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The devil and temptation

Dear friends in Christ

This weekend we reach the First Sunday of the season of Lent and in the Gospel we hear of the episode of Jesus being tempted in the desert by the devil. The temerity of the devil is truly incredible, in that he not only has the nerve to enter uninvited into the presence of Jesus, but he also quotes the Holy Scriptures to him as part of his attempt to deflect him from his mission of salvation. So if the devil had the sheer nerve to be so brazen with our Lord, it should be obvious that he is always going to try to tempt us away from our Lord through sin. Of course, we can never blame the devil or anyone else for our sins, we are solely responsible for them ourselves. Whatever we need is the strength to resist the temptations that will always come our way.

This is why the season of Lent is such a wonderful time of growth and renewal for us and a gift from God by way of the Church. To achieve that spiritual growth requires prayer and sacrifice of course, hence a share in the carrying of the cross. Once again, let us ask the prayers of our Blessed Mother, that we may make the best use of the time available in this holy season.

Extra prayer and devotions for Lent

Starting this coming week we will have Stations of the Cross directly after the morning Mass for those who are able to stay and on Friday evening we continue to have the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7.00pm followed by Stations of the Cross. All welcome.

Diocesan vision and planning

The next stage in our process will be a meeting between the three clergy involved in the proposed partnership, namely, myself, Fr Paul and Fr Eduard and this will be on Monday the 18th of March. This will be followed in due course by meetings involving the laity. More news later.

Following the Franciscan Saints

A limited number of places are still available for this wonderful pilgrimage honouring such great saints as Padre Pio and Saint Francis, amongst others. We would stay in both San Giovanni and Assisi for 3 nights each, in 4* hotels and flying with BA and organised by Anam Cara travel. The cost will be £899pppn sharing. The departure date is the 14th of September. Booking forms are available from Cathy Lockwood.

God Bless you all, Fr Eamonn

Our Lady of Canvey Liturgical Timetable

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday 9th March

5:15pm: Confessions 6:00pm Mass: Pro Populo

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10th March

9:15am: Confessions 10:00am Mass: Christine Hefford (RIP)

Feria

Monday 11th March

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Kate Bristow (Ints)

Stations of the Cross

Feria

Tuesday 12th March

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Wendy (Ints)

Stations of the Cross

Feria

Wednesday 13th March

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Ted Martin (RIP)

Stations of the Cross

Feria

Thursday 14th March

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Sheila Collett (RIP)

Stations of the Cross

Feria

Friday 15th March

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Lorna Anderson (RIP)

Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers for Healing

7:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross

Feria

Saturday 16th March

5:15pm: Confessions 6:00pm Mass: Purita Uy (RIP)

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 17th March

9:15am: Confessions 10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

Goodwill Club – The Goodwill Club have now started in the Parish hall. They will be in there every Friday from 7-10pm & it is open to anyone who is interested. Entrance fee is £3 & they do different things each week which are bingo, sequence dancing & much more & they even do holidays & day trips out. They currently have around 40 people attending. Your first session to try it is completely **FREE** so come along & find out more!

St Vincent De Paul (SVP) – The SVP have space available for new members. Anyone interested in joining the SVP please give your contact details to Fr Eamonn who will pass this on to a member who will then contact you. They meet every two weeks in the Parish meeting room for a maximum of one hour. For more information on what the SVP do please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/what-we-do>

Friendship Club – The Friendship Club meet the last Friday of each month in the Parish meeting room at the back of the Parish office 1:15-3:00pm & are a group of ladies that come together for a chat with tea/coffee & cakes/sandwiches provided.

Legion of Mary – The Legion of Mary meet every Monday morning in the Church at 10:30am following Mass. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested in or would like more information on what is involved please contact Cathy on 01268 691323.

Offertory Collection – The Offertory collection for the weekend was **£390.48** of which **£207.50** was Gift Aided. Many thanks for your generous donations.

Restructuring our Diocese – The February e-bulletin is at the back of the Church for anyone to read. If you need a copy please just ask the Parish office. This document can also be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/stewards-of-the-gospel/current-e-bulletin/>

Altar Servers – We would love to have more children serve on the Altar so have put some facts in the newsletter about what it entails. On Tuesday 19th March when there is Feast Day Mass at St Joseph's School Dennis Williams will talk more to the children about this as well. If your child is interested please talk to Fr Eamonn or Dennis Williams.

500 Club – Congratulations to 275 – Marie McDonagh & 66 – Winnie Holland on winning the February draw.

SVP – Many thanks for the generous donations last week for the SVP 2nd collection we had a fantastic £171.30 so many thanks.

