

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00 pm
FILMS FOR FAITH: To be Advised

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Olive Crawford, Vicky Culham, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Kay Knight, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Harriet Fleury**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

THANK-YOU: From our Flower Team at Priory Street for the donation of £235 towards flowers, not just for Christmas, but will need to stretch until Easter. Very gratefully received.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: For Fr Paul McCourt. As previously mentioned, Fr Paul will be leaving for Sandhurst shortly and we wish to show our appreciation for all his help to the Parish during Fr Tony's absence. There will also be a Farewell Soirée to him on Wednesday, 14th December, in the Crypt at 7pm. If you are able to help with food and drink, please contact the Parish Office or Jane Hopgood.

DECEMBER 8TH – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Following the 9:15am Mass this Thursday, December 8th, there will be Rosary and Procession

PARISH GRAND DRAW: Tickets will be available at all Masses for this year's Grand Draw on 17th December 2016. Money prizes of £250, £150 and £75, plus many other special gifts. Please ensure that each household buys at least 1 book to support the church repair programme. All donations of items for the Grand Draw are welcome. See below.

CURRY NIGHT DECEMBER 17TH: In the Cardinal Bourne Hall 7:30pm. Various curries and desserts. Tea and Coffee. Bring your own drinks. Grand Raffle also to be drawn. Adults £10; Children under 12years £5. Items for Grand Raffle still needed. Tickets available from Norah 503410 and Frances 369568.

THANK YOU: To everyone who was involved in any way with the Parish Church Fayre held in the Cardinal Bourne Hall last Saturday. A grand total of £945 was raised for Parish Funds, despite the closure of Priory Street car park. Well done!

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT: Reflective reading of the Sunday scriptures. Saturdays 5 -6pm in the Crypt.

WORD MADE FLESH - An Advent Reflection on Saturday 17th December, from 11am – 3.00pm in the Crypt. Coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch.

100 CLUB – NOVEMBER DRAW: And the winners are.... James Dowson – 1st prize of £25; Nial Conlon – 2nd prize of £15; and Mary Davies – 3rd prize of £10. Congratulations!

St Thomas More's Primary School 2017-18 Intake Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the Local Authority Application Form. SIFs are available to download on the school's website www.stthomasmores.co.uk under the admissions tab or by contacting the office on 01206 865722. You will also need to supply the school with a Certificate of Practice. Dates when Father Alex will be signing these will be: *Monday, December 12th, Tuesday December 13th and Monday, January 9th. All between 4pm – 6pm.* Please contact the Parish Office to book an appointment.

POLISH COMMUNITY: celebrate 50 years of Polish Mass at St James the Less on December 18th at 2pm with the blessing of a special commemoration banner. A food and drinks reception will follow afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Tickets £5.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY: The traditional *Filipino Simbang Gabi* is scheduled for the following dates: December 16th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, all at 8pm, and the Christmas Filipino party is on December 26th from 1pm, following on from Mass at 11.30am.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Thursday 29th December (Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Patron Saint of Pastoral Clergy) at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 161 Leigh Rd, Southend-on-Sea, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 1NG. All are welcome.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: For women who feel they may have a vocation to religious life. Led by the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus. 13th-15th January 2017 at the Bar Convent, York. For more information, get in touch via vocations@congregationjesu.org.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC DIRECTORY FOR 2017: Copies now available in the porch at Priory Street, price £2.75.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, December 8th - Team 1.