

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
**Morning Prayer**  
**Rosary after Morning Mass:**  
**Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday 11.30am – 12noon**  
**Monday – Friday 9am**  
**Monday - Thursday 9.45am**  
**Friday 8am, 9.45am – 10.15am**

**Mass is broadcast on the parish Facebook page.** You do not have to join Facebook to watch. *GOOGLE "Our Lady of Grace Chingford Facebook videos"*

### **Mass Intentions Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

<b>Saturday</b>	6pm	Dec'd Howlett family (Howlett)	<b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	People of the Parish	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Lent</i>
	10.30am	James & Margaret O'Connor (anniv) (Gibson)	
	6pm	Samson Herrtage-Burns (anniv)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	9.15am	Claire Avis (anniv) (Waldrab)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	9.15am	Paddy Madden RIP (Hoban)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	9.15am	KP Chacko (anniv) (D'Souza)	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	9.15am	Teresa Sleap RIP (Piper)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	9.15am	Bernard Feeney RIP (family)	
<b>Saturday</b>	6pm	Michael Cleary RIP (Redgwell)	<b><u>Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	People of the Parish	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Lent</i>
	10.30am	Mary Lee (anniv) (family)	
	6pm	Mariamamma Chacko (anniv) (family)	

### **Sick or housebound parishioners and former parishioners:**

Elisabeth Abbott, Craig Allison, June Allison, Sue Allison, Terri Arend, Jackie Ayers, Caitlin Barrett, Marjorie Bossy, Jim Broderick, Sonny Brosnan, Joan Cahill, Tom Tom Cahill, Andy Chipperfield, Lena Costello, Tommy & Joan Darcy, John Daly, Jodie Denver, Maurice Duranti, , Antonia Evans, Pat Evans, Moira Feeney, Diana Ferguson, Mercy Fernandez, Angela Fitzgerald, Rikki Gill, Teresa Gilmartin, Michael Hawwood, Jackie Hill, Peter Hastie, Teresa Hoban, Maureen Jayes, Martin Keay, Timothy King, Louise Lecoite, Thelma Lizarondo, Anne Manning, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Pat Marshall, Lesley & Rory McGowan, Margaret Metcalfe, Jada Miller-Lewis, Bridgid Nzekwu, Brian O'Donnell, Charlie O'Donnell, Noreen O'Shea, Talia & Rona Panayi, Theresa Piper, Brigit Radcliffe, Kathleen Read, Louise Riley, Joe & Jan Robinson, Caroline Simpson, David Sparks, Samantha Sparks, Katie Stringer, Sharon Taylor, Lenia Vassall, Ellen Williamson, Louis Wolsink.

**Mass Attendance** last weekend was 555 . The main collection was £895.79 (£452.72 envelopes and £443.07 loose. The collection for the Ordination of Matus Meleg was £693.09. Thank you all very much indeed. We would also like to thank parishioners who make their offerings by standing order.

**To set up a Standing Order for the parish**, please collect a Standing Order Mandate Form from the Church Porch and send it to your bank - or you can set it up online.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative** *Louisa Morant 07485 445 177*

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Please use the SEPARATE Mass Attendance Form.

**If you wish to have your attendance at weekend Mass recorded**, please print ALL your children's names & ALL other details & sign it – and then place it into the large milk churn.

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

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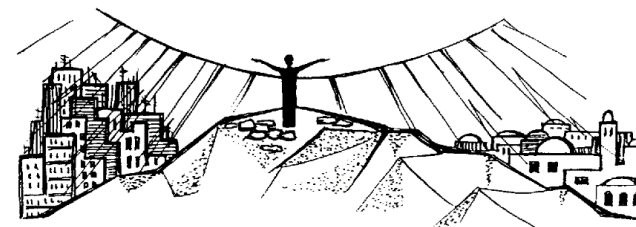
**Website:** [www.catholicchingford.org.uk/home](http://www.catholicchingford.org.uk/home)

**A registered charity**

*Our Lady of Grace Chingford is open - All Day Every Day*

**18th February 2024**

**1st Sunday in Lent – Year B**



***"He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him."***

**Readings** Genesis 9: 8 – 15. 1 Peter 3: 18-22. Mark 1:12-15.

**Psalm 24** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love  
For those who keep your covenant.

**Acclamation** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that  
Comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Weekday Morning Prayer** Psalter Week 1 (Lent)

**Lectionary:** Sundays (Cycle B); Weekdays (Weekdays) Lent week 1

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

**For Parish Hall Bookings:** please ring Parish Office 020 8529 1804  
on MONDAYS from 8am to 12 noon only.

## **FR FRANCIS WRITES**

### **FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

This Friday we are encouraged to fast from a meal or make some other sacrifice & give the money we save to CAFOD's Fast Day Appeal to people in need overseas. There will be a Retiring Collection next weekend. Please use a CAFOD Fast Day envelope if you are able to Gift Aid your donation.

### **LENT: OUR PREPARATION FOR EASTER**

#### **During Lent we prepare for Easter by:**

1. Prayer
2. Penance
3. Works of Charity

#### **During Lent: Stations of the Cross**

- on Fridays at **9.45am**

#### **During Lent: Extra Weekday Mass**

- at **7.30am** (Monday-Friday)

### **LENTEN TALKS: Brentwood Cathedral**

Wed 21 Feb Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP  
Wed 28 Feb Fr Jan Nawotnik  
Wed 6 March Dr Austen Ivereigh  
Wed 13 March Bishop Nicholas Hudson  
All at 7.30 p.m.

### **ORDINATION OF REV. MATUS MELEG Bishop Alan will ordain Matus here at 11.30am on Saturday 16 March - to serve our Diocese of Brentwood.**

This weekend there is another opportunity to contribute both towards a cheque for Matus & also the Ordination expenses. Please use the special envelopes for this & Gift Aid your donation if you are able to.

**Thank you** for completing forms to reserve a place at the Ordination Mass - or help with the Ordination.  
**I am most grateful to the Group  
Co-ordinators who have agreed to lead  
the different teams.**

### **RED BOXES (MISSIO / MILL HILL/ APF)**

The boxes have been emptied and are awaiting collection from the new sacristy

## **SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

### **Confirmation Programme 23/24**

(Y 10+ in September 2023)

Enrolment for our new Programme closed on 1 October 2023.

**Confirmation Candidates** need to register their own Mass Attendance now – and not expect their parents to do this for them!

#### **First Session for Candidates**

**Friday 8 March at 7pm**

**in the Avila Room.**

#### **Infant Baptisms**

To arrange a baptism, please email Fr Francis with your name, address & phone number. He will then contact you to arrange your child's baptism. To deal with any backlog it may be necessary to book two baptisms together.

#### **First Holy Communion 23/24**

(Y3+ in September 2023)

All parents should continue to provide proof of their children's attendance at Mass by completing a Mass Attendance Form for their children each Saturday evening or Sunday. **The next class is on Saturday 2 March at 9am.**

#### **Adult Baptism & Confirmation (RCIA)**

This course for adults for Baptism, FHC or Confirmation continues on **Tuesday 20 February at 7pm in the Avila Room** when we shall look at Sycamore: The Catholic Faith Explained Chapter 17:

## **MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS**

**Parents who wish to provide evidence for FHC eligibility and/or to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice need to complete a Mass Attendance Form each weekend.** Please print your children's names & dates of birth and the school year on the form each weekend & place it in the milk churn at the end of Mass.

One parent needs to complete the form for **ALL** his/her children of Primary School age & below - and to sign the form.

## **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

In September 2020 the Episcopal Vicar for Education reminded all priests that a Certificate for Catholic Practice can only be issued for a family when the priest has **evidence** that they attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation.

*Fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the Church's Code of Canon Law*

### **NEW ADULT FITNESS CLASS: Tue & Sat In St Teresa's Hall Tuesdays & Saturdays 9am-10am.**

Motivational fitness classes for all abilities HIIT/Cardio/Strength/ circuits.

£5 for an introductory session. Run by Louisa Gordon

See: [Instagram](#) ; [Img\\_fitness](#)  
And [Facebook](#) ; LMG Fitness

## **EVANGELISING**

### **POST-CHRISTIAN BRITAIN**

**Tuesday 20 Feb at 7pm: St James' Church, Spanish Place, W1U 3QY**

Mgr James Shea, President of the University of Mary, (N Dakota) will suggest effective strategies to engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by Q&A and then refreshments. Book your tickets at [guild-ransom.co.uk/events](http://guild-ransom.co.uk/events)

## **ABORTION AMENDMENT:**

### **Time Limit Reduction**

Please ask your MP to support the amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. A significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Please collect a postcard today from the door of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

**Please take a copy of this  
Newsletter home with you.**

**Coffee Morning after the 10.30am Mass  
Every Sunday in the Avila Room.  
All profits go to the SVP.**

## **THANK YOU - FROM FR FRANCIS**

Thank you for all your prayers & support over the last few years when I have had a number of operations – culminating in my triple by-pass in November. I am most grateful for your understanding as I am no longer as young as I used to be & cannot work 24/7. Since I came here in 2017, I have **rarely** taken a day off – but have been advised both by my doctors & the Bishop to do so in future. *Likewise **Fr Jijo** also needs to have a day off & will no longer be able to host adoration in church on a Monday evening.*

### **PLEASE NOTE: PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday	8am - 12 noon
Thursday	8am - 4pm

## **MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES**

To have a Mass celebrated, please **always** use a **Mass Intention Envelope**

### **PRIMARY HEADTEACHER VACANCIES**

#### **St Thomas More Saffron Walden**

Deadline for applications: 12noon, Monday 26 February 2024

Please contact Mrs Maria Shepherd, Diocese of Brentwood [mariashepherd@brcdt.org](mailto:mariashepherd@brcdt.org)

## **ST TERESA'S LADIES GROUP**

St Teresa's Ladies Group will meet on **Tuesday 20 February at 2pm** in the Avila Room for our monthly chat.

The cost of £1 includes refreshments and a small raffle. Book swap as usual. Looking forward to seeing you all

- Dorothy Gilford