

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 24th Feb	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
6.00 p.m.	People of the parish
Sun 25th Feb	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Camille, James nee Gabriel (Family Mass)
11.00 a.m.	Alfred Ojuri (Rest in Peace)
Mon 26th Feb	Monday of the First Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Cornelia Pothakey (Rest in Peace)
Tue 27th Feb	Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Julia Bannerman (Rest in Peace)
Wed 28st Feb	Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Deceased Relatives of Veronica
Thu 29th Feb	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE Feast
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 1st Mar	Friday of the First Week of Lent (Lent Fast Day)
6.30 p.m.	Seraphino Soares (Rest in Peace)
Sat 2nd Mar	Saturday of the First Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Mathew Family Intention
6.00 p.m.	People of the parish
Sun 3rd Mar	SECOND 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 11th February 2024

Envelopes	£305.10
Loose plate	£363.87
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£1026.09

Pews & Kneelers	
June-December 2023	£3,772.72
January 2024	£250.00
February 2024	£150.00
Total	£4,172.72

Kneelers £50.00.

January online donations: £60.00



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Second Sunday of Lent – B (25.02.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading explains how Abraham's obedience and faith were transformed to blind obedience and trusting faith in his God, when Yahweh saved Isaac from being sacrificed on Mount Moriah, making Abraham the Father of Faith. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks about the Mount Calvary transfiguration of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God when instead of saving him from death as He spared Isaac, God the Father permitted Jesus to die a shameful death by crucifixion, suffering horrible pain and humiliation. In other words, God showed His love for us by allowing the transformation of the glorious preaching and healing ministry of His Son to a tragic end – proving that God's love has no limits. In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah on the Mountain of Transfiguration, Tabor or Hermon. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. A third aim was to give Jesus the conviction that he will continue to be the Son of God, his loving Father, even during his suffering and death. Finally, by describing the theophany of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

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.

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
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.
Lenten Reconciliation	Monday	18/3/2024 at 6.30 pm

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.

40 Hours Blessed Sacrament Devotion: takes place at Saint John Vianney, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0JB. (Continuous Eucharistic Adoration) from 7am Saturday 16 March until 11pm Sunday 17 March 2024. If you can please Come and spend an hour or more with us praying before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in this very special devotion.

St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0JBCaritas 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.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for an SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and Classroom Support Assistants. These are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrgschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, www.stjohnsrgschool.co.uk.

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

Counters' Rota					
Date	26/02/2024	04/03/2024	11/03/2024	18/03/2024	25/03/2024
Group	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke