

| Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park |   |
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| <b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>                               | <b>Saturday of the Second Week of Lent</b>          |
| 6.00 p.m.   | People of the parish                                |
| <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b>                     |
| 9.00 a.m.   | Izzabella Anna Nimac (Rest in Peace)                |
| 11.00 a.m.  | Holy Souls  |
| <b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>Monday of the Third Week of Lent</b>             |
| 9.15 a.m.   | Vivica – speedy recovery                            |
| <b>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent</b>            |
| 9.15 a.m.   | Benedicta Addo (Rest in Peace)                      |
| <b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent</b>          |
| 9.15 a.m.   | Maria Gudalupe (Rest in Peace)                      |
| <b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>Thursday of the Third Week of Lent</b>           |
| 9.15a.m.  |   |
| <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>Friday of the Third Week of Lent</b>             |
| 6.30 p.m.   |   |
| <b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                 | <b>Saturday of the Third Week of Lent</b>           |
| 9.15 a.m.   |   |
| 6.00 p.m.   | Ivan Francis  |
| <b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                                | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) ('Laetare' Sunday)</b> |
| 9.00 a.m.   |   |
| 11.00 a.m.  | Tewa – Birthday Blessings                           |

#### Prayer List

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

#### Offertory 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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| <b>Envelopes</b>      | <b>£387.50</b>   |
| <b>Loose plate</b>    | <b>£279.33</b>   |
| <b>Standing order</b> | <b>£357.12</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>£1,023.95</b> |

| Pews & Kneelers    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| June-December 2023 | £3,772.72        |
| January 2024       | £250.00          |
| February 2024      | £100.00          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>£4,122.72</b> |

**Candle & repairs: £20.00; Second collections: £88.46; Repository: £170.00; Centenary T shirts: £65.00**



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### Third Sunday of Lent –B (03.03.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors. The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as our expression of Divine worship. Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. The synoptic Gospels place the "cleansing of the Temple" immediately after Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem on the back of a colt on Palm Sunday, while John places it at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "noisy marketplace" by the animal merchants and into a "hideout of thieves" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices – sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus constructed his own, a whip of cords, and used it to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

**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 |

**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/lentor](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/lentor) by emailing [sianthomas@brcdt.org](mailto:sianthomas@brcdt.org).

**Brentwood Cathedral Lent Lectures 2024:** Talk Three: Mr Austen Ivereigh, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm. Talk Four: Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm. Free entry, all welcome. Further details on Brentwood Cathedral website: [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org).

**40 Hours of Devotion (Continuous Eucharistic Adoration) – St John Vianney, Clayhall & The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham** 7am Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Solemn Mass of Exposition;

11pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. 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 0JB.

**Lunchtime Recital at Brentwood Cathedral:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March James Todd from the Royal College of Music will be giving a Lunchtime Organ Recital in Brentwood Cathedral. Programme tba.

**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](http://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](http://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk).

**Vacancy:** The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are recruiting a couple/two adults to support the nine elderly sisters who live in the main house. The role is residential in a two bedroom bungalow, adjacent to the main home in Colchester. Precise role, and salary are dependent on the skills of the successful applicants. For further information please contact [contactcrssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:contactcrssuk@canonesses.co.uk).

**Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage?** Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

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

| Counters' Rota |            |            |            |            |            |
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| Date           | 04/03/2024 | 11/03/2024 | 18/03/2024 | 25/03/2024 | 01/04/2024 |
| Group          | St Luke    | St Mark    | St Matthew | St Luke    | St Mark    |