Sacred Heart Winter Night Shelter - An interview with Fr Graham Smith about the Winter Night Shelter at Sacred Heart Church, Southend-on-Sea will be broadcast on the BBC Essex Breakfast Show on Sunday 17th March. The show is on from 7.00am to 9.00am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND - Carol Tebbitt, Ernie McSweeney, Joan Dettke, Elizabeth Roche, Peter Brand, Peggy Fearn, Kit Kilford, Doreen Hind, Meryl Ponder, Kathy Rose, Shirley Chrichton, Joseph Sullivan, Maureen Pring, June Fen, Elizabeth O'Connell, Fr. Jean-Laurent Marie, Clare Ashford, Pat Collins, Joseph Pisani, Edward Horton, Patrick O'Brien, Peter Holland, Michael De Cruz, Lorraine Ballin, Matt Bynorth, Marie McDonagh, Winnie Holland, Dorothy Feary, Bridie George, Michael Lamberti, Maureen & Eddie Preshaw

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Anniversary Concert: We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio '**The Priests**' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on Saturday 15th June 2019 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under **Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events**. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Blues Brothers Tribute Act Summer Garden Party – On Saturday 29th June the Parish will be hosting a Blues Brother's Tribute Act Summer Garden Party from 1.30-5.30pm. Entertainer Gary Allen has recently started up a Blues Brothers tribute act along with another fellow entertainer so we have booked them for this hugely popular act. This will be hosted in the Parish garden similar to the 80s celebration & we will have a BBQ & Pimms available & we also invite anybody who would like to set up stalls in the hall that day. Anybody who wishes to run a stall please let one of the Social Committee know whether it be cakes, brik a brak or anything else. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult & £3 child as we would need to just cover the cost of the entertainer & BBQ. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Charity football match; if you are 16-27 and want to be part of a Lourdes fundraiser, the charity football match details are at www.bcys.net/events. 13th July, Dagenham. Last year the youth beat the leaders 6-2; can the leaders regain their pride in 2019?! Spectators are very welcome.

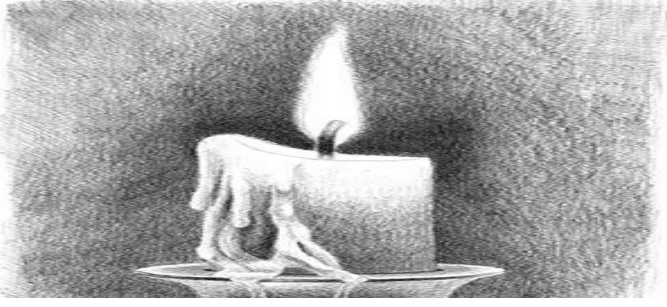
Sponsored sleepout; can you give one night of your life to change nights for others next winter? Since November hundreds of people in Essex and East London have found warmth, food and shelter in church halls and other projects supported by our church. Could you get sponsors (anything from £10 to £1000 – every penny helps) and sleep outside for one night to help support this work next winter? Sleepout Fri 12th- Sat 13th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Full details at www.bcys.net/events.

“Be still in the presence of the Lord” – for adults, a long weekend of peace, stillness, prayer and reflection in the beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. From Friday to Monday 9th – 12th or 23rd – 26th August. A simple programme of morning and evening prayer, Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation; all optional, use your time as you wish. Maximum of 18 people. All rooms en-suite. £200 single room, £250 twin room, for three nights' accommodation and all meals. Email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 373959 and ask for Joe.

Grotto Water Feature Memorial Garden – There will be a water feature memorial garden next to the Grotto & Parishioners can purchase a plaque with their loved ones name on that will be in the ground next to the water feature. The price for each plaque will be £12 & there is a list at the back of the church for you to put your loved ones name down. When the water feature & garden is ready for the plaques to go in we will then put a note in the newsletter asking for payments. There is also a photo of the water feature next to the list.

Fencing – We are having a new fence at the front of the Church which goes all the way along from the car park. We are kindly asking for sponsorship for each panel which is £20. We already have 5 sponsored & are looking for 10 more.

*The Sanctuary lamp burns for
Kate Bristow Ints & Meryl Ponder Family Ints*



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Catholic Singles is an organization - Helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Aylesford 2019 – Date for your diary. Aylesford has been booked for Saturday 8th June this year so save the date. More details will follow.

Irish Night – Pre - St Patrick's Day Party on Saturday 9th March 2019. Music by Dave White. Tickets on sale after all masses **NOW** price £7 or phone 07885577342.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – The list is at the back of the Church for Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. If you would like to attend please make sure you put your name down. The list will be there until Wednesday 13th March so please make sure your name is on the list so that you don't miss out. The Afternoon Tea is Saturday 13th March 3.30-4.30pm.

Moving into Catholic Education - Saturday 6th April 2019 from 11am to 2pm at SION Centre, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX. Free parking on site. A networking event for all those working in schools that are not Catholic who would like to find out more about working in Catholic schools. Join with other teachers and school leaders to discuss the benefits and joys of working in Catholic schools, as well as discussing challenges and barriers. Register Interest: <http://tiny.cc/movetocatholiced>

Zumba kid's classes - Are designed exclusively for children aged 4-6 years and 7-11years to combine music, movement and community in a class. These are high energy and packed with specially choreographed child-friendly routines with music children will love. Zumba kids inspires children to express themselves through movement and play while effectively improving their overall health and well-being. These classes suit all abilities and includes dance, music and games. Classes starting 11th March in the Parish hall. Class times: 4-6 years 4.15-5.00pm £5, 7-11 years 5.15-6.15 £5.50. Contact Jemma on 07985275025 for more information.

