



Parish of St Sabina, Brightlingsea and St Monica, Wivenhoe

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3rd Sunday of Lent Year B – 3/4 March 2018



Psalm response: *You have the message of eternal life, O Lord.*

Next Sunday: 2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23; Ps 136:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Reconciliation Service – this Sunday afternoon

On Sunday 4th March we will have a Reconciliation Service at St Monica's church in Wivenhoe, at 3pm.

Fr Pius Collins, who is a recently ordained priest, one of the Norbertines will be available for Confession, as well

as Fr Mark. This may be a time which is more convenient for families. Please do invite people who may like to receive God's forgiveness.

Last Saturday, there was an all-day meeting in Brentwood. Our parish was well represented as both Fr Mark and Adele spoke to a group of some 160 clergy and stewards

(cf <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/stewards-of-the-gospel/warming-cold-world-clergy-stewards-come-together/>). Steven Webb gave some stark figures - for instance, in 2014, of the 13.7% raised as Catholics in this country, only 8.3% declared themselves as Catholics. Despite the population growth in the diocese, Mass attendance has remained static or is in decline. In short, this is not a time for complacency. My next task as Parish Steward of the Gospel is to submit your response to the first formal proposal for Renewal and Restructuring, "Working Together To Evangelise Our Diocese" which was published in Advent and which you will be able to find on the diocesan website. I would be grateful if you would email any comments you might have to acall321@gmail.com. Annie.

At St Monica's there is a cabinet containing books that people are welcome to borrow. We will have books to borrow in St Sabina soon.

Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Please speak to Fr Mark if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion. This is for children in school year 3 or older.

Young people in the parish who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation: please speak to Fr Mark about this.

Stations of the Cross: Thursday 7:30pm in St Monica's this week

Altar servers are encouraged to altar serve for the Stations if they can.

St Patrick's Theme Night - to be held in partnership with the Congregational Church. There will be traditional Irish food but also a vegetarian option, music, dance and a raffle. All funds raised by our parish will be donated to the Sisters in the DRC. The event will take place on 17th March, starting at 7pm. Tickets available after weekend masses (adult £10, family £25).

Appeal for car drivers to ferry Parishioners to/from Church
If you can help please contact George Dooley - phone 01206 824052

Parish Draw Club Prize winners: December £20 James Alcock
£10 Richard Cronin - January £20 Gareth Copping £10 Liz Doyle
Thank you to all the members who have renewed their subscriptions.
New members are always welcome, please see Noreen Alcock at St
Monica's, or Carol Bartle at St Sabina's for details.

Helping with the University Chaplaincy. Could you help making sandwiches for the University Chaplaincy? We are hoping to increase the number of helpers so that people would make sandwiches once every two months on average during term time. So that would be four or five times a year. Please email or speak to Fr Mark for more information.

Please note that due to the alterations to the toilet facilities at St Monica's The toilets will be out of action for about two weeks from 20th February until work has been completed. Also, there won't be weekday Masses at St Monica's during the duration of the works.

Please Pray for: Andrew, Elizabeth Akpoyoware, Riley Bennett, Barbara Brittain, Andree Bruce, Nancy Budworth, Nicholas Clarke, Brian Coates, Arthur Cole, Paula Collins, Maggi Dilworth, Sheila Frost, Yvonne Holly, Pauline Hunt, Margaret MacLeod, Maria Mangion, Leanne Mills, Joan Murray, John O'Hara, Elizabeth Pace, Chrissy Rooney, Mel Scammell, Linda Sharpe, Maura Stone, Marie Taylor, Hugh Teegham, Amanda Clarke Titchenar, Alison Wilson, Chris Wonfor,

Times of Holy Mass and Confession
at St Sabina's, Brightlingsea & St Monica's, Wivenhoe

Sat 3 Mar - Vigil of Third Sunday in Lent Ordinary Time (Year B)

5:30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-5:50pm Confession

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| 6pm | St Sabina | Sheila and Phillis Dias RIP |
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Sun 4 Mar - Third Sunday of Lent (B)

9:15-9:45am Confession (in St Augustine's)

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| 10am | St Monica | People of the Parish |
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| 12:10pm | University | For the grace of repentance |
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Mon 5 Mar

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| 9am | St Sabina | Pope Francis |
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Tue 6 Mar

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| 9am | St Monica | No Mass |
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Wed 7 Mar

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| 9am | St Sabina | Bishop Alan |
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Thu 8 Mar

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| 9am | St Sabina | Ints CS |
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| 7:30pm | St Monica | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
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Fri 9 Mar

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| 9am | St Monica | vocations to the priesthood & rel. life |
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Sat 10 Mar

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| 9am | St Monica | Ints CS |
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Sat 10 Mar - Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B

5:30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-5:50pm Confession

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| 6pm | St Sabina | People of the Parish |
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Sun 11 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) (Laetare Sunday)

9:45-10:30 Children's session in St Augustine's-The Mystery of Easter

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| 10am | St Monica | Pat Matteson RIP |
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| 12:10pm | University | For Legion of Mary group |
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