

## **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> Intentions of Sr Bridget Scannell (Scannell)	
	<b>9.00am</b> Maryanne Friel RIP recently (McBrearty)	
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11.00am</b> People of our Parish	
	<b>12.15pm</b> Baptism of Tabitha Rose Payne and Archie Joseph Dodwell	
<b>MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am Mathias McGrath RIP (JM)	
<b>TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am James Anthony Parello RIP	<b>Requiem Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am John Ryan RIP (recently)	
<b>THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am Francis Daly RIP	
<b>FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St John Houghton, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>	
	9.00am Special Intention (JJM)	
<b>SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Erconwald, Co-Patron Saint of our Diocese</b>	
	11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass	

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

<b>SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> Margaret Barrett (Canny)
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Jim Parello RIP (Ives)
	<b>11.00am</b> People of the Parish
	<b>BAPTISM 12.15pm</b> Benjamin Dudley Goldsworthy

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE** Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm and by request  
**MORNING PRAYER** is offered in the Church at 8.45am, before weekday Mass  
**DIVINE OFFICE:** Psalms for Week 4 of Easter are from Week 4 in The Breviary  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT** Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after 9am weekday Mass

### **PARISH MASS BOOK: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL** Giovanni Borelli, Hilda Silver, Mark Toohey, Brenda Sebire, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Roger Minnis, Paula Hall, Sean Clohessy, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Ann Dowd, Rhoda Limbear and all our parishioners, family members and friends who are ill at this time.

**OFFERINGS:** Offertories: Envelopes £208, Loose Plate £273.00, Standing Orders £700. CAFOD £35.07. *Thank you for your generous offerings.*

**Pope Francis' Prayer** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or religious life.

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS:** Please note that due to a Hall booking there will not be coffee after the 11am Mass on this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to the family of Sebastiano Surace who was Baptised in our Church on 29<sup>th</sup> April. May the Lord bless them and help to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.

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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

*My dear People,*

Jesus said, "I am the gate of the sheepfold... anyone who enters through me will be safe" (John 10:1-10). Nowadays many people use gates to improve their security. A shepherd used the gate of the sheepfold to let the sheep in to safety, he would then lie down at the gate to protect his herd so that one could only enter or leave through him. Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which people go safely in and out. He is "The Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep". He tells us that all who belong to him and know him, listen to his voice and follow him.

Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd", on Good Shepherd Sunday, prophesies that God will send a shepherd, to call his people to follow him and he will lead them to safety. He nourishes and feeds his people; leads them to food and water, gives rest to their souls and revives their drooping spirits. He guides them along the right path, protects them from evil and frees them from fear. He comforts them and prepares an eternal banquet for them – for he will always be faithful to them. These hopes and prophecies were all fulfilled in and by Christ, "The Good Shepherd".

On Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church asks Christians to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There is a vocations crisis in affluent nations as fewer people hear or follow a call from God to serve him and his people in the priesthood or religious life. Christ calls each of us to listen to his voice and to follow our own particular vocation in life – which involves love for God and people. We need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life so that the Lord's work as the Good Shepherd will be continued and his Word be preached to our own and future generations, and the Sacraments and Bread of Life may be given to people as their spiritual sustenance. If we are serious about vocations, we will pray for vocations from our own families and community. God gives each one of us a unique vocation or call, and by following it we will give glory to God, service to people, and find our own personal fulfilment and ultimate happiness.

In praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we ask that some amongst us may hear the Lord call them to share his ministry and work as the Good Shepherd of his people. *May the Good Shepherd protect and bless you. Fr John*

**JAMES ANTHONY PARELLO RIP** Jim died on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, at Frank Foster House, Theydon Bois. He will be received into our Church on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **May he rest in peace.**

**MONSIGNOR GEORGE STOKES RIP** a Director of Education in Brentwood Diocese for many years, died at Nazareth House, Westcliff on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Fr George will be received into St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays RM17 6SR on Tuesday, 9 May, at 5pm. Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday at 12noon followed by burial at Chadwell St. Mary Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be arranged for Brentwood Cathedral. **May he rest in peace. We pray that the Lord grant eternal rest and lasting peace to all who have died and send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console all who now mourn.**

**Migrants Mass Saturday 20 May, 2017:** The 12<sup>th</sup> Migrants Mass is being hosted this year by our Diocese for the first time at St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. In honour of St Joseph the Worker the Diocese of Westminster, Southwark & Brentwood unite to celebrate the international nature of the church's work and how migrants contribute to our society, our concern for their welfare, and dignity. Banners assemble at 10.30 am on the Priory Lawn, Mass begins at 11 am when Bishop Alan will be presiding.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Bishop Alan desires that we have a great Brentwood Centenary Pilgrimage, to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, to** celebrate of the Centenary of the founding of Diocese of Brentwood, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He asks each parish to have at least one coach. He will preside at the Centenary Pilgrimage Mass at Walsingham, with the priest and people on that day. There will be no Saturday evening Masses in parishes in the Diocese on that day. Details of the coach travel from our parish will be announced.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next preparation session for the children will be a rehearsal on Tuesday next, 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.00pm in our Church. **The Going Forth Party will be held after the 11am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We need volunteers from the parish to assist the parents. Please let Fr John know.**

**PARISH REPRESENTATIVE to Churches Together in Epping & District:** We need a parish representative(s) to Churches Together in Epping & District. It involves participation in up to 4 meetings per year and reporting to Parish Council on what is happening with churches in the town and district. You must be a practising Catholic, regularly attending Mass with us and have a ecumenical outlook. If you can help please contact Fr John, Deacon Duncan or Parish Council Chairman, Melanie Hollinshead.

**APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2017:** Parents and carers who wish to obtain a priest's reference to support their application for a place for their child in a Catholic school for September 2017 need to be attending Sunday Mass consistently. Where people are not attending Mass regularly there is no point in seeking a reference from a priest.

**MISSION APPEAL:** this weekend we welcome Sr Ruth of The Medical Missionaries of Mary who is making an Appeal on behalf of a number of Missionary Sisters working in developing nations. Following her Appeal there will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend in support of the Missions.

**JUMBLE SALE:** We will have parish Jumble Sale in our Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you have a large number of items please contact Janet on 01992 571128 so that they can be stored in the shed.

**FOODBANK OPENING IN EPPING. Epping Forest Foodbank** (an extension to the Loughton Foodbank) will be **opening at The Box, St John's Road, Epping on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 3.30-5.00pm** and will be open each subsequent Monday at the same time. **Additional helpers are required, to work on a rota basis** (after training); please give your name to John McCredie (one of Epping Foodbank co-ordinators – Tel. 01992 577943; email: [johnmccredie92@gmail.com](mailto:johnmccredie92@gmail.com)), Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to join the enthusiastic team to help in this very charitable work. If you know anyone in serious need of short-term help from the Foodbank, then ask them to contact Paul Ives (01992 577104) or the SVP.

**PARISH WHIST GROUP:** Our friendly Whist Group meets once a month and the next dates for the diary are Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm start. Non parishioners are welcome. Entry fee a mere £2. Splendid prizes to be won. Please ring Arnold Verrall for more details (contact details on cover page).

**Meeting the "Living God" Seminars:** Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT

**Seminar 4: "The Beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope emeritus Benedict XVI."**

**Speaker:** Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral

**Date:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 10.30am -12.00noon

**Seminar 5: "God has a dream for each one of us."**

**Speaker:** Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon

**Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 10.30am -12.00noon

**Seminar 6: "Contemplative Prayer – is it for me?"**

**Speaker:** Bishop Alan Williams, sm

**Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

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**MISSA BREVIS:** Brentwood Cathedral Choir has commissioned a new Missa Brevis, for choir and organ, from the composer Diana Burrell, for the Diocesan Centenary. Diana Burrell is a parishioner at the church of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Harwich, and her most recent commission was for the BBC Symphony Orchestra at London's Barbican Centre. The Missa Brevis will receive its first performance at the 11.30 am Mass in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Parishioners are very warmly invited to this celebration of the Diocesan Centenary.