Father's Day – We will be showing the 1966 World Cup in the hall with breakfast bap & tea/coffee & this will be directly after Mass on the Sunday 16th June. There will be a list at the back of the church for you to put your name down nearer the time.

Coffee Morning for Chris Zambra – On Sunday 7TH April the Coffee Morning will be hosted for Chris Zambra's 50th birthday as Chris will be 50 years old on the 9th April. Please come along to celebrate all welcome.



THE NEXT COFFEE MORNING IS THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE COFFEE MORNING ON SUNDAY 17TH MARCH AFTER MASS

Parish Events

- Saturday 9th March – Irish Night with Dave White (7.30pm - til Late)**
- Sunday 17th March – Social Committee Coffee Morning – (After Mass)**
- Saturday 30th March – Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea (3.30-4.30)**
- Sunday 7th April – Coffee Morning for Chris Zambra 50th Birthday (After Mass)**
- Sunday 28th April – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Saturday 4th May – Senior Citizens Quiz Night for Parish (7.30pm til late)**
- Sunday 5th May – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 19th May – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 2nd June – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Saturday 8th June – Aylesford Parish Pilgrimage**
- Sunday 16th June – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Saturday 29th June – Blues Brothers Tribute Act Summer Garden Party – (1.30-5.30)**
- Sunday 7th July – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 14th July – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 6th August – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 1st September – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 15th September – Senior Citizens Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 22nd September – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Saturday 5th October – Senior Citizens Quiz Night (7.30-Late)**
- Sunday 6th October – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 13th October – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 27th October – Senior Citizens Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 10th November – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 17th November – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)**
- Sunday 1st December – Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner**
- Sunday 7th December – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)**

Questions of the Catholic Faith

Did Christ have a true human body?

Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason why Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

What does the heart of Jesus exemplify?

Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. His Heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which he loves the Father and each one of us.

What is the meaning of the expression "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit...?"

This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:35).

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Deanery Lenten talks 2019

As previously stated, since I am the Dean of Southend the lot falls to me to organise this year's Deanery Lenten talks, a task I am happy to fulfil. The schedule for this year's Lenten talks, which all take place in Nazareth House on Wednesdays at 7.30pm is as follows:-

13th March	Fr Angelus Houle, "Spiritual warfare"
27th March	Mark Lambert, "the Culture of Life vs the Culture of Death"
03rd April	Fr Andrew Forsys, "The healing power of Confession"
10th April	Fr Jeff Woolnough, "Mary at the foot of the Cross"

All are welcome and the sacrament of Confession will be available with numerous priests being in attendance and available.

Healing Mass of the Resurrection (Family Tree)

The next Healing Mass of the Family Tree takes place in Our Lady of Canvey this coming Tuesday, the 12th of March, starting at 7.00pm with the holy rosary. My priest friend Fr Angelus will be staying with us a few days and might well join us for the Mass. The full schedule is as follows:

7.00pm	Holy Rosary, and prayers before Mass
7.30pm	Holy Mass
8.15pm (approx.)	Adoration, prayers and healing prayer

After the previous Mass, a number of people later reported that they had received powerful spiritual healing experiences during the Mass. Those who wish draw a sketch up of their family lines and bring it to the Mass are welcome to do so, although this is not obligatory. All welcome.



An **altar server** is a lay assistant to a member of the clergy during a Christian liturgy. An **altar server** attends to supporting tasks at the **altar** such as fetching and carrying, ringing the **altar** bell, among other things.

Why are Altar Servers important?

Altar Servers. Altar servers are a vital part of the liturgical ministry. They are vital because altar servers perform not just a functional role but a symbolic role and symbolism is the language of worship. ... The role of the Altar Server is to assist the Priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass.

What are the duties of an Altar Server in the Catholic Church?

An Altar server can assist in worship by carrying a processional cross, lighting candles, holding the Gospel book, holding candles or "torches", assisting a deacon or priest set up and clean up at the altar, swinging a censer or thurible or carrying the incense boat, handing the offering plates to ushers, and many other ...

What do Catholic Altar Servers wear?

All who wear an alb should use a cincture and an amice, unless the form of the alb makes these unnecessary. Servers often wear cassock and surplice, with black and red being the most common colours for a server's cassock.

What is the purpose of an Altar Server?

In many Christian denominations, an **altar server** is anyone who performs ceremonial duties such as lighting altar candles. In others, the term is used for one who has been inducted into a particular liturgical ministry, even when not performing those duties.

By becoming an altar server you'll be meeting up with many of the same people every time you serve at Mass. With a great range of ages and experiences, you'll meet some fantastic people you'd probably meet nowhere else. As your friendship develops, you'll end up having many friends who all share your faith and this can lead to some brilliant conversations and great memories.

Communication, teamwork, perceiving what needs to be done and doing it, punctuality, self-confidence, and the list goes on. Serving on the altar is a great place to start building these skills. You're supported by all your fellow servers, you have quite a large responsibility and rules to guide you. Even if you do something wrong, nobody in the congregation notices so basically it's always a winning situation!