

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 28 October - Sunday 5 November 17

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SATURDAY 28th 6.00pm Margaret Farrell RIP (Canny)
SUNDAY 29th 9.00am Lena Clohessy RIP (Clohessy)
October 2017 11.00am The People of our Parish
Monday 30th Oct. 9.00am Bernadette Mills RIP (Recently) – Sr Susan
Tuesday 31st Oct. 9.00am Veronica Beard RIP
Wednesday, 1st **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**
November 2017 10.00am L&P Knight (Anniv) Parish Mass Book Page 184
8.00pm The People of our Parish
Thursday, 2nd Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - ALL SOULS DAY
November 2017 10.00am Tullia Borelli RIP Parish Mass Book Page 188
8.00pm The Holy Souls - our deceased relatives & friends
Friday, 3rd St Martin de Porres, Religious
9.00am Holy Souls

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SATURDAY 4th 6.00pm Doris & Kenneth Scott RIP (Ryecroft)
SUNDAY 5th 9.00am Carine Moynan RIP (Coynne family)
November 2017 11.00am Frances Richards RIP (Anniv) (Mandvill)
12.15pm Baptism Edward Thomas Archer
Epping Cemetery 3.00pm Cemetery Service and Blessing of Graves

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am – 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm
MORNING PRAYER OF THE DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before weekday Mass
BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass

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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 £189.50, Loose £347.46, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £35.38, World Mission Sunday £30, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (Childcare) £55.42. Thank you for your generosity.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES - A Day of Celebration & Witness at Brentwood Cathedral, from 10.30am to 4.30pm on **Saturday 4 November**. Speakers are: Bishop Alan Williams SM, Bishop of Brentwood, Bishop Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood, and Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS. Details are in the brochure in the church. Everyone is most welcome.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS: Please take a copy of the new rotas which are in the post box in the church porch.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A) 29 October 2017

Dear Friends,

In reply to the question, "Which is the greatest commandment of the law?" Jesus said "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You must love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew. 22:34-40). Jesus combines the two great commandments of the law in the Old Testament and presents them as the two hinges on which right relationship with God and people hang. Just as a genuine coin has an image on each side, so too a person who lives a well-integrated and authentic Christian life has a right and loving relationship with God and people.

Love is more than good feelings towards a person, for it requires both sacrifice and commitment. People who make the greatest sacrifices, show the greatest love. Heroic and unconditional love is shown in self-sacrifice and giving one's self for the sake of another. Jesus showed that sacrificial love when he laid down his life to save not only his friends, but also his enemies, from sin and death. St Paul's shows the qualities of love which give glory to God and bring blessings on people in his hymns to love in Colossians 3 and 1 Corinthians 13. Living these qualities each day makes the one who loves and those who are love more human and holy. The love most of us are asked to share is in the ordinary things of life. St Theresa of Lisieux calls that "The little way", in which we can do small things well, out of love for God and people.

There are people who serve and do ordinary things extraordinarily well in difficult circumstances but often do not recognise that what they are doing is grace and divine love. Parents caring for their children in difficult situations, people caring for dependent relatives or loved ones in distressing times, people whose compassionate hearts go out to those they are unable to help. Being with people, supporting them silently, and sharing with them in their situations, time or place, brings God's love to those most in need, even though one may not feel a sense of reward or benefit. Jesus asked, if you do good to those who do good to you or love those who love you, what reward can you expect? Solidarity and silent support can demonstrate a love from the heart, mind and will, which gives glory to God and greatly helps and blesses people.

May God give us the grace to love in a pure and selfless way. Fr John

REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS is on Wednesday, and it is a holyday and we have an obligation to attend Mass for that feast. Masses are at 10am & 8pm in our church.

ALL SOULS DAY is on Thursday when we remember and pray for our dead at the Masses in our Church at 10am and 8pm. We place the Register of our Dead and the names of deceased relatives, friends & parishioners at the altar for prayer in November. You can have the names of your dead placed at the altar using the enclosed page.

EPPING CEMETERY SERVICE & Blessing of Graves at 3pm on Sunday, 5 Nov.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SERVICE in Church at 3pm on Sunday 19 November.

TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH: If you are interested in finding out about our Catholic faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support the faith or practice of family members you are welcome to a series of talks at the **Priest's House on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm**. These are suitable for Catholics who have not been Confirmed or who have not been practising their faith or wish to renew and rethink their faith. There is no commitment involved in attending any or all sessions. Please contact Fr John by phone or e-mail, at the Priest's House if you are interested.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2017-18: The next session for the children is on **Wednesday 1st November at 5.45pm** in the Church. It is essential that the children attend all the preparation sessions and for Catholic parents bring their children to Sunday Mass every weekend. There are a few of parents have not yet paid the £25 to cover cost of books and materials supplied to them & their children.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at St Mary Immaculate & Holy Archangels, Church Street, Kelvedon CO5 9AH on Friday, 3 November at 3pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass and Sacrament of the Sick. Bus stop near the church & train station less than a mile. Parking available on nearby streets. Refreshments after Mass. Details from Angie Hart on 07719-577923 or email mahart66@outlook.com.

CAFOD Brentwood Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 9 November at 9.15 am. All are welcome to join us, to remember CAFOD supporters, or members of your own family or friends who have died. A Book of Remembrance will be presented and blessed by Bishop Alan at Mass. You are welcome to add a name to the Book of Remembrance; whether or not you attend. Please contact our volunteer center at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or by calling **01277 218730** if you'd like to know more. There will be Refreshments after Mass

ABORTION: Friday 27 October was the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. 8.9 million babies lives have been lost in this country since that Abortion Act was passed. The Bishops of England, Wales, and Scotland have issued a statement on Abortion that is in the Catholic papers and at the back of the Church. An interview with Lord David Alton on this sad anniversary can also be seen on EWTN or at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCu6iAjRjSA> Please pray for an end to this tragedy.

AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER PROCESSION FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE will leave Westminster Cathedral at 1.30pm on Saturday, 11 November, for Westminster Abbey, carrying 500 crosses for Life, to represent more than 500 infants who die through abortion in this country every day - their right to life and human dignity being denied.

RETREAT - Meditations from a Monastery was broadcast on BBC4 at 9pm on October 24, 25 & 26, showing the contemplative, prayer and active life of the monks in Downside, Pluscarden and Belmont Benedictine Abbeys. These programmes, are well worth seeing, and are available on the BBC iPlayer for 30 days.

JUMBLE SALE: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed goods for the Jumble Sale in our Parish on Saturday, and especially to Janet and the team of helpers who worked so hard to make this a successful fundraising event.

WINE TASTING & CHEESE EVENING - SATURDAY, 18 November @ 19.30:

Thank you all for your interest in the Wine Tasting & Cheese Evening - the tickets are now sold out. Adriana will be available after Masses this weekend's to collect payment from all who have reserved a place but not had an opportunity to pay. If you wish to join the evening please let Adriana know as we have a waiting list for those who want to participate but have not yet been able to secure a place. Adriana will be confirming attendance and should places become available she will advise you immediately. For queries please contact Adriana on 07828 118 909.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Our Parish Bazaar is on **Saturday 2nd December**. The Bottle Tombola always earns a lot of money for the church but we need plenty of bottles; lots of them; full of alcohol, sauce, shampoo etc. Please be generous. Stevenette Estate Agents have been emailed a list of twenty parishioners who have agreed to have advertising boards. It is hoped that these will go up during the week of 6th November. Many thanks to the parishioners who have put their names forward. If parishioners are able to ask local businesses for raffle prizes these would be welcome. Please let Fr John or Deacon Duncan know of any prizes this week.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: We are pleased to invite everyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to a traditional luncheon in our Hall. Couples and carers are also welcome. Please call Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or give your details to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

SHOE BOX APPEAL FOR SMALL GIFTS FOR CHILDREN: A big thank you to all of you who left small gifts for the St Mary's Church, Theydon Bois, Shoe Box Appeal. The organisers were delighted, as, I am sure, will be the children who receive your gifts at Christmas.

LONDON MARATHON 2018 Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the **Virgin Money LONDON MARATHON on SUNDAY 22nd April 2018**. If you are an experienced runner or value an opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk for details. The closing date for completed applications is **Friday 17th November**. Please note there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid).

WHIST EVENING: The next Whist Evening will take place at 2 Spriggs Oak, Epping on **Monday 20 November at 7pm**. Entry fee £2 with prizes galore. Please contact Arnold Verrall for further information.

VACANCIES and positions of employment are advertised in the church porch.