

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 15th July to Sunday 23rd July 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year A

SATURDAY 15 July 6.00pm Lucia Maraldo RIP (Anniv) (Maraldo)

Sunday 16 July 2017 9.00am Michael Gallagher RIP (Holmes)

11.00am People of our Parish

MONDAY 17th 9.00am Oliver Hannratty RIP (Rimmer)

TUESDAY 18th 9.00am Fr James Hawes RIP (Murray)

WEDNESDAY 19th 9.00am Private Intention

THURSDAY 20th St Appolinarius, Bishop and Martyr

9.00am Holy Souls

11.00am Funeral Service of Antony Williams RIP

FRIDAY 21st No morning Mass or Service in Church today

SATURDAY 22nd 6.00pm No evening MASS or Confessions in Church today

16th Sunday Year A 9.00am Mrs Colleen Mansfield RIP recently

Sunday 23 July 2017 11.00am Avis Milner RIP (recently)

SACRAMENT of PENANCE Saturdays 11.00am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm

MORNING PRAYER in the Church at 8.45am, before weekday Mass

DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS for Week 14 are from Week 2 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, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hilda Silver, Mark Toohey, Rhoda Limebear, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Hannah Robinson, Ann Dowd, Roger Minnis, Sean Clohessy, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Annie Cambell Tweedy 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 £239.50, Loose £320.80, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £13.11, Apostleship of the Sea £1.23. *Thank you for your generosity.*

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE MASS AT 6PM on Saturday 22nd July or Confessions that morning due to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM We have our 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. We now have three places left of the coach which will leave our Church at 8.15am. We ask that all who are going on the Pilgrimage collect an Information Pack and a Payment Envelope at the back of the church.

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My dear parishioners,

The Lord said, "The Word goes forth from my mouth and does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do" (Isaiah 55:10-11). Genesis 1 states that when God spoke a Word something new was created. The structure of the readings at Sunday Mass shows that the Word of God which was prophesied in the Old Testament, was fulfilled in the person of Jesus in the New Testament. Isaiah speaks of the Word of God being sent forth into the world to fulfil God's purpose and save people. Jesus is the Word of God become man, and he fulfils God's plan perfectly, through his obedience to the will of his Father. He speaks the Word of God in offering prayer, prophecies, teachings and miracles. God's love for mankind is shown through his sending his Son, "the Word made Flesh" as Saviour of the world. Jesus as the Word of God comes to bring grace and new life to people, so that they can grow in right relationship with their creator and their neighbour.

When a person is Baptised the Word of God is read, but Jesus the Word of God also lives in our heart. The Word of God is the seed of faith planted in the heart and when nurtured, it grows and bears fruit in a person. The Word of God and gift of faith enables a person to grow in the image and likeness of God, so that he or she becomes holy and integrated. The Word of God shapes the life of a person so that we can make the choice between right and wrong to live a moral life, centred on God and others rather than self. God does not want his Word or to be fruitless, which is why we need to turn to his Word for encouragement, direction, hope, comfort and consolation. We should treasure the Word of God and protect the faith that the Lord has given us, so that we do not lose his grace which enables us to flourish and live in right relationship with God and others.

Schools close this week and the summer holiday season begins. We ask the Lord to bless and protect people at the time so that all will have a happy, safe and relaxing holiday, at home or away.

May the Lord bless us with a desire to listen to and love his Word. Fr John

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: On Friday we welcome Fr Dariusz Dabek who will be here during my holidays. Fr Darius, is a Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University in Lublin, and he has supplied in parishes during my holidays for about 20 years. I am sure that you will give him a warm welcome and he will be open to hospitality.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE JUMBLE IN OUR CHURCH PORCH

During the week we have had large jumble left in our Church Porch, which has proved to be a problem not only dispose-of, but even to move. We have now had to pay to dispose of these goods and there has been a cost involved. Please only bring to the Church goods that can easily be sold in a Jumble Sale or Bazaar. Electrical and large items are not suitable and only a problem and cost for us..

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS: We are most grateful to all parishioners who 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 trend of reduction in 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! A further payment has been made to the Director of Missio bringing our parish total to £702.80. Many thanks to all our donors. 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.

QUIZ NIGHT DIARY DATE: A Parish fundraising Quiz Night will be held in our Parish Hall on **Saturday 30th September 2017.** Please keep the date free in your diaries. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

GIFT AID: If you need a letter, for tax purposes, showing the amount you donated to the parish in 2016/17 please contact Margaret Lechley in the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: Most of the weekly Catholic newspapers and magazines on sale in the church are not purchased and wind up going in to recycle. Even if you have not bought one of the papers or magazines, please take some of the leftovers from a previous week which inform us of the life of the church nationally and internationally.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNIONS FOR 2017-18

APPLICATION FORMS for parents who wish to prepare their children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion starting in September 2017 are available at the back of our Church. Catholic parents who apply must constantly attend Sunday Mass with their children, and attend the parents' sessions. Children must attend all their preparation sessions, which will be in the Sacristy, on Wednesday evenings at 5.45pm. The first parents session will be held in our Church Hall on Tuesday, 12th of September at 8.00pm. Completed Application Forms and enclosures must be returned to the Priest's House by Wednesday, the 30th of August at the latest.

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Evelyn Rose Hales who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord bless them and help to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

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: Bishop Alan Williams SM.** Followed by BBQ, Tickets (£5/3.50). Buy on the door or in advance (for a group). Details from phone 020 8550 4540 or email vianney.clayhall@btinternet.com.

2018 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: Fr Stephen Myers, at Holy Family Church, Dagenham, will lead a Pilgrimage to Poland from Monday 28 May to Saturday 2 June 2018. Cost of £546:00 per person includes: Half Board. Full services of a guide Coach visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Krakow, Wadowice, Zakopane Entrance charge to Salt Mine Documentary film in Auschwitz Entrances to Wawel Cathedral and St Mary's Church Krakow. Contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 884444.

The Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 29 July at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. All are welcome. The meeting will be followed by a talk from Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, a venerable and important organisation, under the patronage of St Thomas More, which is charged with keeping the Church's concerns before government and politicians at the national level.

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.