

At Your Word, Lord

God our loving Father, who made us your children in baptism,
pour out on us afresh the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
Open our ears to hear your Word,
open our hearts to you in prayer,
that we may receive with ever deeper faith the Bread of Life.
Strengthened through these gifts make us signs of your presence
to the world of today.
Father, hear our humble prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Your prayers are asked:

for those who are sick:

Beatrice Maguilang, Irene Woods, Colette Dennehy, Phil Devitt, Margaret Maher, K P Tan, Denise Baissac, Christopher Brown, Damian Kieran, Kay Sheppard, Mary Phelan, Joan Price, Heather du Pre and Bridget Greene.

for those who have died:

Fr. Douglas Morris, Parish Priest of Bramley, near Guildford, previously with the Catholic Missionary Society.

and for the dead whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patrick O'Donnell, Elizabeth (Cissie) Masterson, Walter Turner, Ann Guano, Monica Wilson, Lena Fogarty, Stephen Menton, Mary Jane (Jenny) Morrison, Phillip Lee, Kathleen Munn, Noel Peters, Kathleen Gray, Stanley and Margaret Burrell, Tom Curtis and James McKee.

May they rest in peace

The Cricklewood Homeless Concern need mugs in order to serve the homeless men and women with hot drinks. If you have any mugs to spare, there is a box to take them at the back of the church after Masses. Many thanks to those who have already handed in mugs.

A Parishioner, whose sight is failing, needs somebody to do some reading for her. If you can help, ring 020-7723 2810.

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Mass Times

Sundays: (6pm. Saturday), 8am, 9.30am. (Family Mass),
10.45am. (Latin Sung), 12 noon, and 6pm.

Weekdays: 10am. and 6pm.

Evening Services

Saturdays 5pm: Exposition & Benediction

Morning & Evening Prayer

Weekdays: 9.45am. and 6.30pm.

Confessions

Saturdays: 10.30-11am, 5-6pm & at call

Hospital of St. John & St. Elizabeth

Sundays: Mass at 11am.

Monday & Wednesday: 12.15pm.

Convent Chapel of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady Queen of the World, St Edmund's Terrace

Saturdays & Sundays: Mass at 9am.

Monday to Friday: Mass at 8am.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed daily until 5.30pm.

This afternoon we are having an important meeting to discuss the future of the parish. It starts at 4pm. in the Parish Hall and will finish by 5.30pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a point, please let me have it in writing by 25th February. The six questions we will be discussing are:

- 1. What is the vision for the Parish of the future?*
- 2. What are the evident points of growth in our Parish Community?*
- 3. How effectively can this Parish support a neighbouring parish?*
- 4. In what ways could a neighbouring parish support us?*
- 5. How could we, as the parish community, better support our parish priests?*
- 6. How do we see the future of our parish?*

The Cardinal has asked each parish in the diocese to hold such a meeting and report back to enable a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for the future to be drawn up.

The second season of At Your Word Lord starts on the week of 22nd February. Those who have filled in an enrolment form will be hearing to which group they have been allocated. Also, the Lenten ecumenical groups will incorporate At Your Word Lord. These will take place on five Wednesdays in Lent at St. Paul's Church, Rossmore Road, starting on 3rd March. Refreshments will be available from 7pm. and the session will start at 7.30.p.m. There are still copies of the daily meditation booklets available – they should be used starting 22nd February.

Next weekend at Our Lady's, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be making an appeal for St. Anne's Project. St. Anne's Home in Stoke Newington needs to be rebuilt to provide sheltered accommodation for 24 elderly people and a small residential home for a further 24 together with a Day Centre. Our generosity will be much appreciated. My predecessor, Canon McGowan, lives at the other home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Vauxhall.

Lent begins on Wednesday 25th February.

My signing surgery will be on Monday between 7.30 and 8pm.

First Holy Communion Children: Please remember to take your name cards from the box in the church porch and bring them up to the priest after the Bidding Prayers. The parish is praying for you.

Fr Colin writes

Boys' Christian Formation Group (age 11-13) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 3pm. See Fr. Gerry for details.

Last Week's Offerings: Thank you for your most generous giving last week. The Offertory collection totalled £1,870.93p and the 2nd collection for the Catholic Education Service totalled £910.36.

Red Mission Boxes, including those left here before Christmas, have been emptied and are ready for your collection from the Sacristy. (Please look for your own name on the base).

Readers: Your new rotas are ready for collection from the Sacristy.

U.C.M., Union of Catholic Mothers will not meet this week but on Monday 23rd February.

Mums & Toddlers will take a half-term break.

Over 50's Club will meet as usual on Tuesday 2 – 4pm. in the Parish Hall.

Youth Mercy Associates will take a half-term break.

Journey of Faith will meet as usual at 8pm. on Tuesday in the hall when Fr. Nicholas Kavanagh will be speaking.

Endeavour – our Parish Magazine: The February issue of **Endeavour** is available at the back of the church. In this issue as well as Fr. Colin's usual view 'From the Wood' we have his review of the year, an impressive summary of how much our parish gave to charities in 2003, a report on the Christmas Fair and other interesting articles, and also why a date in June should be put in your diary.

Keeping the church warm: The outer door of Our Lady's Church does not close on its own. Please push the door closed as you enter or leave. This will keep the cold out and prevent notices and leaflets from flying around. Thank you.

Shop News: We have new stocks of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts. Stop here for your Easter cards and St. Patrick's Day cards. Come and see.

The Latin Choir sings at today's 10.45 Mass: *Esto*
MISSA NASCE LA GIOIA MIA - Palestrina
ANGELI ET ARCHANGELI - Hesdin