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4th Sunday in Lent – Year B

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as "Laetare Sunday," with "Laetare" meaning "rejoice" in Latin, taken from the entrance antiphon for the day. This Sunday marks a brief pause in the penitential character of Lent, inviting believers to rejoice in the coming celebration of Easter, even amidst the somberness of the Lenten season.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday from John 3:14-21, Jesus speaks to Nicodemus about the purpose of his coming into the world. He uses the analogy of Moses lifting up the serpent in the desert, referring to an event from the Book of Numbers (Numbers 21:4-9), where those bitten by snakes were healed by looking upon a bronze serpent lifted up by Moses. In the same way, Jesus foretells his own lifting up on the cross, which will bring salvation to all who believe in him.

The passage highlights the profound love of God for the world, expressed through the sending of his Son. Jesus came not to condemn but to save, offering eternal life to those who believe in him. However, it also emphasises the human response to this offer of salvation. Belief in Jesus brings salvation, but refusal to believe leads to condemnation.

This passage challenges us to examine our own response to Jesus' invitation to believe in him. Laetare Sunday reminds us to rejoice in the light of Christ's love and to embrace the hope of salvation that he offers to all who believe.

Mothering Sunday, which falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent in some Christian traditions, has a rich history within the Catholic Church. Originally, Mothering Sunday was a day for Christians to return to their "mother church" or the main church in their area for a special service. Over time, it evolved into a day to honour mothers and maternal figures.

Within the context of Lent, Mothering Sunday offers a unique opportunity for Catholics to reflect on the theme of motherhood in relation to the spiritual journey. Just as biological mothers nurture and care for their children, the Church, often referred to as our spiritual mother, provides guidance, support, and nourishment for our souls. Moreover, Mothering Sunday can be a time to reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary, the ultimate model of motherhood. Mary's love, faithfulness, and obedience to God's will serve as an inspiration for us as they strive to live out their own vocations and relationships with God.

In addition, Mothering Sunday serves as a reminder to honour and appreciate the maternal figures in our lives, whether they be our own mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, or other

women who have played a nurturing role. It is a time to express gratitude for their love, sacrifices, and support.

Ultimately, Mothering Sunday within the context of Lent invites us to reflect on the profound gift of motherhood, both earthly and spiritual, and to deepen their appreciation for the maternal love that sustains and nurtures them on their journey of faith.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 4 (Lent)
Lectionary Sunday Year B: Week 4 of Lent

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

On Tuesday 19th March, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7pm.

RETIRING COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND for EASTER LILIES

There will be a box for you to place a list of names of deceased relatives and friends. Their names will be put in a burse before the altar at Easter and Mass will be celebrated for them on Easter Sunday. All donations for Church flowers.

COFFEE MORNING

This Sunday, 10th March after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Bacon rolls will be served. All are welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, Friday evenings at 6.30pm and 12pm on Sunday (in Romanian).

PRAYER GROUP MEETING DATE

LECTIO DIVINA – every Friday during Lent after morning Mass in the hall. Our focus will

be on the Passion of the Lord according to St Mark.

LENTEN ALMS & INTENTIONS

Pieces of paper are available at the back of the Church to be placed in the basket at the Sanctuary for our Lenten intentions. We will be donating our Lenten Alms to Aid to the Church in Need's for Christians in Gaza. The red fire extinguisher will be used for the collection.

QUIZ NIGHT- 15 MARCH, 7.30pm

Please complete a form found in the porch. £10 pp includes nibbles. 6 to a table. Bring your own drinks.

EASTER HAMPER TO BE WON

Tickets on sale from this weekend. £1 per ticket. Proceeds for the Church Maintenance Fund.

YOUTH SVP COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE- SUNDAY 24th MARCH

After 9.30am and 11am Masses. The Youth SVP group will be holding a second coffee morning for the Parish, as part of a Lenten fundraiser for Redbridge Food Bank. There

will be an opportunity to donate food items or make a financial donation to this cause. Please join us to support the young people of the parish.

REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK DONATIONS

As part of the Youth SVP Lenten initiative, food donations will be collected each weekend. Please place any items in the box located in the porch. A list of the most needed items can be found on the box or the flyers at the back of the church.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES

AFTERNOON CLUB - is meeting on Wednesday 13 March in the hall.

LENTEN TALKS

At Brentwood Cathedral, all at 7.30pm.
Wed 13 March Bishop Nicholas Hudson.
Please see poster in porch for more details.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk.

40 HOURS DEVOTION

40 hours of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration during Lent (night and day except during Mass) the weekend of 16-17 March at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0HE, with Mass of Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 7am on the Saturday and ending with Benediction at 11pm on the Sunday.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next programme in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

"AWAKE LONDON"

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 16th March 2024 from 11am to 5 pm led By Fr. David Waller and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

CARITAS NETWORKING DAY

Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

There are vacancies at a number of Catholic schools. Please see notice in the porch if you are interested in becoming a Governor.

URGENT APPEAL

Chingford Across Group urgently need fit able helpers to take sick and terminally ill to Lourdes 9-18 May. Please contact Paul 07919 530916 or Helen 07714 108025.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: Lourdes@brcdt.org

GIFT AID 24/25

If you are a taxpayer and have not registered for the Gift Aid scheme here, please contact the Gift Aid coordinator (details at the back of the newsletter) or collect a form from the porch and return to the office. For every £1 donated, the Parish can claim 25p. It does not cost anything extra to Gift Aid your offerings.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic

Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

• **NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.**

Mass Intentions 9th – 17th March

Mass on Monday is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass.

Saturday 9th 9.30am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10th **4th Sunday in Lent**

9.30am

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 9.30am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

5th Sunday Lent

Sunday 17th 9.30am

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Intention for the week - "Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 11th- 17th March

Mrs Freddie Devereux, Bridget O'Carroll, Thomas Neary, John McNamara, Michael Joy, Catherine Ford, Mary Charley, Tina Pinagli, Cissie Fyfe, Mary Hunt, Mrs K Halpin, Martin Nolan, Anthony Spindler, Kevin Davis, Mrs K Slattery, Mr Spillane, James Walls, Louise Dale, Alice White, John Jones Irwin, Michael Layden, Margaret Ayer, Brigid McKiernan

Last weekend Mass attendance was 265.

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ACUPUNCTURE

Veronica will be in the hall this Sunday after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Donation is £10 which is for the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings & afternoons and Friday mornings.