

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Funeral of Brendan Nelson** will take place at the **Parish of Our Lady & St Vincent Catholic Church, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar** at **12 noon on Monday 28th March**. We will continue to keep the family in our prayers.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022:** This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity and worth. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for many people. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

**First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates:** **Mar.** 20th, 27th, **Apr.** 24th, **May** 8th, 22nd, **Jun.** 5th, 12th at 10.15am, Saturday 18th June Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 10am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sunday 19th June @ 3pm Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

**The Parish quiz** will take place at 8.15pm on Friday 1st March. The delay time is to allow time for those who are attending The Stations of the Cross for Lent. Everyone of any level is welcome to join this social event. Teams of 6, but, if you are attending alone, you will be matched with a team. £5 per person towards Parish Developments. This is the link:

Friday 1st April 2022 8.15PM  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/837832138352>  
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Meeting ID: 837 8321 3835  
Passcode: 815653

**100 Club:** subscriptions for the April draw on 1st April are due in next weekend at all Masses or at the presbytery by **Wednesday 30th March** at the latest. New members welcome

**Christian Stewardship:** (20th March 2022)  
**Envelopes:** £225. **Loose:** £259.79 **Contactless:** £115.88 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.



**Mothering Sunday: Congratulations to all our mothers and potential mothers. We, your children assure you of our profound appreciation of all you did or are doing for us and all you continue to do. We love you above all else!**

## March Diary

Sunday 27 March: **Mothering Sunday** will be celebrated at all Masses. (Flowers will be shared at the end of all Masses by the Priests)

**Clock goes forward today to mark the beginning of BST**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism (None in March)**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**

8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night** followed by **100 Club Draw**

Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross** at 11.30am & 6.30pm followed by Masses at 12 noon and 7pm respectively.

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**COMPLAINED FATHER DEAD**      **SONS LIFE DEBAUCHERY**

**PIGS BELLY HUSKS KISSED CALF FEAST ELDER ANGRY BROTHER**

We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy," she said, "Can we leave now?" "No" her mother replied. "Well, I think I have to throw up!" "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." After about 60 seconds the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" Mom asked. "Yes." "How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?" "I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the Sick'."



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**+ 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), Year C**  
**27th March 2022**

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

### Reflection for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

In the gospel reading this Sunday, we are called to reflect on reconciliation and the mercy of God. The readings remind us of the new life we ought to have due to Christ's sacrifice - the basis of our being reconciled to God. In today's 2nd reading (II Cor 5, 17-21), Paul tells us that we are "Christ's product of reconciliation." That Christ was the one who took the first initiative of having us reconciled to God. In order words, owing to sin, we were cut off from God and not even qualified to be called God's children but through the sacrifice of Christ we became His adopted children and a people washed clean of all defilements. So, we are all equally children of the same father by virtue of this costly sacrifice and the water of baptism. In today's gospel (Luke 15,1-3. 11-32), Jesus through the story of the prodigal son reassures us of the readiness of God to welcome and restore us to our lost glory. Jesus himself demonstrated this by identifying with (us) sinners without himself sinning. He tells us: "*I do not delight in the death of the sinner, rather let him repent and live*" (Ezek 18, 32)." As a father, God yearns to have us back in spite of our sins. Thus, he beckons on us: "*come let us settle the matter, though your sin is as red as scarlet they will be white as snow...*" (Isa. 1,18ff). Therefore, this season we must constantly re-evaluate our actions, ways and then in humility say like the prodigal son: "I have sinned against heaven and earth;" against you Father who for my sake allowed Jesus to die that I might be reconciled to you; of course, against you my brethren, whom I offend every day. This is what Paul means when he appeals to us to be reconciled to God. He simply asks us to renounce our sins like the prodigal son, by casting away all shame and pride in order to make peace with God through Jesus who is the "*Universal Sacrament of Salvation*." This Lent therefore, let us take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation made available to us by God through Christ and administered by His Church in order to be reconciled to God.

