

**Sacred Heart**  
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



**St John Fisher**  
Prittlewell

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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent (A)**

*Dear friends,*

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat in the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. On a mountain in today's reading, he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light and God affirms that Jesus 'is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John saw Jesus in light. They got a glimpse of the glory of Jesus' resurrection in advance, and a glimpse of the goal of all our existence, to be with the Father and Jesus in the light of heaven overshadowed by the cloud of the Holy Spirit. When we pray, we are in heaven. When we pray, we are already touching heaven and we look forward to even having our bodies changed and transfigured in some way in heaven. Peter, James and John went down the mountain again to resume normal living down below in the plains of Galilee. Like them, we resume normal living after our prayer, but our contemplation of the words of Jesus and his light take us through the day as we remember, "it is good that we are here."

*Fr Graham*

### **Coronavirus**

We have been advised to put some special measures in place to help reduce and prevent the spread of coronavirus. As from this weekend: Please use the sanitising hand gel when entering the church or hall. Holy Water will not be available in the stoups in the church entrances. Distribution of communion will be in the form of bread only. The host will be given on the hand only. Fr Graham and Eucharistic Ministers will use the sanitising hand gel before and after distributing communion. The sign of peace will be "non-contact" – please wave to each other. Hymnbooks and Parish Mass Books will not be used. Mass settings and hymns for weekend Masses are printed in the newsletter. The offertory collection will be taken on the way out of church at the end of Mass. (The collection baskets will not be passed around.)

### **St Patrick's Social Evening**

Come and join us on Saturday 21st March from 6:45 pm in Sacred Heart Hall; to dine on Irish Stew and Soda Bread and celebrate Ireland's patron saint with music & the craic. Tickets are available from Paul Nicholson, Marie Lang or Karen (Adults £8, Child £4). Please bring your own bottle.

### **33 Days to Morning Glory – Prayer Retreat and Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

You can keep up with the Retreat by watching EWTN at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46h\\_ijZURP8&list=PL\\_9yaNCbB144\\_PNfO4PG8q8YRQHTe4Jfy&utm\\_source=Behold2020&utm\\_campaign=25ec80895c-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46h_ijZURP8&list=PL_9yaNCbB144_PNfO4PG8q8YRQHTe4Jfy&utm_source=Behold2020&utm_campaign=25ec80895c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_13_06_44&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d5aa7295bf-25ec80895c-335364922)

[EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_02\\_13\\_06\\_44&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d5aa7295bf-25ec80895c-335364922](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46h_ijZURP8&list=PL_9yaNCbB144_PNfO4PG8q8YRQHTe4Jfy&utm_source=Behold2020&utm_campaign=25ec80895c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_13_06_44&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d5aa7295bf-25ec80895c-335364922). You may also like to look at the "Behold 2020" Facebook page, which includes some useful information and updates. There will be a Deanery Celebration of the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary at 3.00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter's, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea SS9 4BX. It will consist of A Liturgy of Marian Hymns, Readings, Homily & Benediction – Refreshments served afterwards.

### **Bible Study Group**

The Bible Timeline study programme takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. Please join us in the hall at St. John Fisher at 2.00pm on the following dates. Refreshments are served at the end of the session.

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	

## Lent 2020

### Stations of the Cross During Lent

There will be ample opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross in our parish during Lent. They will be on Friday (straight after the 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart), on Saturday (straight after 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher) and on most Sundays at 4.00pm (at Sacred Heart unless otherwise stated) On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March the community from St Luke's Anglican Church will join us for Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher at 4.00pm. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will join the community of St Luke's Anglican Church (St Luke's Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4AB) at 4.00pm for an ecumenical celebration of this devotion.

### Confession During Lent

Please make a special effort to go to Confession during Lent. Confessions are available at St John Fisher after the Saturday morning Mass and at Sacred Heart on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 10.45am. Additionally, confession will be available for half an hour before each of the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

There will not be a Deanery Reconciliation Service during Lent.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Exposition will continue to be held at Sacred Heart on Thursday evenings straight after the 6.30pm Mass. During Lent it will also be held at St John Fisher, straight after the Wednesday 10.00am Mass.

