary Readings for Lent: Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org. Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk.

School Vacancies (for further details please see www.dioceseofbrentwood.net):

Deputy Headteacher – St Aidan's Primary School, Ilford: Deadline for applications: Friday 16th February 2024

School Chaplain – Ursuline Academy, Ilford: Deadline for applications: Friday 23rd February 2024.

Vacancies

Cleaner – Parish of St Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to loughton@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 16th February 2024. Further details on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net under Diocese – Vacancies.

Drawing a cheque: When you draw a cheque for the Parish, kindly write the following name: **Catholic Church, Manor Park.**

Counters' Rota					
Date	12/02/2024	19/02/2024	26/02/2024	04/03/2024	11/03/2024
Group	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark