

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th August 2017

20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Saturday 19 August	6.00pm	Mary Canny RIP (Canny)
Sunday 20 August	9.00am	Pauric McPartlan RIP (Darcy)
	11.00am	People of the Parish

Monday 21 August (St Pius X)	9.00am	Geoffrey Joel RIP
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Tuesday 22 August (Queenship of BVM)	9.00am	Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)
Wednesday 23rd August	9.00am	Geoffrey Potter RIP (Murray)

Thursday 24th August (St Bartholomew)	9.00am	Rose Potter RIP (Murray)
Friday 25th August	9.00am	Holy Souls

21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Saturday 26th August	6.00pm	Keith Brewer RIP
Sunday 27th August	9.00am	Holy Souls
	11.00am	People of the Parish

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

DIVINE OFFICE MORNING PRAYER at 8.45am before weekday Mass in Church

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION after 9am Mass recommences 1st Sept.

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

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	OFFERTORY: Envelopes	£293.00
	Loose	£242.36,
	Standing Orders	£700.00,
	CAFOD	£15.39,

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK **20th August 2017**

- *Firstly, a request..... When I agreed to prepare the Newsletter in the absence of Margaret Lechley and Fr John, I did not realise that there would be computer difficulties which would prevent me producing the Newsletter in its usual format. If any parishioner is able to advise me on 'Columns' in the Microsoft 2010 Word Suite, it will enable me to revert to the usual format for the Newsletter next week. Please phone me on 01992 577173 if you can help!. Meanwhile, the content of the Newsletter is unaltered.....only the presentation.*

There are two important themes in today's scripture readings.

- In the reading from Isaiah, we are encouraged to welcome all-comers to worship God – Christians, Jews, Moslems, and those of other faiths and of none: all are welcome, and our role is to practise our faith actively, with enthusiasm and commitment, and to give an example which others will follow.
- In Mathews Gospel reading, the Canaanite woman gives us an excellent example of how persistence in our faith will help us to overcome difficulties of all sorts, and how the power of prayer allows God's goodness to be always in our thoughts, words and deeds. The Samaritan woman was firstly a woman of love; when the life of her child is threatened, a mother's love knows no limits. She was a woman of faith; she seemed to have complete confidence that Jesus could help her daughter. She was a woman of tireless persistence; little could discourage her. She met a wall of silence, but she kept asking. She met a rebuff, but just threw herself at the feet of Jesus. She was insulted, but turned the insult round with a flash of humour and finally her wish was granted. It is that kind of persistent faith which keeps faith alive in our daily struggles of life.

May God bless you all

Deacon Duncan

WELCOME BACK TO FR KIERAN DODD. Fr Kieran Dodd will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend and on weekdays until Friday 25th August, when Fr John returns from his holiday in Ireland. Fr Kieran will be resident in the presbytery, and, as we remember from his several previous visits as a supply priest, he is always ready to chat with parishioners. We welcome him warmly.

BERNARD GEORGE R.I.P The funeral service for Bernard George, who died on 4th August, will take place on Monday 11th September at 2 00pm. Bernard's body will be received into church on Sunday 10th September at 2pm. He had been a regular worshipper at 6pm Mass for over 15 years, until his illness last autumn and the members of his family warmly invite parishioners to the Service and cremation on 11th September and to the 'High Tea' Reception at Down Hall, Hatfield Heath after the cremation. May he rest in peace.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2017-18

APPLICATION FORMS for parents who wish to prepare their children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion starting in September 2017 are at the back of our Church. Catholic parents who apply must constantly attend Sunday Mass with their children, and the parents' sessions. Children must attend all 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, 12 September at 8.00pm. Completed Application Forms & enclosures must be returned to the Priest's House by Wednesday, 30th August.

THE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: The SVP seeks to appoint a Data Protection Officer for its Brentwood Central Council to ensure full compliance with Data Protection legislation. This is an important new voluntary role for which all necessary training will be given. It will take up a few hours a month and require attendance at meetings (max 6 per year) in Brentwood. Applicants need not be full SVP members. Experience or knowledge of Data Protection or Compliance NOT necessary but would be helpful. Please call Paul Ives for more information on 01992 577104 or 07504923428

HERE'S A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA - JANUARY 2019

If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and with the Pope. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For more information, visit www.bcys.net, or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017. Or you could chat with Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you think you may be interested.

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. Have you got your team together?.

ANNUAL CHORAL FESTIVAL 2017: This year our Festival will be a very special occasion celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be held in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 21st October, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with the Festival Thanksgiving Service at 4 p.m. The service will be conducted by Andrew Wright, Master of Music at Brentwood Cathedral. We invite all singers to join us for a memorable and enjoyable day of singing finishing with our Thanksgiving Service. Individual singers are warmly welcomed, as are members of all choirs, robed or unrobed. The choirs of Chelmsford and Brentwood Cathedrals will be joining us for the Service. The music this year has been specially chosen and is included in a booklet which has been printed for us by the Royal School of Church Music. Copies of the booklet £5 and further information from: shirleytimmins@btinternet.com.

CORRECTION TO THE UPCOMING MINISTERS / READERS' ROTA: I apologise for inadvertently omitting the weekend of October 7/8 from the second page of the rota. The easiest way to correct this is to replace Oct.15/16 with Oct 7/8 then working downwards until the last weekend reads Nov 4/5. I apologise also to anyone whose request to be omitted from a particular date has been put in jeopardy. Hopefully this will not happen again. Davnet Barker.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2018: Parents who want a priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2018 need to be attending Sunday Mass consistently. When they are not attending Mass regularly there is no point in asking for a Priest's reference.

FUN RUN, WALK 5K OR 10K FOR BREAST CANCER:

Sunday 24th September 2017. In aid of our local Breast Cancer Charity Clinical Trials at St Margaret's Hospital and The Princess Alexandra Hospital. Please see notice in church porch for more details.

NEW PARISHIONERS. You are very welcome to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan and complete a Personal Information form, so that we can arrange for a parishioner to visit you at home to explain about the parish and how you might become involved.