### Deanery Lent Talks - Four Gospels - One Jesus... In the year of 'The God who speaks'.

At St Saint Peter's, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea SS9 4BX. All presentations begin at 8.00pm and conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction. Confession will be available. Tea and Coffee available along with a with Lenten Bookstall.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - The Gospel according to Matthew - Fr Gerry Drummond

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - The Gospel according to Luke - Fr Eduard Fartan

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - The Gospel according to John - Fr Graham Smith

### 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to: Maureen Vacquier £30 – Ann Ackery £15 – Teresa Igoe £10

### Collections of items

HARP	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Tea, coffee and sugar
Foodbank	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Long life puddings and tinned meat pies/meat meals
Night Shelter	<b>Nothing needed at the moment – thank you</b>	

### Baptism Preparation

The next Course for parents and expectant parents who wish to have a child baptised at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please pick up a form from the church porch to register for the course and request the Baptism. **Please note that in order for a child to be baptised, at least one of the parents must be a baptised catholic and a copy of the parent's baptism certificate must be attached to the application for the child's baptism. Parents are expected to attend a Preparation Course prior to the baptism of each of their children.**

### Sacred Heart School

Are seeking to appoint bright, talented and passionate class teachers to work in either their EYFS/KS1/KS2 classes. For further details, please check our school website or contact the school office at [office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk).

**\*\*\* Around the Deanery, Diocese and Beyond \*\*\***

### Brentwood Cathedral "God Who Speaks" Lenten Lectures

Wednesday 11 March at 7.30 pm in Cathedral parish hall. **Reading the Bible: the challenges of interpretation** to be given by Professor John Barton, Oriel & Laing Emeritus Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture, University of Oxford. Free Entry. All welcome. For more information go to [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org)

### Director of Youth Ministry Vacancy Diocese of Brentwood

This role will help to deepen and strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry, at Walsingham House at Abbotswick and supporting parishes across the Diocese. Start in September 2020. Salary £40,000. Closing date = 16<sup>th</sup> March. Details at [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959.

## **Lenten Talks - The year of the God who speaks**

On Wednesday evenings 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about 'The Great Johannine Gospels', considering the gospels of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus, which will be proclaimed on the subsequent Sundays, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent. These evenings will include a reading of the relevant gospel in parts. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Please book your place for these events by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. For further information and video of past events go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

## **Opportunity to Visit the New Havens Hospice in Prittlewell**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March, tours of the new Fair Havens in Prittlewell are available, with the chance to meet some of the team with refreshments available afterwards. These visits must be booked online at [www.havenshospices.org.uk/nfhtours](http://www.havenshospices.org.uk/nfhtours) or by calling 01702 220 305.

## **The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary**

Takes place throughout the country on Sunday 29 March. To prepare for this renewal of the relationship of England with the Mother of God,, St John Vianney, Clayhall, is hosting two lectures: "Mary's Dowry and the Rededication of England", speaker Fr Neil Brett, Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm. Take place at St John Vianney, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Ilford, IG5 0JB. The lectures will last about 40 minutes, followed by time for questions and refreshments.

## **The Helpers of God's Precious Infants**

Reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. Why not come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. We begin with 10.00am Mass and we begin our Rosary Procession at 10.35am, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to BPAS abortion centre, 32-36 Romford Road, Stratford E15 4BZ, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx.12.00pm to the church for refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail [marg@helpersuk.org](mailto:marg@helpersuk.org)

## **Planting trees for the future – come and lend a hand!**

The Woodland Trust have granted 105 trees to Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, CM14 5SH), and we need a helping hand to plant them, please, on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-5pm**. Come with a spade, and some sandwiches – we'll provide drinks and snacks. So we know who to expect, please email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org). or call 01277373959. As the area where we are planting includes bee hives and a ditch, we suggest no very young children, please.

## **Sponsored Sleepout, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

In the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing and wet weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org); individuals can register on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net), where there are full details of the event. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

## **Sion Community Work and Pray**

Join us for a week or a few days from 30<sup>th</sup> Mar to 4<sup>th</sup> Apr to volunteer your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep to our large house/gardens. An opportunity for anyone who would like to take time out and experience community life, including daily prayer, Adoration and Mass at the Cathedral. Working hours will be taken up with manual work and if you someone who likes to cook you can take a turn in the kitchen feeding the troops!. For further information and to register contact Mary: [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk)

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## **Money**

Offertory – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

£1241.27

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## **Patrick Monahan RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Monahan who died on 15<sup>th</sup> February. His funeral service will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.40pm at Southend Crematorium.

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## **Patrick Bryson RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Bryson who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12 Noon.

## Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, including; Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Margaret and Tom Cullen, June Deighton, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Patrick Doherty, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, Paul, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Peter Murphy, Sheila Norris, Fr Liam O'Driscoll, David Raglan, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Christine Sach, Maria Scinto, Penny Stiles, Jenny Warren and Sally Wray.

## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Julia Champney, Elsie Husbands, May Parker, William Duffield, Grace Denton, Edna Chapman, Eileen Norris, William Horvers, Alla Mischa, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Michael Power, Philomena (Phyllis) Monahan, Fr Thomas Lawton, Fr John Gordon, Alice Clark, Marguerite Fogarty, Fr Edmund Meyer, Fr Maurice Roche, Mary Welsh, Charles Fell, Henry Husk, Ann Connolly, Ethel Ridley, Robert O'Sullivan, Jennifer Linton, Ryan Gordon, Ruth Garsed, Marjorie King, Charles Hurley, Harry Castle, Nellie Starkey, Fr William Luby, John Halls, Sian Vassie and Daniel Wade.

## 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent (Divine Office Week 2)

**Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.**

**First Reading:** Genesis 12: 1 - 4

**Psalm:** 32: 4 – 5, 18 – 20, 22 response v 22

**Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

- 1 The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
- 2 The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
- 3 Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1: 8 - 10

**Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1 - 9

**Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

**Next weekend: First Reading:** Exodus 17: 3 - 7 **Psalm:** Psalm 94: 1 – 2, 6 – 9 response v 9 **Second Reading:** Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 – 8 **Gospel:** John 4: 5 – 42

## The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love "so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue" ([Christus Vivit](#), 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the "father of lies" (Jn 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness. In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation [Christus Vivit](#): "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" ([No. 123](#)). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer. It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will. In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

*Pope Francis*

## **This Weeks Hymns:**

### **Entrance Hymn:**

**HERE I AM LORD** - Dan Schutte SJ

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make the darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord,  
Is it I lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night,  
I will go, Lord,  
If you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn  
away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I, will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord...*

### **Offertory Hymn:**

**FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS**

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-70)

Forty days and forty nights  
thou was fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted still, yet unbeguiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed,  
prowling beasts about thy way,  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thy endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
with thee strong to suffer pain.

Then if evil on us press,

flesh or spirit to assail,  
victor in the wilderness,  
help us not to swerve or fail!

So shall peace divine be ours;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
come to us angelic powers,  
such as ministered to thee.  
Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side,  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

### **Recessional Hymn:**

**We are one in the Spirit** – Peter Scholtes

We are in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord, (2)  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love.*

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand, (2)  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land.

*And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love.*

We will work with each other,  
We will work side by side. (2)  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride.

*And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love.*

All praise to the Father  
From whom who things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one.

*And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love.*

Masses and Services		Daily 33 Day Retreat Prayer	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me listen to Jesus' thirst.</i>	5.00pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass</b> <i>Intentions of Norma and Alan Humphries</i>	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (A)</b>	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Bring me face to face with the love in the Heart of Jesus crucified.</i>	(9.00am Polish Mass) 10.30am Confessions <b>11.00am Mass</b> First Holy Communion Children's Mass <i>Chris and Mike Sammon RIP</i> <b>1.00pm Baptism</b> <i>Ottillie Mason</i>	8.30am Confessions <b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>4.00pm Stations of the Cross</b> with the community from St. Luke's
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Keep me in her most pure and Immaculate Heart.</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>Patrick Monohan RIP</i> <b>2.40pm Funeral Service at Southend Crematorium</b> <i>Patrick Monohan RIP</i>	No Mass today
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me to recognise and ponder in my heart all the good you do for me.</i>		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me to ardently make a Covenant of Consecration with Mary.</i>	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group – in the hall.	<b>10.00am Mass</b> followed by <i>Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</i> <i>Marjory Daw RIP</i>
			8.00pm Lenten Talk at St. Peters, Eastwood – 59 Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 4BX – Fr Gerry Drummond talks about The Gospel according to Matthew.	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me to "be the one" to console Jesus with Mary.</i>	<b>6.30m Mass</b> followed by <i>Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</i> <i>In Thanksgiving</i>	No Mass today
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Have mercy on us and on the whole world.</i>	No 9:30am Mass or Stations of the Cross today <b>12 Noon Requiem Mass</b> <i>Patrick Bryson RIP</i>	No Mass today 2.00pm Bible Study Group in Church Hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Fill my heart with praise to God for giving me Mary as my spiritual mother.</i>	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	<b>9.00am Mass</b> followed by <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Intentions of Pat and Bernard Lovell</i>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>		5.00pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass</b> To include the First Scrutiny of RCIA Candidates <i>Intentions of June Axup</i>	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Third Sunday of Lent (A)</b>	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me to be faithful to heart-pondering prayer, as was Mary.</i>	(9.00am Polish Mass) 10.30am Confessions <b>11.00am Mass</b> <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> <b>4.00pm Stations of the Cross</b> – at St Luke's Anglican Church (St Luke's Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4AB)	8.30am Confessions <b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>