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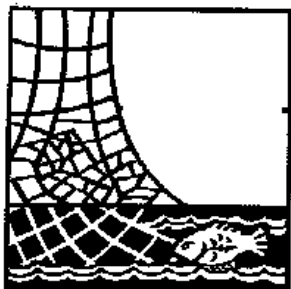
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**21st January 2018**

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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR**

*Repent and believe the Good News.*

**First Reading**

**Jon 3:1-5. 10**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-9**

**Second Reading**

**1 Cor 7:29-31**

**Gospel**

**Mk 1:14-20**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR:** A note of urgency runs through our readings today. Jonah delivers an ultimatum to the people of Nineveh – just forty days to repent and amend their way of life. St Paul warns the people of Corinth not to be too comfortable in their existing state of life “because the world as we know it is passing away”. In St Mark’s Gospel it is the recognition of the urgency of the Lord’s invitation that leads Simon and Andrew, James and John to abandon their employment as fishermen, their homes and families, to join Jesus in his mission. Two thousand years later the world has not yet passed away and we can feel that there is no urgency about the call of Christ but we know our human lifespan is limited, even if we do not like to think about it very much. One of our parishioners whose funeral took place recently knew she was terminally ill and gave me a letter with full instructions last July! Are we as prepared? More importantly, are we ready to meet God face to face or are there things in our lives we would want to change first? Perhaps we should take a little more urgently Our Lord’s words, “The kingdom of God is close at hand”. It is Good News but also a challenge to be ready. God may have given us many more than forty days’ notice, but can we presume on this?

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Sean O’Leary, Rona Roberts, Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Bishop Doubleday, Charles Stanley and Winifred Lawes* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**COGGESHALL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** This Saturday at Christchurch 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

**MASS VARIATIONS:** This week I am involved in presenting a canon law course to a group based at Ealing Abbey. This means that there will be no Mass Monday, Tuesday & Friday and at 8.00 a.m. on Thursday. I give my presentations on the first two days and mark and give feedback on Thursday and Friday.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:** Mass for deceased altar servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree on Saturday 10th March at 11.00 a.m. (please arrive by 10.30 a.m. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent’s Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb/cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please reply to [becontree@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:becontree@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by 28th February if you wish to attend.

**FAITH FILMS CLUB - THE BIBLE: VENUE: Agness O’Brien’s home. DATE & TIME: Thursday 25th January at 11.00 a.m. CONTACT 01376 573694** to confirm attendance.