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Sunday
12th February
2017



6th Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
(Year A)

Sat 11th February	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions Jeff Mason RIP (P&H Bennet)
Sun 12th February	†10.00am	William Keith Kemp RIP (S Shutes)
Mon 13th February No morning Mass	11.00am	Requiem Mass for May Fuller
Tues 14th February	†9.30am	
Wed 15th February No morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 16th February	†9.30am	
Fri 17th February	†9.30am	
Sat 18th February	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions Adam Wood (S Wood)

† Masses

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St. Valentine

Little is known about the real Saint Valentine. According to romantic legend, he was a kind-hearted Roman priest who married young couples against the wishes of Emperor Claudius II, and was beheaded for his deeds on the 14th of February. Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on 14th February.

Parish News & Events

Fairtrade coffee morning

We are holding a Fairtrade event this Sunday **12th February** after 10.00am Mass. Please join us for Fairtrade cakes, biscuits, drinks, a stall of Commodities and Beautiful Gifts, plus a raffle, a game for the children and possibly a short film. This is an event to raise awareness but if we raise any money it will go to The Fairtrade Foundation. This organisation sponsors and organises Fairtrade co-operatives in developing countries. Their work enables impoverished families to send their children to school, have clean water, save for a solid house etc. A fair wage for a long day's work gives us coffee, tea, chocolate, fruit, even gold, which we can consume with a clear conscience.



Requiem Mass for May Fuller

The requiem Mass for May Fuller will be on Monday **13th February** at 11.00am. **There will be no 9.30am morning Mass on Monday.**

Deanery Day of Recollection

Saturday **4th March**, here at St Teresa's. Des Kelly to lead. "Begin with the Heart" (words of Pope Francis) see deskelly.org.

St. Theresa's Church online

Visit our website where you can find news on events, newsletters and much more or join us on Facebook for reminders of what is happening in our church.

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Felsted –UK Aid for Deprived Children (Ukraine)

Our local charity is very much in need of the following items to take on their lorry which will be leaving in March:

Toiletries, nappies, baby items, shoes, toys. Also pens, pencils, notebooks etc. for very poor children who will be starting school this year aged 7. There is a box in the church porch.

Thank you so much for your continuing generosity and if you wish to have more information please ring Brian or Eileen on 01279 812109.

National marriage week

Please keep in your prayers all couples in this parish and our diocese who are preparing for marriage, those celebrating significant anniversaries and those struggling with loss or facing difficulties in their married life. Please also consider whether you might be able volunteer for one of the organisations promoting marriage in our diocese. Marriage Care is looking for people who can help deliver marriage preparation programmes or train as relationship counsellors. Explore, which runs workshops in schools, is looking for couples who can talk to young people about marriage and answer their questions.

Contact marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org.



The Giving Machine

Have you missed out on raising a donation for our church because you forgot to click via the Giving Machine when shopping online? Install the Shop&Give tool on your laptop or desktop and never forget to raise a free donation again.

Pick up a reminder card in the church foyer.

Local & Diocesan News & Events

Teaching Vacancies at St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Bishop's Stortford

The Governing Body are currently advertising for a Key Stage 1 leader from September 2017 and a class teacher from September 2017. For more information, please contact the school or visit <https://www.teachinherts.com/>

Teaching Assistant at St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Bishop's Stortford

The Governing Body are currently advertising for an experienced and suitably qualified Teaching Assistant to work 25 hours per week supporting pupils with special educational needs from April 2017. For more information, please contact the school or visit <https://www.teachinherts.com/>.

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Catholic qualified teacher, St. Elizabeth's, Much Hadham

(full-time or part-time) A unique opportunity to help develop and promote the distinctive Christian ethos of a long established Catholic educational/social care charity, (School, College, Residential & Nursing Care). Excellent career opportunity and/or a unique chance to do something very special! Teachers' contract/pension – Excellent pay/benefits. See leaflet/poster on church notice board or visit "Working with us" at www.stelizabeths.org.uk. **Closing date 03.03.17.**

Diocesan Centenary Celebrations

As part of Centenary coverage this year, the Diocese are looking to find parishioners who have been in the Diocese for a very long time – perhaps even for the whole of its existence! If by any chance you are a very long-lived parishioner who might be able to talk about growing up in our Diocese, changes seen etc, please contact Mary Huntington at: mary@huntingtonhome.plus.com.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood

To be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday **22nd February**. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Vitality London 10k run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on **29th May**. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham this year is on **22nd July**. It is the focal point of our centenary celebrations as the official birthday of the Diocese is 20th July. Coaches will arrive at the RC Shrine between 10 and 11:30am. The itinerary for the day is then as follows:

We have been asked to appoint a Walsingham Representative for our parish to book the coach and organise the pilgrimage from our parish. If you are interested, please contact Anna Watkins.

The Bishop would like to see every parish in the diocese present at the pilgrimage.

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