

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Home Mission Sunday

SATURDAY 16th 6.00pm James Hayes RIP Anniv. (Coyne)

SUNDAY 17th 9.00am Frances Sheehy RIP Recent. (Clohessy)

September 2017 11.00am The People of our Parish

Monday 18th 9.00am Mary McHale RIP Recent. (O'Brien)

Tuesday 19th 9.00am Noel Dooley RIP (Callaghan)

Wednesday 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest & Ha-Sang and Comps

9.00am Laurence Floor RIP (Sr Susan)

St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Thursday 21st 9.00am Denis Murrhy RIP Recent. (Flanagan)

Friday 22nd 9.00am Holy Souls RIP

12.00pm Funeral Service Angela Moore RIP

SATURDAY 23rd 6.00pm Josie O'Neill RIP Recent. (Lechley)

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY 24th 9.00am Mary Cooney RIP Anniv. (Keeling)

SEPTEMBER 2017 11.00am People of our 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 Prayer & Adoration after 9am Mass on weekdays.

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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 and all who are ill at this time.

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £400.50 Loose £286.33, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £32.87 Thank you for your generosity.

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

17th September 2017

THOUGHT(S) FOR THE WEEK

- The funerals of Bernard George (Monday), Richard Thornhill (Thursday) and Stan Holder (Thursday), all took place as planned. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the consolation of their family and friends.
- In the absence of a priest last week, the Mass intentions published in the Newsletter are now in a state of dis-array. These will be re-scheduled at later dates, so please see the intentions for next week and thereafter to find the updated plans.
- On a more spiritual level, the readings this weekend remind us that our Christian way of life requires us always to be forgiving when we are offended and to remind ourselves that when we offend others, we should seek reconciliation with them. We need to keep reminding ourselves that if we have specific problems with relationships, we will find that sincere prayer is a guaranteed way to bring about improvement.
- On Monday, Dorothy and I will be going on a 10 day holiday to Villa Palazzola, near Rome, including a Papal Audience. We are most appreciative of this gift from parishioners to celebrate my 25th anniversary of ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. We will pray for you all in the chapel at Villa Palazzola.

God Bless you all.

Deacon Duncan

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for all who died recently, especially:

ANGELA MOORE RIP who died on Friday, 25th August, at Paternoster House, Waltham Abbey. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in our Church at 12 noon, on Thursday, 21st September, followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

May she rest in peace.

GEORGE ZICHA RIP of Epping, who died on Saturday, 5th August, at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. Funeral arrangements pending. **May he rest in peace.**

PARISH AGM (formerly PARISH ASSEMBLY) and NEW PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION:

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Parish AGM (formerly known as the Parish Assembly), at 8pm in the Hall on Tuesday 3rd October. We will review the past parish year and help to plan the coming year. If you would like to be considered as a member of the Pastoral Parish Council, please speak to Fr John or Deacon Duncan. There is to be a new Constitution for the Parish Council for which approval will be sought at the Parish AGM. There are copies of the draft Constitution in the porch. Please take one and send any comments to parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk, or leave a message in the porch 'letterbox' for Melanie Hollinshead, the outgoing Chairman.

Group representatives please send your reports to the Parish Secretary no later than 22nd September.

LINK WITH OUR TWINNED PARISH: If you would like to be the representative of our parish with our twinned parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, then please see Fr John.

YOUR ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) NEEDS YOU! SVP in our Parish needs more members. SVP does a wide variety of charitable work internationally and nationally but in our Parish it is mainly concerned with visiting people, in their homes, residential homes or hospital, in or around Epping, often just for friendship, companionship and sometimes to lend a helping hand. We are thinly spread and need more members to cope properly with our work and especially to be able to do more. If you have an hour or two a week to spare then please talk to Fr John, Paul Ives or another SVP member.

TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH: We will have a series of talks on the Catholic faith for adults who are interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or who wish to understand our faith and support the practice of their family members. The talks will be suitable for Catholic adults who may not have been Confirmed or who have not been practising their faith or wish to renew and rethink their faith. **The talks will be held in the Priest's House on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm starting on Tuesday 26th September**, and continue until Easter. There is no commitment involved in attending any or all sessions. We would welcome Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved in the presentations.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Open Evening Wednesday 20th September 2017. Please see details on noticeboard in church porch.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2017-18

Parents wishing to prepare their child for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion in 2018 should have completed and submitted an Application Form to the Priest's House. Catholic parents must attend all parents' sessions, and attend Sunday Mass constantly with their children. Children must attend all the preparation sessions, on Wednesday evenings at 5.45pm and Sunday Mass every weekend. The first session for the children will be on Wednesday 4th October 2017.

CATECHISTS NEEDED: We need additional catechists to assist with First Holy Communion preparation as we now have a larger number of children. Catechists do not need to be teachers and will be supported and guided in working with small groups of children. Please contact Fr John or Clare Platais on telephone 576552.

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

World Youth Day, 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 with 2 million young people from all over the world, with the Pope. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. If you would like to go to the Youth Day, but would like help with the cost, please contact Fr John to discuss how help might be given. Details at www.bcys.net or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017.

QUIZ NIGHT DIARY DATE: A Parish fundraising Quiz Night will be held in our Parish Hall on **Saturday 30th September 2017**. Doors open at 7.30pm. Quiz starts at 8pm. £5 per person; under 18's free. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

CHURCH CLEANING: Last **Wednesday 13th September at 8pm** a very useful meeting was held to discuss the future cleaning of the church and establish a rota of volunteers. If you volunteered but were unable to attend the meeting then please do not worry as our parish secretary will be in touch with you. If you have not volunteered you are welcome to do so by contacting the Parish Office.

SPECIAL MASS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: There will be a Mass on Saturday 23rd September 2017 at 3.00pm. All people with disabilities and special needs are invited to attend. Mass will be followed by a Reception in Cathedral Hall.

ORGAN RECITAL AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The recital will be given by Christopher Strange from the RCM London on **Wednesday 20th September 1pm-4pm**. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Song School.