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Sunday
29th January
2017



4th Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
(Year A)

Sat 28th January	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions Bernard Nelson RIP (T&M Rhead)
Sun 29th January	†10.00am	John-Paul Loughlin RIP 3rd Anniversary (Loughlin Family)
Mon 30th January	†9.30am	Ken Debroize RIP (T Aldridge)
Tues 31st January	†9.30am	
Wed 1st February	1.30pm	Service with Des Connors (Deacon in training)
Thurs 2nd February	†9.30am	Flora Murphy RIP (S McDowall)
Fri 3rd February	†9.30am	
Sat 4th February	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions People of the Parish

† Masses

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Des' Diary

A progress report from Des, our Deacon in training

I began my formal training to become a Deacon last September at St John's Seminary, in Womersley which is in Guildford.

The training lasts three years and involves undertaking a foundation degree in Pastoral Ministry affiliated to St Mary's University in Twickenham. There is generally one attendance a month, with some additional residential weekends and retreats throughout the year.

My studies so far this year have included, Theology, Scripture and currently Sacraments and Liturgy. Most of the assignments involve essays on a given subject with a word limit of generally 2,000 words. This has meant having to learn a whole new world of such things as Bibliographies, referencing and how to structure an essay according to university rules.

It has been a very steep learning curve but also a very enjoyable one. I have also had to produce PowerPoint presentations on Theology and in particular Divine Revelation.

The normal format of the day at the Seminary is tea and coffee first thing in the morning, followed by Lauds (Morning Prayer), in the Chapel. There then follows general notices for the students (1st, 2nd and 3rd year students), before going straight into lectures.

After lunch, there is time for each Diocese to have Diocesan time with the formation team from our own Diocese to talk things through, see how we are getting on and a discussion around all things Brentwood and the Diaconate.

Then it's back into lectures before finishing the day off with Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the Chapel. The course involves a lot of study at home and strict deadlines around completion of assignments and essays. The tutors are all really helpful but are also incredibly strict around the coursework which for most of us who haven't set foot in a classroom for over 30 years was a culture shock I can tell you.

I have been quite pleased with my assessment results so far and have learnt so much in such a short space of time already.

The 1st year ends for me this June and I can't believe how quickly the time has gone. I will keep you updated with how things are progressing and hope you will remember me in your prayers.

God Bless,

Des

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*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of
heaven."*

Matthew 5:3

Parish News & Events

Service lead by Deacon Des Connors

On Wednesday 1st February at 1.30pm, there will be a service lead by Des Connors. Everyone is welcome.

Requiem Mass for May Fuller

The requiem Mass for May Fuller who sadly died last week will be at 11am on Monday **13th February**.

Dates for your diary

- **Fairtrade Fun!** The Fairtrade event this year will be after 10 am Mass on Sunday **12th February**. Come for Fairtrade cakes, biscuits, drinks, Brenda Veitch's Fairtrade 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. Look for the logo.

Help!! Are there any kind hearted souls who would help with this Fairtrade event? Some things to be done include – giving out leaflets after mass, making a cake with some Fairtrade ingredients, selling raffle tickets, serving cakes. I will be playing the organ and would love some assistance. Frances: 850 460. franroberts53@btinternet.com

- **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.

Second Collection

There will be a Parish Second Collection next weekend, **4th / 5th February**.

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Children's Liturgy

We are very fortunate that Ann Cassidy-Jones (Deputy Head at St. Joseph's School and Head of RE) has offered to oversee the Children's Liturgy which means that the sessions will soon resume. In order for us to have regular sessions, we will need volunteers. Please get in touch with Anna Watkins on: Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you are able to join our rota of helpers.

The Giving Machine

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Diocesan news & events

Mass for the Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3pm on Sunday **5th February**, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

BCCS is hosting a Charity Quiz Night on Saturday **25th February** at the Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School. The format for the event will be teams of 8 people at a cost of £7.50 per person, with all funds raised going to [bccc](http://bccc.org). The evening will start promptly at 7pm, with a short break halfway through and finish around 10pm; you are invited to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please contact Julie Abbot – jabbott@bccc.org.uk 01268 784544 / 07912277413 to book your places (all teams must be pre-booked) or to request a Fundraising Quiz Pack for running your own quiz night in your parish for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017

Bishop Alan will lead our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from **23rd – 28th July**. The cost per person - full board and flights - is £695. Booking information will appear very soon. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year is a wonderful way to celebrate the centenary of our diocese. There will be morning flights available for clergy on Monday 24th July.