

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 1st July to Sunday 9th July 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

SATURDAY 1st July 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)
MONDAY 3rd 9.00am St Thomas, Apostle
Jeremiah Kingston RIP (FM)
TUESDAY 4th 9.00am St Elizabeth Portugal
Fr James Hawes RIP (Holder)
WEDNESDAY 5th 9.00am St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest
Mass in Thanksgiving (Whitehouse)
THURSDAY 6th 9.00am St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
Private Intention
FRIDAY 7th 9.00am Private Intention
7.00pm Mass for our Altar Servers
SATURDAY 8th 6.00pm People of our Parish **SEA SUNDAY**
14th Sunday Year A 9.00am Jim Sullivan RIP (Lynch)
Sunday 9th July 2017 11.00am Joseph Guiglielmi RIP (Anniv.)
12.15pm Baptism Evelyn Rose Hales

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 13 are from Week 1 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 Limebear, 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 £432.50, Loose £253.39, Standing Orders £700.
Thank you for your generosity.

Final Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 2017. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A 2nd July 2017

My dear parishioners,

Jesus said, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me" (Matt.10:37-42). The peoples of the Holy Land & Middle East, traditionally welcome strangers very warmly and offer the best in hospitality. St Paul instructs us "welcome one another and show honour to visitors" and "make hospitality your special care" (Rom. 12:13). We are told in Hebrews, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Ch.13:1&23). That is shown in Abraham and his wife Sarah, giving hospitality to the three men who visited them, but were angels. They brought a message from God that Abraham and his aged wife would have a child within a year, and that God's promise would be fulfilled with the birth of their child Isaac. This scene is movingly depicted in Rublev's beautiful icon of the Most Holy Trinity.

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us to see God in himself, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father (John 14:9). We recognise Christ is present "where two or three are gathered together in his name". When the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed in public, the Lord is present and speaks to his people. He is really present in the Holy Eucharist when he gives himself to his people in the forms of Bread and Wine. Nor should we overlook the fact that he is present in other people and in each one of us. That can be hard to believe at the times when we or other people may be somewhat obnoxious, hostile or lacking in hospitality.

Refugees and exiles are especially in need of welcome and hospitality. Often they are suffering and in a very vulnerable situation, and having no roots in a community or country in which they are living, may feel like outsiders. This can lead to the formation of ghetto like communities as people live in parallel societies or worlds, but with no communication or integration in a wider society. We Christians have a specific responsibility to take to heart and express in our relationships the words of our Lord, "He or she who welcomes you welcomes me, and the one who sent me".

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones. Fr John

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.**

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS This week, on **Friday, 7 July, at 7.00pm** Mass will be offered for our Altar Servers, and they will be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers. Each server will be presented with their own medal showing they belong to the Guild. After Mass there will be a party for the Servers in the Hall. We are proud of our servers and most grateful for their service at the altar. We need to know the names of the Servers who will be at the Mass and go to the party. Please put your name on the list.

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 in 1917. He will preside at the Centenary Mass at Walsingham, with the priests and people. There will be no Saturday evening Masses in parishes in the Diocese on that day. The cost of the coach will be heavily subsidised by the parish and the charge will be £15 per person. The coach will leave our church at 8.15am and leave Walsingham for home at around 5pm. **Please put your name on the lists or on the sheet in our Church if you intend going on the pilgrimage.**

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Bishop Alan will celebrate a Mass for Marriage & Family Life at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 15th July at 3.00pm. Couples who wish to celebrate their marriage, prepare for marriage, or offer counselling or support for married couples are invited to the Mass. If you will be attending please let Fr John know.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS: We are most grateful to the parishioners who have responded to a call join a team for a weekly cleaning of our church. In most parishes, the parishioners do the cleaning. Just as we clean our homes, so in a sense we would want to clean our church where we are at home with God. Another reason for this is that our parish expenditure exceeds income – there has been a pattern of reduction in our parish income for the past three years. For a start, by doing our own church cleaning we reduce our costs by £2,300 a year, which is a significant first step to improve our situation. If you can help, please email the parish office or put your name on the list in the church.

RED MISSIO BOXES - APF We are asked to send money from Missio red collecting boxes in June & December each year. Please hand boxes in to the Sacristy or Priest's House ASAP. **Please do NOT leave boxes containing money in the Church Porch.** When emptied and counted, the boxes are labelled and left in the Church Porch to be collected by the owners. **The money helps Mill Hill Missionaries support poor communities overseas.** If you wish to have a Red Box to give small change to this charity, contact Brendan Carden, our Parish Missio Organiser, on 07983 947505. Every little helps! The first batch of 'red boxes' have been counted and the money, which amounted to over £600 has been sent off. It is not too late if you have not returned your box if you have not already done so. Boxes are available for collection in the Church porch and there is a separate tray of unused boxes for any one who would like to take one.

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!

MEETING THE LIVING GOD SEMINAR SERIES 2017 at Brentwood Cathedral

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

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 to visit St John's Church, Epping to experience various aspects of Prayer & 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@openboxededucation.org.uk**

ST JOHN VIANNEY Solemn Pontifical Mass at 10am, Sunday 30 July to celebrate of the 50th anniversary of the opening of St John Vianney Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0JB. **Celebrant: Rt Rev Alan Williams SM Bishop of Brentwood .Preacher: Rt Rev Keith Newton PA, Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Mass Setting: Mozart Spatzenmesse. Anthem: Bairstow Blessed City Heavenly Salem. Stanford Te Deum in B Flat.** Followed by BBQ, Tickets (£5/3.50). Buy on the door or in advance (for a group). For details phone 020 8550 4540 or email vianney.clayhall@btinternet.com.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation that helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or at social events. For further information visit www.catholic singles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: Most of the Catholic newspapers and magazines on sale in the church are not purchased weekly and wind up going in to recycling. It is a pity that people do not take advantage of the opportunity to become more informed on the life and thinking of the Church nationally and internationally. Even if you have not bought one of the papers or magazines, please try taking some of the leftovers from the previous week (which are free) and may prove to be interesting.

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018: Parents & carers who want a priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2018 must to be attending Sunday Mass consistently. When people are not attending Mass regularly there is no point in seeking a priest's reference this Autumn.