

Worship this week

Sun 1 st Feb	Candlemas	9.30am Morning Prayer 11am Procession and High Mass
Mon 2 nd		9am Morning Prayer at St Mark's (and via Zoom) 12noon Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Tue 3 rd	S. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	8.30am Morning Prayer 1.15pm Funeral Mass 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Mass
Wed 4 th		8.30am Morning Prayer 10.15am Mass 11.30 to 12 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Thu 5 th	S. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	8.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Fri 6 th		
Sat 7 th	(Of the BVM)	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.15am Mass 11.30 to 12 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 8 th	Second Sunday before Lent	9am Children's Mass 9.40am Morning Prayer 11am Sung Mass 4pm Evensong and Benediction

Morning and Evening Prayer will also be available on Zoom. Please contact Fr Neil for details. All our Masses will be livestreamed.

This week we offer our Masses for: Sunday: Parish and People, Monday: Religious communities, Tuesday, Healthy Throats for 2026, Wednesday: Local schools, Thursday: Breast cancer patients, Saturday: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

We pray for our local community in: Manor Rd, Clifton Drive, Seaforth Rd, Argyll House, Homecove House, Holland Rd, Palmeria Ave, Water's Edge, Shorefield Ave, Shorefield Gdns, San Remo Parade, Station Rd, Valkyrie Rd, Ditton Court Rd, Canewdon Rd, Anerley Rd, Argyll Rd, Ceylon Rd, Hamlet Court Rd, London Rd, Burdett Ave.

For those who are sick and in need:

Sunday: Marcus Gregory, Matthew Gregory, Graham Cushion, Dave, Mary North, Janet Beale, Maureen Gray, Frankie Rose and family, Andrea Walzy, The King. **Monday:** Jo Allen, Diane Paisley, Terry Gray, Binu Mullor, Diana, Paul Davison, Jackie Keys, Philip Broomfield, Anna Fong, Charlotte Cheeseman. **Tuesday:** John Triggs, Robin, Marta, Pauline Maker, David Raglan, Graham Turnidge, Nicole Beard, Mthr Lizzy, Jamie Hawkes, Sheila Grant, Luke Mesher. **Wednesday:** Sally, Gregory, Arthur, Maggie, Leesa, Nicholas, Anne Box, Sue Burton, Norma Gray-Griffiths, Helen Pierce. **day:** Lisette, Lucy, Neil, John McGuiness, Pauline Barta, Fr Ian Michael, Audrey Berry, Jason, Alice Bossard, Jen & Matt Duff, The Revd Julie Fleming, **Friday:** Suzi Procaccino, Mary, Christine, Brenda, Keith North, Leah Morassi, Mark, Jim Easton, Jeff Campbell, Rachel Sanders, John. **Saturday:** Ken McMillan, Roy North, Danielle Gregory, Jackie Paul, Philip Walker, Cate, Michael Grant, Mark Simpson, Philip St James, Martyn Pinkney.

Recently Departed: Ron Schmitt, Josie Bancroft, Laurence Higham, Steffan Sadowski, Samson Rickard, Anne Barker, Dennis Johnson.

In Memoriam: Caroline Hull, Leonard John Webster, EGW Frost, Alfred John Payten, Arthur Burden, Kenneth Branch.

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3, Psalm 136, Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end.

Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

Saint Alban the Martyr

Westcliff on Sea Candlemas



Our Mass begins with the blessing of candles and then you are invited to carry them in procession as we sing hymn **33** *Of the father's heart begotten* (we omit the starred verses).

Evensong and Benediction on Sunday 8th at 4pm

Alban's Allsorts our group for toddlers and their parents and carers is on Tuesdays from 10am until 12 noon.

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is on Wednesday 18th February and there will be Masses with Ashing that day at 10.15am and 7.30pm. Please bring your **Palm Crosses** back to church ready for us to make the ash.

We continue to have good relations with **Milton Hall School** where Fr Neil is Vice-Chair of the Governing Board. The Governing Board is looking for further support and if you might be interested, please speak to Fr Neil.

The Funeral Mass for **Josie Bancroft**, a long-term member of our church, will be on Tuesday 3rd February at 1.15pm here in church.

Taylor Higgs will be giving a **piano recital** here in church on Saturday 14th February entitled *Amoroso* it will include some of the most romantic piano music ever written.

This year our **Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham** will be from 26-28 May. The cost will be £174 plus transport. Hopefully we can do car-sharing again to get there. Please sign-up on the sheet if you'd like to go and indicate if you have any dietary or room requirements. We will need a £40 deposit in the next few weeks please.

Congratulations to Nikki Firth on her appointment as Assistant Curate to the Reservoir Group of churches when she is ordained deacon in the summer. Please pray for Nikki as she prepares for her ordination.

Gluten Free wafers are available but please let us know that you need one when you arrive at church.

Church cleaning and gardening on Wednesdays from 12 noon until 2pm. Tea and chocolate biscuits offered in recompense.

We do not currently take a collection during our Sunday Mass but **everything that we do in our parish relies entirely on the donations that you give us**. To make a regular donation you can sign-up to our Parish Giving Scheme at www.parishgiving.org.uk or by telephoning 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9 - 5. You can make a one-off donation by cash in the plate at the back of church or on our card machine at the coffee bar.

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