

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### 4th February - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Hilary Sheehy RIP  
9.30 a.m. MASS - Marie Linehan RIP  
11.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Gardener RIP  
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

### Monday 5th February St Agatha

9.00 a.m. MASS - Mary Lovett RIP

### Tuesday 6th February St Paul Miki & Companions

**NO MORNING MASS**

### Wednesday 7th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - Philip Cumming RIP

### Thursday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita

*Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking*

**NO MORNING MASS**

11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS - Anne Hannah Boulton RIP

### Friday 9th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - Bill & Sandra Samler RIP

### Saturday 10th February

**NO MORNING MASS**

**NO MORNING CONFESSIONS**

10:45 a.m. Baptism of Ethan Jeyakumar

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Confessions

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - All Lourdes Volunteers

### Sunday 11th February - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

(Enrolment of servers into The Guild of St Stephen)

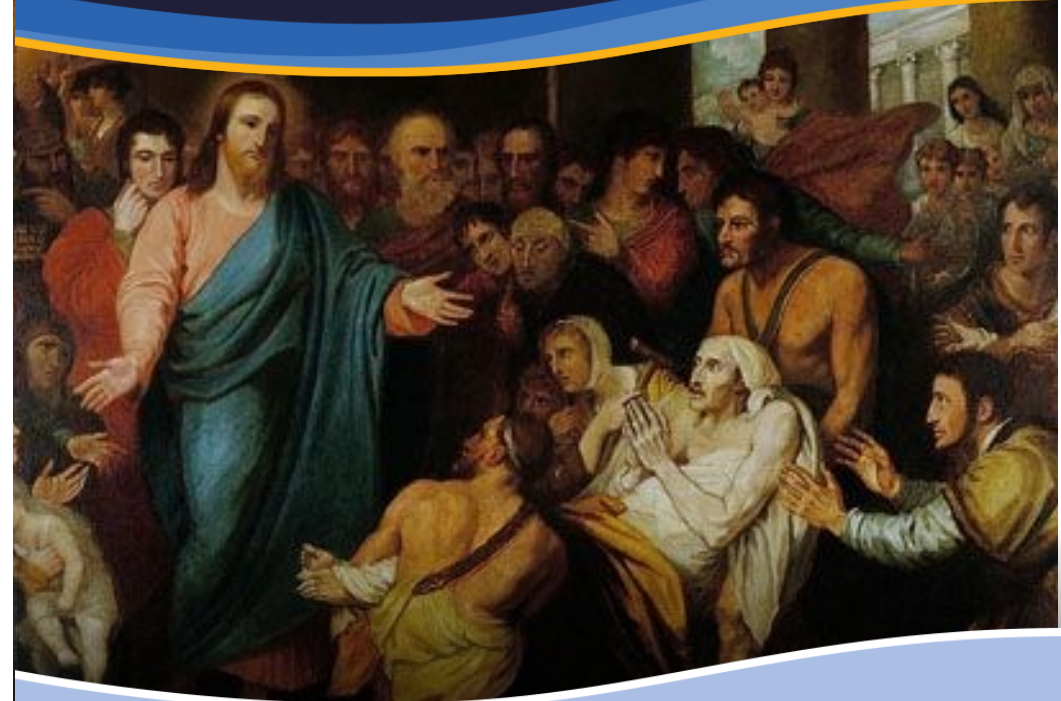
11.30 a.m. MASS - Michael & Aniela Smolowik RIP

3.00 p.m. MASS - Catholic Fellowship Disability Network

6.30 p.m. MASS - Edward Benson RIP



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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another ...”

4th February 2024

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Cover Image: *Christ Healing the Sick*, Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy, London (1738 - 1820). The painting was commissioned by a Quaker hospital in West's birthplace of Philadelphia.

**MEDAILLE TRUST's** mission is to provide refuge and freedom from modern slavery. It is one of the largest providers of supported safe house accommodation for victims of modern slavery in the UK. For more information please visit [www.medaille-trust.org.uk](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk)

**CHOOSE A CHARITY** The Parish Social Committee does remarkable work putting on social events that give opportunities for the parish to come together and build bonds of friendship which are essential for the future growth of any community.

These events also raise money for the continued running and maintenance of the Parish Centre. Last year, the incredible sum of £12,503.65 was raised through these social events. *A sincere thank you to everyone involved in any way.*

Please support these events and consider supporting the Social Committee by offering a little of your time and talents in helping them run these events, e.g., by helping to set up for an event or clear away afterwards, by selling raffle tickets at the end of the Mass you attend, etc., If you want to find out more, please contact Natasha on 07977 863362.

At the last meeting of the Social Committee, it was decided that 25 percent of all profits from these events would be donated to one charity that the parish will support throughout the year.

Would you like to nominate a charity for consideration? If so, please forward details of the charity with as much information as possible about the work that they do. For example, if the charity has a website, please forward its link. *The deadline for nominations is Sunday 18th February.* After this date, the Social Committee will consider the nominations and recognizing the value of all charities, select one charity that we will support in this way.

## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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This chapel allows individuals to spend time before Jesus in a quiet atmosphere, allowing for contemplative prayer and, if we wish, lighting candles while offering our own needs and the needs of our world to Jesus, the light of the world. **ADORATION** takes place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 pm and from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m..

**MORNING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** have a great contribution to make in assisting the assembly to receive Holy Communion reverently and fruitfully. They do this through the witness of their own lives and by the reverence they show for this Sacrament of Christ's love for us.

On *Saturday 24th February 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon*, there will be a morning of formation and reflection for our present Ministers of Holy Communion in order to help them reflect a little more deeply on their role and to consider some practical questions. The morning will be led by Fr Gary Dench, the Diocesan Director of Liturgy, and Fr Martin. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion, please make a special effort to attend this morning and make a note of this date.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** marks the beginning of a child's relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ's presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised, please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish. Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next sessions will be held on 7th and 14th March 2024, starting promptly at 8.00 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those not yet born.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Friday 19th to Friday 26th July 2024. To book, please visit [brentwoodlourdes-lourdes-tangeytours\(tangey-tours.com\)](http://brentwoodlourdes-lourdes-tangeytours(tangey-tours.com)). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please email Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at [lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:lourdes@brcdt.org)

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of

i) Anne Hannah Boulton whose Funeral Mass will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 8th February followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel at 12.30 p.m. There will be **no morning Mass** on this day.

ii) Bill and Sandra Samler whose Funeral Mass will take place at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday 22nd February followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel at 1:15 p.m. There will be **no morning Mass** on this day.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**OLGA NUNES**, of this parish, died on 1st February. Mother of parishioners, Tony and Theresa and mother-in-law to Mercedes and Kai. Husband of Albert Nunes. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral details to follow.

**PLEASE NOTE** that there will be **no morning Confessions** on Saturday 10th February. There will be evening Confessions from 5.00 p.m.—6.00 p.m.

**GUILD OF ST STEPHEN** Congratulations to Joy Ude, Peace Ude, Jasper G and Doren Probakaren who will be presented with their Bronze Guild Medals and enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen at the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 11th February. Bless these servers who have been chosen to be members of the guild, that they may be faithful in their service and grown in faith and love.

**CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DISABILITY NETWORK MASS** will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 11th February.

**THANK YOU** for your most generous donations for

i) *CAFOD Family Fast Day* that raised £1,991.14 to support their projects helping communities around the world build a brighter future. [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

ii) *Racial Justice Sunday* collection that raised £525.91 to support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. [www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk)

**EASTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION** is open to any school children or students at secondary schools. Do you enjoy drawing or painting? Would you like to design the cover for the front of the Easter Newsletter of Our Lady of Lourdes Church?

Your design would be seen by hundreds of people and be posted on social media. There will also be prizes for our favourite three pictures: First prize: £50 Second Prize: £30 and third Prize: £20. All entries will be displayed in the Church on Easter Sunday.

If you are interested, we are looking for colourful, inspiring and imaginative pictures that tell us something about Jesus rising from the dead. Please use a piece of A4 paper using portrait layout.

Please make sure that you put your name, age and a contact email address/telephone number on the back of your picture so that we can contact you if you win a prize. Please note that entries cannot be returned to the artist. **Deadline for entries Sunday 17th March.**

**THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND** 8th March - 10th March at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

*Laetare* Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent. During the midst of the austere and penitential season of Lent, we are reminded to Rejoice! *Laetare!*

But what are we to rejoice in? This weekend will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity for our parish community to come together in Christ's presence to reflect on where our joy is to be found and how that joy may attract others at the margins of our community or, indeed, far from our parish family back into the warm embrace of Christ.

St Pope John Paul II says that the new evangelization "calls for the involvement of the entire People of God, and requires a new fervour, new methods and a new expression for the announcing and witnessing of the Gospel." Our parish is called to embrace this impulse of missionary transformation.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the *Laetare weekend* will allow us to reflect on the ways that we can live in Christ and make known God's grace to people beyond the walls of the church.

The weekend will begin with a simple community supper on Friday 8th March followed by Stations of the Cross, led by members of the Sion Community.

On the morning of *Saturday 9th March*, there will be a working breakfast where we will be able to reflect on those areas of our parish life that need attention if our community is to have a more missionary outlook.

During that afternoon, the Church will be open and set up with Prayer Stations in the Church where people will be able to pray alone or with someone else. In the hall, there will be refreshments and activities for our children and their families. The afternoon will conclude before the evening Mass with a special Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sion community will lead the music at Masses this weekend and the children's liturgy. More details to follow, but do make a note of the dates of the parish mission.

Would you like to be involved in preparing for this weekend?

We need as much help as possible if the weekend is to run smoothly and attract people through the doors of our community. This will also be a way for you to contribute to the life and mission of the community and get to know other parishioners.

***If you are interested, there will be an informal meeting on Saturday 17th February 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. to discuss the weekend. Just come along. All are very welcome.***

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL** is the place of repose for the Holy Eucharist—the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a place where we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament; a physical recognition that we are in the presence of the living God.