### Mass Times & Intentions

**27th March – 2nd April 2022**

**Sat Vigil Mass:** Fr Kevin McDevitt, Agnes & Michael Heneghan, Mary Slattery, Bill Ronan, Ann Fitzgerald, Kathleen Lynagh **(RIP)**, Sharon Gaudio, Bridget O'Connell (month's mind), Michael Brennan **(ANN)**

**Sun 27th 9:00am:** Fr Kevin McDevitt, Patricia Etim-Bassey, Otuanwan Ekpenyong-Oku, Ekanem Oku-Kurz, Bill Ronan **(RIP)**, Desmond Coker-Davies **(ANN)**, Babs Kavanagh (90th birthday), Stella Anakor **(INT)**

**11:30am:** Fr Kevin McDevitt, Mary Slattery, Bridie McDaid, Anne, Chris & Anne Nevin, Ann Fitzgerald, Bridget Walsh, Michael O'Shea **(RIP)**, Agnes & Michael Heneghan, Peter & Mary Hehir (48th), Mesfin & Michael Zeray **(ANN)**, Family Etukudoh, Margaret Reilly (birthday), Babs Kavanagh (90th birthday) **(INT)**

**6:30pm:** Fr Kevin McDevitt, Brendan Nelson, Bill Ronan **(RIP)**, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy, , Fr Aodh O'Haplin, Cillian Edwards **(INT)**

**Mon 28th 12 noon:** Joe Brickley, Alan Mullee, Carmel Daly, Ita McKenna, Ann Fitzgerald **(RIP)**, Mick Perren, Agnes & Michael Heneghan **(ANN)**, Michelle Conkle, Bridie Ronan, Babs Kavanagh **(INT)**

**Tue 29th 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli **(RIP)**, Carlo Avanzi, Agnes Heneghan, Sharon Gaudio, Muriel Minnear **(ANN)**, Mary O'Gorman, Michelle Conkle, Babs Kavanagh (90th birthday) **(INT)**

**Wed 30th 12 noon:** Ivy Coelho, Billy Ronan **(RIP)**, Anthony Beattie **(ANN)**, Babs Kavanagh (90th birthday) Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho **(INT)**

**Thur 31st 12noon:** Kathleen Lynagh, Churchill Blain **(RIP)**, Michael Brennan **(ANN)**

**Fri 1st 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction.

**6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass **For the people of Ukraine & all conflict areas**

**Sat 2nd St Francis of Paola 12 noon:** Memorial Mass For Gerard Lennon



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikuku, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeane, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert

**Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**

**Parish Priests:** Fr. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

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**Pastorals/Devotions:** Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am

**Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday**

**Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

**Mission Statement:** To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

*Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...*



# TODAY’S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 33)

**R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

**R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

**R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.

**R.**

## SECOND READING Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**  
**I will leave this place and go to my father and say:**  
**‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

## GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you all in sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Sun. 6.30pm	Tracey Mullett	Joseph Ogbonna

## The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

**Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church’s Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### 2nd April St Francis of Paola

Francis, named after St Francis of Assisi, was born in the town of Paola in 1416. Aged 13, he entered a friary of the Franciscan Order for a year, to fulfil the vow made by his parents after he recovered from a swelling that endangered his sight in one eye. After going on pilgrimages with his parents, he lived in seclusion, giving himself to prayer and mortification In 1436, he and 2 companions began a community that became the Minim friars. Abstinence from meat and other animal products became a "fourth vow" of his religious order, along with the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. In 1474 Pope Sixtus IV gave him permission to write a rule for his community, He founded several new monasteries in Calabria and Sicily and also established monasteries of nuns, and a third order for people living in the world, after the example of Francis of Assisi. At the request of dying King Louis XI of France, the Pope ordered him to France, as the King felt he could be cured by Francis. Louis' son Charles VIII, became Francis' friend and endowed several monasteries for the Minims. Francis spent the rest of his life at the monastery of Plessis, France, which Charles built for him. Francis died there on Good Friday, 2 April 1507, and was canonised in 1519.

### THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children’s Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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