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*Sunday 7th
February
2016*



*5th Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
(Year C)*

Liturgy of the week

Sat 6th February	10.00 – 11.00am* 6.00pm	*Confessions Margaret Lynch (B Dalziel)
Sun 7th February	10.00am	Apolonia Babula RIP (E Moser)
Mon 8th February	9.30am	Paul Rosair RIP Anniversary (E Rosair)
Tues 9th February		No morning Mass today
Wed 10th February Ash Wednesday	9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Mass with Ashes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club Mass with Ashes
Thurs 11th February	9.30am	Giselle O'Hagan RIP (6 th Anniversary 04/02)
Fri 12th February	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Children of Chernobyl (V Calladine) Encounter Group ✠ Stations of the Cross
Sat 13th February	6.00pm	People of the Parish

LENT



Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. It is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar and signifies the beginning of Lent- the season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday and involves the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us.

There will be 2 Masses on Ash Wednesday with ashes at both.

"Faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit"

Pope Francis in his message for Lent

Stations of the Cross

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

Parish News & Events

Parish Meeting

Don't forget the next parish meeting is at 7.30pm this Tuesday **9th February**. We would like to see as many people as possible so please try to make it. Please come along if you are involved in any of the parish groups so that we can hear your feedback.

Encounter Group

Encounter meets next Friday **12th February** in the Parish centre.

'Chernobyl: the disaster is ongoing' Talk & discussion led by Carole Alabaster, leader of the Pembs. link of the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline.

10.00 Coffee; 10.30 meeting opens; 12.30 -2.00pm shared lunch.

All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: BS 652060

Upcoming Diocesan Second Collections

- **Lourdes Sick & Helpers funds**

Next weekend, **13th/14th February**, the 2nd collection will be for Lourdes Sick & Helpers funds. This goes to defray the expenses of the young people who volunteer to help the sick and disabled in Lourdes.

- **Lenten Fast Day**

On the weekend of **20th/ 21st February**, the 2nd collection will be for Lenten Fast Day. This is the second of the bi-annual Fast days the collection goes to CAFOD.

Collections for 30th / 31st January. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £441.82 (Gift Aid £246.20).

Bonus Ball Competition

The winners for January were:

2nd January – Annette Richardson with number 52

9th January - Lin Kilbey with number 48

16th January - Tony Rhead with number 38

23rd January - Frank D Anderson with number 24

30th January - David Horton with number 42

We have one Bonus Ball number left – please contact John Richardson on 01279817102 or email jrichardson1@btconnect.com



Whisky Tasting evening

In the Parish Hall on Saturday **5th March**. Tickets £12 (Please bring your own food). More information to follow.

Local News & Events

Stansted Family Café

The Family Café will be open on Sunday **7th February** & Sunday **21st February**. Everyone is welcome. This will be at the Day Centre from 10.00-11.30am.

Defibrillator Launch

7.30 for 8pm on Monday **8th February** at the Day Centre. An evening to launch the fixed defibrillator and to pay tribute to the work of Stansted First Responders. Refreshments available, all welcome. For more details please call 813579.

Music for Valentine's Day

A Granta Chorale concert featuring Purcell, Holst, Rutter and Monteverdi. At Saffron Hall, Saffron Walden, 7.30pm on Saturday **13th February**. For tickets call 01799 524002 or 0845 5487650 or go to www.saffronhall.com. Tickets available at the door.



Windmill Coffee Morning

Run by the Stansted Millers from 10.00am – noon on Wednesday **17th February** in the Day Centre. With Mill goods, Bric-a-brac, cake stall and raffle. Entry £2 which includes refreshments. All welcome.

To place a notice in this newsletter, please contact Anna on Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Diocesan News & Events

James Bond Charity Ball

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting a James Bond-themed Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Friday **12th February**. Tickets are priced at £50 per person and guests will enjoy a Martini Reception, a delicious 3 course dinner in the Crystal Dining Room, and various 007 themed surprises throughout the evening. There will be a charity raffle and silent auction as well as our own fun 'Casino Royale', and dancing. To reserve tickets, or to donate a raffle or an auction prize, please contact Julie 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Events at Clare Priory

• **Our Residential retreats "Rediscovering Sabbath in our lives"**

4.00 pm Tuesday 16th February to after lunch Thursday **18th February** (A really good way to begin Lent with a special focus of this time.)

• **Into a Silent Place**

On **23rd & 25th February**. This whole day will be spent in silence. As in the past we will hold these days on Tuesday and Thursday. We will continue to provide group support for those who are new to silent prayer and in addition individual one to one support for those who would find this helpful. The usual soup lunch will be provided. There will be two start times, 9.30am for those who wish to go to Mass and 10.30 for those who wish to come later.

Year of Mercy – Spring Events at Cathedral House Brentwood

- **Meeting the God of Mercy through the Sacraments** - Saturday **13th February**, 10.30am - Fr Martin Boland
- **Wrestling with forgiveness** - Saturday **5th March**, 10.30am - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon

(Please note Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon's talk has changed from 27th February)

Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

BCCS Quizzlympics

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding their Quizzlympics final on Saturday **19th March** in the Hall at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Many parishes have already held a Quizzlympics heat and therefore already have a team to represent them at the final. There are, however, a limited number of places available for those parishes who were unable to host a local quiz night. Teams must be made up of between 6 and 8 people over the age of 16 and the cost of entering a team is £50. Tea coffee and cake will be provided on the night but you are free to bring along your own drinks and nibbles. If you would like any further information or to enter a team, please call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk.