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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday – Friday 9.45am – 10.15am (when there is no Funeral Mass)

Saturday 11.30am – 12 noon

Confessions are held in the Old Sacristy – entrance next to the crib.

Mass now celebrated in public and the church is open during Mass.

It is still being broadcast on the parish Facebook page. You don't have to join Facebook to watch. Google "Our Lady of Grace Chingford Facebook videos" or type in this address: www.facebook.com/OLGStTAParish/

Mass Intentions Saturday 26th December 2020 - 3rd January 2021

Saturday	6pm	Holy Souls	<i>Sunday Vigil</i>
Sunday 27th	8.30am	Myles Nolan (anniv) (Ogles)	<u>Holy Family Year B</u>
	10.30am	Marisol Mecadal RIP (O'Donnell)	
	6pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	9.15am	Mgr Canon Frederick Miles RIP	
Tuesday	9.15am	Jean La Bonne & Isabel Manz RIP (Keir)	
Wednesday	11am	Funeral Mass – Phyllis Attard RIP	
Thursday	9.15am	Edward & Alice O'Hora (anniv) (Corrigan)	
Friday	10am	Peace in the World	<u>Mary Mother of God</u>
Saturday	6pm	Doris Chignell RIP (SVP)	<i>Sunday Vigil</i>
Sunday 3rd	8.30am	Paddy O'Grady RIP (Piper)	<u>2nd Sunday Christmas (B)</u>
	10.30am	Richard Carty RIP (Frost)	
	6pm	People of the Parish	

Sick or housebound parishioners and former parishioners:

Elisabeth Abbott, Craig Allison, June Allison, Sue Allison, Terri Arend, Jackie Ayers, Caitlin Barrett, Jim Broderick, Tom Tom Cahill, Andy Chipperfield, Bridie Conlon, Lena Costello, Tommy & Joan Darcy, Jodie Denver, Morris & Celia Duranti, Catherine Emmerson (nee Freeman), Mary Enright, Antonia Evans, Mercy Fernandez, Sylvia Ford, Mary George, Rikki Gill, Jackie Hill, Peter Hastie, Teresa Hoban, Maureen Jayes, Simone Jones, Martin Keay, Della Kerr, Maureen Kerrigan, Louise Lecointe, Thelma Lizarondo, Maria Ludwig, Anne Manning, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Pat Marshall, Margaret Metcalfe, Jada Miller-Lewis, Brian O'Donnell, Charlie O'Donnell, Noreen O'Shea, Maxine Pereira, Kathleen Petterson, Ana Pitts, Brigit Radcliffe, Joe & Janr Robinson, Caroline Simpson, David Sparks, Samantha Sparks, Katie Stringer, Marianne Tarrant, Sharon Taylor, Renata Wallis & Ellen Williamson.

Last weekend The Mass Attendance last weekend was 194. The main collection was £937.83 (envelopes £704.50 loose £233.33). Thank you all very much indeed.

Standing Orders.

We are also most grateful to all parishioners who support the parish by Standing Orders. There are Standing Order Forms in the South Porch of the church for anyone who would also like to support the parish in this way

**Our Lady of Grace & St Teresa of Avila
Parish Newsletter**

Parish Priest

Fr Francis Coveney

Fr Jean Laurent Marie (in residence)

Sunday 27th December 2020

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Holy Family - Year B



Readings Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40

Psalm 104 He, the Lord, is our God, He remembers his covenant for ever.

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
At various times in the past
And in various different ways
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets:
But in our own time, the last days
He has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 1

Lectionary: Sundays (Cycle B); Weekdays Week 1 (Christmastide)

For more information see: <http://universalis.com/>

Name of child.....

Date of birth.....

Signature of parent.....

CRIB OFFERINGS

Your Crib Offerings will be given to support the work of the **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** – which helps so many children Catholic & non-Catholic alike in our Diocese of Brentwood.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Phyllis Attard who has died. Her Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 30 December at 11am followed by burial in Malta.

Anne Masterson who has died. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday 8 January at 12 noon followed by burial in Chingford Mount Cemetery.

Ann Resteghini (the mother of Peter Resteghini) who died in Morpeth on 23 December. Her Funeral Arrangements have not yet been made.

Mary Cahill who died on Christmas Eve. Her Funeral Arrangements have not yet been made.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

These will no longer be issued. But if you wish to have your attendance at Mass recorded, please print your child's name & date of birth on the FRONT of this Newsletter, sign it – and place it into the large milk churn at the back of the church.

This is only required for Certificate of Catholic Practice for both Primary and Secondary Schools for admission in September 2022, First Holy Communion 2021 and Confirmation 2021.

FR FRANCIS WRITES

Many thanks to everyone who helped in the Christmas celebrations - the altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ministers of welcome & stewards, George our organist & Director of Music, the choir, our sacristan, the flower arrangers and the church cleaners..
Last but not least – thank you all for your support, kindness and prayers over the past year.

SVP Christmas Appeal 2020

Once again, despite the problems we have all faced, parishioners of Our Lady of Grace have been extremely generous with their donations both of Christmas Fayre and of cash.

As a result members of the parish's Society of St Vincent de Paul (the SVP) have been working extremely hard making up Christmas Hampers and then delivering them to families in our area.

We are truly blessed to have parishioners who are so generous in giving both material goods and cash – and also in giving so generously of their time in the service of others.

I am humbled by the generosity and dedication of so many good people in our parish.

St James wrote "Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the aid of orphans & widows when they need it, & keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world." (James 1:27)

Fr Jean-Laurent Marie

Fr Jean-Laurent had an operation on Friday 18 December to remove two small tumours from his lung. He is spending a few quiet days with his sister in Walthamstow and hopes to be back in Chingford in the New Year.

On Christmas

"Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence.

The approach of this Solemnity helps us on the one hand to reflect on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and of a fulfilling sense of life and death.

And on the other, it urges us to meditate on the merciful kindness of God who came to man to communicate to him directly the Truth that saves, and to enable him to partake in his friendship and his life.

Therefore let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery."

---Pope Benedict XVI
General Audience, December 17, 2008

CATECHESIS FOR SACRAMENTS 2020-21

First Holy Communion 2020/21 (Y3)

A new preparation programme for FHC and First Confession continues on **Saturday 9 January 2021**. Any questions please e-mail Julian Ferreira firsteucharist@julianferreira.com

Confirmation Programme 2020/21 for young people (Y10+)

Bishop Alan Williams will be visiting the parish on Sunday 20 June 2021 to celebrate Confirmation.

To enrol please visit

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Personal259/OurLadyOfGraceConfirmationEnrolment2021>

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents who have applied for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. **And thank you for your patience!**

All the applications have been processed and posted. I have kept copies of all the certificates.

The closing date for applications for a place in the Reception Class in St Mary's School in Sept 2021 is 15 January 2021.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Deputy Headteacher Required: Foundation and KS1 Lead/SENDco for April 2021 or September 2021

Further details & application form available on www.stmaryschingford.com

Closing Date: 29 January 2021 (12 noon)

Interview Date: 9 & 10 February

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THANK YOU - ALL PARISHIONERS

Most parishioners will have noticed that we now have **live streaming of Mass** – and there are also **new CCTV cameras** to safeguard our church as well as **new loudspeakers** outside both the south and the west doors of the church.

It is only possible to make these improvements with your generous help.

So special thanks to all parishioners who have recently made generous donations to Parish Funds.

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