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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday 11th February, 2024

Leviticus 13.1–2,44–46 Psalm 31 1 Corinthians 10.31 – 11.1 Mark 1.40–45

The Book of Leviticus are given over to the laws regarding leprosy in the Law of Moses. The rules on leprosy come under the code of Holiness. That is why the priest in the book of Leviticus is the one who determines the leprosy, and why Jesus tells the man to go the priest to have his cleanliness confirmed.

By avoiding physical contagion, leprosy requires the leper to be cut off from the community of God's people Israel. In cleansing the leper, Jesus not only carries out an act of healing but allows the man to be readmitted into the community of faith.

Sin cuts one off from the source of holiness and from the community of God's people.

This Lent season explores the idea of the Covenant between God and God's people. God takes the initiative, makes various promises, and is committed to the Covenant, often gives a sign of the Covenant, the people are called to be faithful, but often fail, and repeatedly God renews the Covenant.

The language of Covenant and sacrifice, life and death, sin and redemption that pervades the liturgy of the Sacred Triduum is an enriching Lenten exercise for all the faithful.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Frankie Harmon RIP Frankie's funeral has now been confirmed for 11.15am Wednesday 28th February at St. Helen's. Will communicate any further details as they become available.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelopes are now available in both churches for forthcoming Family Fast Day on **Friday 23rd February**.

Altar Servers Any person who has received Holy Communion is eligible to become an altar server. Please let Fr Emile know if you would like to join a programme to become an altar server.

Family Mass Please join us for our Family Mass every third Sunday of the Month. The next Family Mass is Sunday 18th February. Please get in touch if any child would like to be involved.

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024 Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brent-wood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brent-wood%20Lourdes%20-%20Lourdes%20-%20Tangney%20Tours%20(tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at

Lourdes@brcdt.org

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House: Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebaily@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting you to take part in several activities during Lent. We have a photo challenge for all ages, Stations of the Cross for teenagers, a Giving Calendar to help collections for local foodbanks, suggestions on how to raise awareness for the homeless within Essex and East London and some great resources from charities such as SVP and CAFOD. All information and resources can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing sianthomas@brcdt.org

A FIRE IN MY HEART

On Saturday 3rd February, to celebrate 50 years of priesthood, Fr Adrian Graffy held a Conversation with some friends who are biblical scholars about their common love of the Bible. These included Carlos Castillo, archbishop of Lima, Peru, and Nuria Caldugh-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

Lenten Lunches will be held at St Margaret's Hall this year on **Saturday 24th Feb, Saturday 2nd March and Saturday 9th March.**

Please sign up to the tick sheets which will be at the back of both churches from next weekend.

We need volunteers to make soup, waiting staff to serve soup, kitchen staff to wash-up and make teas and coffees.

We will need raffle prizes donated.

Ideally we would like a setting up team from 11am on the day to put out the tables and a tidying up team from 1.30pm to help with putting everything away and getting the hall ready for Sunday Mass.

Many hands make light work!

Commission, on which Fr Adrian also serves. The edited programme of the Conversation is now available free of charge by going to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

Pilgrimage to Knock Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024 £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Diocesan Directories for 2024 are available from the parish office for £2.95

Whatsapp Group: If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group then please contact Denise Terry-Roberts at d.terryroberts@btinternet.com or on 07545 240064 for her to add your mobile number.

St. Margaret's Hall Hire St. Margaret's is available for hire for private functions and parties, childrens parties, fitness classes, local groups and events holding up to 100 people at reasonable rates. If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Kelly Love on 01277 362645, ongar@brcdt.org or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: Feb 3/4 Sat 5.30pm: 41 Sun 8.45am: 24 Sun 10.30am: 34

Offertory Collection: £165.52

Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgramage Fund: £41.70

Bank Account Name/Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.

For Gift Aid Envelopes please contact Bernard Adams 01277 823511

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(World Day for the Sick, and Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)

Sat 10th Feb, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	St Scholastica, V Bruno Vassallo int.
Sun 11th Feb, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Steve Perkins RIP (Sue & John Fahey)
	St. M 10.30am	Anne Smith RIP (Terry Family)
Mon 12th Feb, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	Bridget Gavin RIP recently deceased Eileen Rennie Get well soon Tommie Naughton RIP (Kathleen Cadam) Mary & Paddy Connaghan RIP Baby Harry RIP Annette private intention Bridie Brady RIP Helen Byrne Get Well Margaret Thomas Birthday 14/02
Tue 13th Feb, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Larry Dixon RIP
Wed 14th Feb, 2024	St. H 9.00am	ASH WEDNESDAY ST HELEN Margaret Thomas Birthday 14/02 (Josie Byrne)
	St. M 7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY ST MARG
Thu 15th Feb, 2024	St. H 11.00am	Tommy Mc Dermott RIP
Fri 16th Feb, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Bridget Gavin RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Sat 17th Feb, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	People of our Parish
Sun 18th Feb, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Frankie Harmon RIP (SVP)
	St. M 10.30am	Frankie Harmon RIP (Kelly Love)

Fr. Emile would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after the 11am mass each week.

Prayer List: Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers: Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Lucy Gay, Stephen Garfield and family, Susan Corbin and family, Sue Potter, Philip Denton, Ivy Denton, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo