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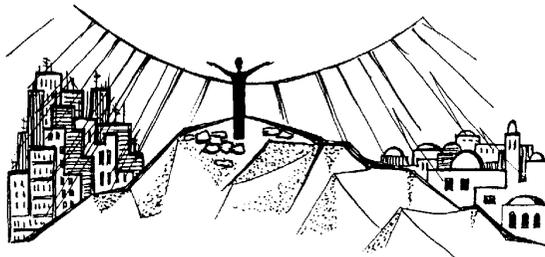
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Sunday
5th March
2017



1st Sunday of
Lent
(Year A)

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| Sat 4 th March | 10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm | Confessions Private intention (P&M Bennett) |
| Sun 5 th March | †10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Mon 6 th March | | Angela Page RIP (B Pattie) |
| Tues 7 th March | †9.30am | |
| Wed 8 th March | 1.30pm 2.30pm | Rosary Group Wednesday Club |
| Thurs 9 th March | †9.30am | |
| Fri 10 th March | †9.30am 7.30pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 11 th March | 10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm | Confessions Bridget McCreanor (S Wood) |

†Masses

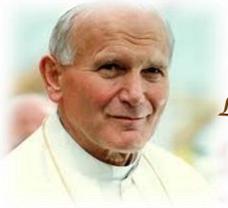
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Please join us for tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sunday.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe.

Pope John Paul II

Parish News & Events

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm.

CAFOD

There will be a short talk in aid of Cafod this weekend **4th/5th March** at both Masses and the Fast Day envelopes will also be handed out at both Masses. Please remember to return them on the week-end of **11th/12th March**. This year CAFOD are highlighting one of their partners in Zambia, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who have given a hardworking young mum enough small fish and tools to build a pool in order to farm fish. This allows her to earn enough money to send her children to school. With your help lots of young women like her can be helped to stand on their own feet.

'Inspire me to share the fruits of your creation so that all your people can become artisans of their own destiny. We pray for the Church that the Holy Spirit will inspire and challenge us to live out our call to be a poor Church for the poor'.

Children's Liturgy

Please remember that children's Liturgy will restart this Sunday **5th March**. This will be for all primary aged children. We respectfully ask that whilst sessions are in place, parents of babies or younger children use the foyer area at the front of the church to take youngsters if they are restless. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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Catenian Wine Tasting evening – postponed

Unfortunately, owing to a clash with a number of local events we are postponing the wine tasting to the spring. Details to follow.

Raising funds for EACH

There will be small gift items on sale if any children would like to come and buy some Mother's Day gifts for their mums during coffee after Mass on Sunday **19th March** and on **Sunday 26th March**. Any money raised will go to EACH hospice. East Anglia's Children's Hospices support families and care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions. This charity is close to the hearts of this parish as they supported the family of Connie Dickason who suffered from Edwards syndrome and continue to offer them support. Connie was cared for by the EACH True Colours Symptom Management Team of nurses and had a dedicated nurse just for her. The True Colours Team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and the family was supported by them during Connie's life. EACH relies solely on donations and is a lifeline for families caring for babies and children with life limiting conditions. Please come and support us.

Fairtrade

Don't forget it's Fairtrade week until **12th March** you should find FT goods on special offer in the supermarkets. The Co-op, Sainsbury's and Waitrose are particularly good for this. Remember – Make your break Fairtrade!

Thank You again to all who attended and helped to organise and run our Fairtrade event. From the raffle, refreshments, the cake sale and some generous donations we collected £101.30 and the Traidcraft stall took £243.

Free books

Free books are available in the church porch. Please pick one up.

Local News & Events

Churches Together in Stansted Lent Groups

The groups will be led by 4 of the local churches including one led by Des our deacon in training.

Meetings are on Wednesday evenings & begin with coffee at 7.45pm followed by talk & discussion until 9pm.

8th March led by St John's at the Rectory, St John's road.

15th March led by Des at our Parish Centre.

22nd March led by the Family Church at 27 Spencer Close

29th March led by the Free Church in the Free Church hall (by Millways)

Everyone is most welcome. Please join us.

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Diocesan News & Events

Validity London 10k run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Validity London 10K run on **29th May**. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Trustee wanted

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (based in Rayleigh) is looking for a new Trustee to join the Board. If you have accounting or finance skills and would like to join the talented Board of this wonderful diocesan charity please contact Steven Webb on 01268 784544 or swebb@bccs.org.uk

Lent lectures

At the Catholic Church hall, 11 Church Hill, Epping

- **The Privilege of Suffering on Monday 6th March** at 8.00pm
Dr Colin Harte will speak on suffering, as we find it difficult to cope with and understand. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ.
- **The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia on 13th March** at 8.00pm
Fr Alban McCoy OFM, Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, will speak on Pope Francis' reflection on the recent Synod of Bishops, on the family, and pastoral practice and moral issues.
- **Being a Catholic Doctor in 21st Century England & staying true to the Catholic Faith** - lessons for a lay Catholic on Monday **20th March** at 8.00pm
Dr Charlie O'Donnell FRCP, Consultant on Emergency Medicine & Intensive Care, will speak on the challenges facing doctors who follow Christian and moral principles on
All are welcome and admission is free.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood

This will be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power on Wednesday **15th March** at 2.30pm. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Fatima **24th April** - 4 days by air from Luton, £375 per person sharing including flights and half board in the 4* Hotel Lux Fatima – Contact Northern Star Travel on 0161 773 2115.

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