

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 24th June to Sunday 2nd July 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

SATURDAY 24th	6.00pm	Derek Wells RIP (Wells)
Sunday 25th June	9.00am	Private Intention
	11.00am	People of our Parish
MONDAY 26th	9.00am	Mrs Annie Cooley RIP (Flanagan)
TUESDAY 27th		St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor
	9.00am	Veronica Beard RIP
WEDNESDAY 28th		St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
	12.30pm	Mrs Margaret Stubbs RIP Requiem Mass
THURSDAY 29th		FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL Holyday of Obligation
	10.00am	People of our Parish
	8.00pm	Fr James Hawes RIP (1st Anniversary)
FRIDAY 30th		The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
	9.00am	Private Intention
SATURDAY 1st July		Anniversary of Bishop Alan Williams Episcopal Ordination 2014
13th Sunday Year A	6.00pm	Anne Untermoser's intentions (Untermoser)
Sunday 2nd July 2017	9.00am	People of our Parish
	11.00am	Mrs Anne McEaney RIP recently (Lechley)

SACRAMENT of PENANCE Saturdays 11.00am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm
MORNING PRAYER is offered in the Church at 8.45am, before weekday Mass
DIVINE OFFICE: PSALMS for Week 12 are from Week 4 in the Breviary
BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after 9am weekday Mass

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

DISASTERS: We pray for the victims of terrorism at Westminster, Manchester, London Bridge and Finsbury Park, and all who suffer from the fire at Grenfell Tower. May they rest in peace and may the Lord send his Spirit to comfort all who suffer and mourn.

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £129.30, Loose Plate £337.17, Standing Orders £700. CAFOD £71.32. *Thank you for your generosity.*

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the families of Angelica Joy Pamela Magri and Annabel Grace Barnes who have been Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A 25th June 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Poor Jeremiah in today's first Reading! He has been sent by God to tell the Kings of Judah and the people of Jerusalem of his extreme displeasure at their turning away from their worship of him and, instead, starting to worship Baal. God's message that they would be punished, even obliterated, fell on deaf ears and Jeremiah bemoans his fate, including his public punishment, but is unswerving in his trust in God. In today's Gospel reading, we too are urged to be fearless in widely spreading the Christian message..

So, how should we go about this task? We all know that our faith is based upon loving God and our neighbour through our display of, for example, Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Honesty and Forgiveness. But how are we expected to encourage others to lead their lives based on these qualities, many of which are in short supply in our society. We are the modern-day equivalent of Jeremiah and need to be fearless in promoting values of which God approves.

If we are simply doing our best to lead good lives ourselves, we are already helping those around us, through our example, to become aware of values which are pleasing to God...so, we are already 'spreading the Christian message'. Jeremiah reminds us, that if we put our trust in God, he will help us to save those whose lifestyle is alien to him, and, through us, encourage them to:

- Know, trust and regularly worship God
- Not be aggressive, use bad language or display anti-social habits.
- Be friendly and helpful to everyone they meet

God needs us loudly to acclaim the changing of many values in society.

God Bless.

Deacon Duncan

FR JAMES HAWES RIP ANNIVERSARY: Thursday next, 29th June, the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, is the first anniversary of Fr James' death. We will pray for the repose of his soul at the 10am Mass and offer the 8pm Mass for him. A picture of the stained glass window erected in the sacristy, in memory of Fr James, is available in church this week. **May he rest in peace.**

FR GEORGE STOKES RIP: On Thursday 6th July there will be a Memorial Mass for Fr George Stokes RIP, who died on 27th April 2017, at Brentwood Cathedral starting at 11.30am. It is likely to be busy and I request that, if you are attending, that you confirm this by emailing janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org by **Tuesday June 27th by midday.**

MRS MARGARET STUBBS RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Margaret Stubbs who died on the 11 June. She will be received into our Church for the celebration of Requiem Mass, on next Wednesday at 12.30pm. **May she rest in peace.** We offer our sympathy to and prayers for her family and all who mourn for her at this time.

