

## Mass Intentions

### 1st February to 9th February

<b>Saturday 1st</b>	10 - 11am	Adorations and Confessions
	6.00pm	Anyanwu Family Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	9.00am	Veronica & Gerard Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Nancy Pezo Lukama (RIP)
<b>Monday 3rd</b>		<b>No Mass - Church Closed All Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	9.00am	Victor Tembo (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	9.00am	Fr. Daniel Maugani (RIP)
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	9.00am	Brian Mobela (RIP)
<b>Friday 7th</b>	9.00am	Joseph Mutombo (RIP)
<b>Saturday 8th</b>	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Sr. Maureen Nakamba (RIP)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	9.00am	Fr. Dominic Kamulendo (RIP)
	11.00am	Fr. Henry Chomba (RIP)

**May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace**

### *In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill*

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel Antonella Rizzo  
 Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Rizzo Enzo  
 Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman  
 Kevin Madden, Annie Childs, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe, Paul Smith  
 Aubrey Paul, Marcus Elwin, Jocelyn Hilaire, Jimmy Lucy, Louisa Travasso



### Anniversaries

Michael Johnson, Elaine Harding, Katherine Mackelcken  
 Maureen Taylor, Mary Ward, Tyrone O'Neil, Constance Day

Barry McCurk, Jennifer Palmer-Stephenson, Richard Nugent, Ivan Higgins

John Hall, Patricia Collins, Mark Finnegan

**May they rest in Peace**



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## The Presentation of the Lord

**First reading - Malachi 3:1-4 - The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple**

**Responsorial Psalm - 23(24):7-10 - *Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory.***

**Second reading - Hebrews 2:14-18 - He took to himself descent from Abraham**

**Gospel Acclamation - Lk2:32 - Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!**

**Gospel - Luke 2:22-40 - My eyes have seen your salvation**

## The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Presenting a newborn male to a priest was a religious obligation for the Jewish families. The mother, who was considered ritually unclean after giving birth to a son, had to wait for forty days until her purification was complete, after which the parents presented their son to be consecrated to the Lord in a special way. Like all pious Jews, Mary and Joseph awaited God's deliverance. But they had not realized yet that their son was the deliverer, the long-awaited Lord.

In our first reading, the prophet Malachi prepares our minds for the coming of the Lord: "And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter the temple." This prophecy is fulfilled in both today's second reading and gospel. What Malachi had foretold in today's first reading, was now fulfilled in Jesus. God's promised Messiah had finally come to redeem and save God's people.

The letter to the Hebrews, from which our second reading is taken, reminds us that Christ is the faithful high priest. In fulfillment of the prophecy of Malachi, He entered the temple, presented and sacrificed himself to God for our salvation. To achieve this mission, he had to be like one of us by assuming our nature. He completed his presentation in the temple on the cross: so that by his death, he could take away the power of the devil and set free all those who had been held in slavery. He entered the temple both as the priest and the victim.

Today's gospel reminds us that God is faithful to his promise, especially to those who love and are faithful to him. Malachi's prophecy was fulfilled in our gospel passage. This is because Simeon and Anna encountered the Lord in the temple in a way and at a time, they least expected: "The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter the temple." They both thanked and blessed the Lord for his faithfulness.

As we celebrate The Presentation of the Lord and World Day of the Consecrated life, let us pray that we too may continuously present and consecrate ourselves to God as a living and worthy sacrifice for the salvation of humanity.

**God bless you all. Fr. Henry**

## Adoration

### available in the deanery

**Chadwell Heath, St Bede**

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

**Clayhall, St John Vianney**

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

**Goodmayes, St Cedds**

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

**Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption**

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

**Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul**

10am - 12.30pm (Wed)

**Newbury Park, St Theresa**

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

**South Chingford**

8:45am - 9:30am (Tue - Sat)

**Wanstead, St John the Baptist**

9.30am - 1pm (Fri), 7pm - 8pm (Fri)

## RCIA

All those who have been contacted by Glenda and are willing to receive the Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral on the 9th March 2025 at 3pm, please see Fr Henry so you can be presented to the Parish at the 11am mass on 2nd March for a Blessing

## Cleaning the church

Thank you to Adrian and his team for a brilliant job, well done. Hopefully a few more parishioners who showed an interest will join the next date which will be on 22nd February.

You are also welcome to join team 1 on 5th February.

**One Love, One Faith, One Community**

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18th to Friday 25th July.

We can support those with medical needs.

For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online:

**[www.Tangney-tours.com/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocesan-brentwood/](http://www.Tangney-tours.com/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocesan-brentwood/)**

Of course, you may wish to make your own travel and hotel arrangements for your parish. You are most welcome to do this and still participate fully in the program of the diocesan pilgrimage. If so, please tell me and I shall make sure you are able to join as much of the diocesan program as you would like.

## Annual Collection

The money raised from the annual collection for Lourdes at Sunday Masses is used to help cover the costs of nurses and others who assist.

This ensures that pilgrims with medical can come to Lourdes. The money is also used to support pilgrims who otherwise could not afford to come.

For further information regarding this, you are most welcome to contact me.

With warm regards and thanks,

Fr Paul Keane

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## Donations

**25th & 26th January**

**Envelopes: £561.90**

**Loose Plate: £427.33**

***Fr Henry would like to thank you all***

## Baptism dates for 2025

**All sessions are at 7pm**

26th February

26th March

30th April

21st May

25th June

16th Jul

25th September

30th October

27th November

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On 24th May 2025: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact Fr Henry.

I look forward to seeing you in Walsingham on Saturday 24th May.

Yours fraternally,

Fr Daniel Kelly