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Bishop Alan asks that we have a great Diocesan Pilgrimage, to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, on **Saturday 22nd July**, to celebrate of the Centenary of the founding of our Diocese of Brentwood in 1917. He asks each parish to have at least one coach. He will preside at the Centenary Mass at Walsingham, with the priests and people on that day. There will be no Saturday evening Masses in parishes in the Diocese on that day. **Please put your name on the lists or on the sheet in our Church if you intend going on the pilgrimage.**

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS In Lent and on the first Friday of the month we offer Mass for various groups in our parish. On Friday, 7 July, at 7.30pm Mass will be offered for our Altar Servers, who will be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers and given their medal. After Mass there will be a party for the Servers in the Parish Hall. We need to know the names of the Servers who will be at the Mass and going to the party. Servers, please put your name on the list in the Sacristy.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE A Mass to celebrate Marriage & Family Life will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 15th July at 3.00pm. Couples who wish to celebrate their marriage, are preparing for marriage, or offering counselling or support for marriage are invited to this Mass. Couples wishing to attend are asked to let Fr John know.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES (4th of 4) at Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm. Dr Paul Doherty, Headmaster, Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green: **“The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood”**. Admission Free. Bookstall available.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD SEMINAR SERIES 2017

Seminar 6: “Contemplative Prayer – is it for me?”

Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm

Date: Saturday 15th July 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

For further information contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel.01277265285

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS: We need to get some teams of people to do the weekly clean of our church. In most parishes it is the parishioners who look after and do the church cleaning. Just as we clean our own homes so in a sense we would want to clean our church where we are at home with God. There is another pressing reason for this, which is that our parish expenditure exceeds our income and there has been a pattern of reducing parish income over the past three years. For a start, if we could do our own church cleaning it would mean reducing our costs by £2,300 a year, which would be significant first step to improve our situation. If you can help please email the parish office or put your name on the list at the back of the church.

RED MISSIO BOXES - APF We are asked to send money from Missio red collecting boxes in June & December each year. Would all who have boxes please hand them in to the Sacristy or the Presbytery ASAP. **Please do NOT leave the boxes containing money in the Church Porch.** When the boxes have been emptied and counted, they are labelled and left in the Church Porch for collection by their owners. **This money supports Mill Hill Missionaries and deprived communities overseas.** If you would like to have a Red Box at home to give small change to this worthwhile charity, please contact Brendan Carden, our Parish Missio Organiser, on 07983 94755. Every little helps!

ECCA SUMMER CONCERT will be in St. John's Church Epping on Saturday, 8 July, at 7.30pm. Programme includes Hayden's Little Organ Mass Chilcott - Jazz Mass. Songs from 'shows' & popular Opera Choruses. Entrance free. Programmes, £2.50 to offset expenses. Interval refreshments available. A fun evening is assured!

Year 8 Worship Experience Volunteers Each year, the Chaplaincy Team at St John's School organises a very vibrant and successful opportunity for 160 Year 8 students (aged 12-13) from St John's School to visit St John's Church, Epping to experience various aspects of Prayer and Worship. The format comprises 20 'Activity Stations' and requires adult supervisors for each 'station' (must be DBS checked) from **8.30am – 11.00 am on Friday 14th July** and a small team of helpers to move furniture etc (DBS check NOT required) on the **afternoon of Thursday 13th July**. Full instructions are provided for those taking part. If you can help **telephone Alison Dolan on 07855 958 653, or email. adolan@openboxeducation.org.uk**

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STUDENT GAMES (FISEC): Jessica Smith, of St Joseph's Parish, Upminster, has been selected for the GB athletics squad for the International Catholic Student Games (FISEC) near Venice in July. The FISEC Games is a world competition for school sports that follows international rules and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Please keep Jessica, the GB team and all of those children competing in the Games in your prayers.

VACANCIES Details of vacancies and positions available in schools and offices in the Diocese are placed on the noticeboard in the church porch for people's attention.