

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) – Divine Mercy Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm** Charlie O'Donnell's intentions (Clancy)

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Jacob Family's intentions (Canny)

**APRIL 2018 11.00am** People of our Parish

**Monday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY**

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 9.00am** Canon Charles Loughran RIP (McAdam)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Scannell Family deceased RIP (Scannell)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

9.00am Private intention

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** John Mills RIP (Anniv) Murray

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Peter Scannell RIP (Holland)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Saturday 14 6.00pm** Daniel Julien's intentions (Kelly)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Charlie O'Donnell's intentions (Clancy)

**April 2018 11.00am** The People of our Parish

**12.30pm** Baptism of Allesandro Di Piazza

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm**

**MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE: 15 minutes before weekday Mass**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass**

**PARISH MASS BOOK Second Sunday of Easter B 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME** Francis Wells, Hilda

Silver, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Mark Toohey, Giovanni Borelli, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis, Tony Mullan, Fr Martin Knott, Fr Tom Jordan & all in our parish who are ill. **Please inform Fr John, your Parish Priest or a hospital chaplain if you or your relative, a friend or parishioner is ill, so they can be visited and receive the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS: I express my gratitude to you for your very generous Easter Offerings for which I am most grateful and deeply appreciative. Fr John The Good Friday Collection for Holy Places in the Holy Land came to £319.08.**

**PRAYER REGINA CAELI (said during Easter instead of the "Angelus")**

*O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia;*

*For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia,*

*Has risen as he said, alleluia;*

*Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord is truly risen.*

*O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Has given joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech you, that*

*Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother,*

*We may attain the joys of eternal life,*

*Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) - Divine Mercy Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

As we celebrated Easter, we were reminded of the enormity of the events of 2000 years ago. Maybe we stopped for a little time in our hectic lives to try to imagine what reaction there would have been had the same events happened in today's world... Thankfully, the story continues, albeit in different ways:

It is heartening to see how Christianity breaks through the distractions of present-day living at Easter and touches so many people's lives. We can recognise a few close-to-home examples which contribute to the continuing worldwide growth and influence of Christianity:

- Mass attendance doubles, trebles or quadruples throughout the country, (and worldwide) bringing many people back to God, who, for a variety of reasons, have not worshipped frequently for most of the year.
- Thousands of 'Churches Together' Groups around the country (including Epping) hold a Walk of Witness on Good Friday, which reminds those who see their local Walk that something important is happening.
- The two Good Friday performances of 'The Passion of Christ' by the Wintershall Players (with animals) in Trafalgar Square were seen by 20,000 people this year!
- Young people of 'The Student Cross' walk hundreds of miles during Holy Week, from various parts of England (including Epping). All 11 groups carry a heavy wooden Cross and meet on Good Friday at The National Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk to celebrate Easter together with other pilgrims. They will have been seen by many thousands of people on their way to Walsingham, as they proclaim the Easter message.

**Christianity is alive and active!!** We all have our part to play every day!!

God bless. *Deacon Duncan*

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Boxes of offertory envelopes for 2018/19 are now ready and personally addressed for you in our church porch. If you could join our Gift Aid Scheme please contact Michele Murphy, our Gift Aid Organiser, at the Parish Office. Similarly, contact Michele if you are in the Scheme but no longer a tax payer.

**EASTER CARDS:** If you did not get an Easter Card from our Parish or your address or details were not correct, we apologise and would ask you to please let us have an update of your correct address and details etc at our Parish Office.

**EASTER FLOWERS IN OUR CHURCH:** Thank you to everyone who donated a lily in memory of a loved to our church for Easter. Special thanks to our new team of Flower Arrangers who created such beautiful arrangements in the Church for Easter.

**EASTER EGGS** Our thanks to the Manager of the Tesco Store Epping, for donating Easter Eggs for children at our church on Easter Sunday, which were much enjoyed.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2018:** The next preparation session for the children is on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 5.45pm** in the hall. It is essential that children attend all sessions and Catholic parents bring their children to Mass.

**WE WILL NOT HAVE COFFEE in the hall after 11am Mass on Sunday 22 April**

**JUMBLE SALE:** Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 28 April at 2pm**. Please keep the date free. More details nearer the time.

**READERS AT MASS:** There will be a training session for new Readers at Mass, on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (10am-12.30pm)**, with the possibility to join the Reading Rota in May 2018. If you might be interested in joining our team of 30 Readers, or have queries, please contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) to notify your interest

**LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY RITE:** A number of parishioners have requested the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite in our Church. The first of these Masses will be celebrated by a visiting priest, in our Church, on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS at Southwark Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.** For decades the Church in our country has welcomed people from many parts of the world and this Mass celebrates international diversity in our congregations. Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark will celebrate the Mass with Bishop Alan, and priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire. This is a joyful Mass and all are welcome. For more details see the poster in the church porch.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28 May 2018. We ask for a registration fee of £30 for each place, and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team and won't set a target for sponsorship, but any funds you raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912 277413

**NEW TO OUR PARISH (or have changed your address):** Please complete a Parish Registration form, available in the Church, and introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan who will be happy to welcome you to our church and parish community.

**PARISHIONER SPONSORSHIP:** James Ryan will run the **London Marathon 2018** to raise money for Barnados Children's Charity, helping young children who are amongst the poorest in society. Can you help James raise £1000. His Just Giving Page is in the link attached [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jimmyryan88](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jimmyryan88). Many thanks.

**QUIZ NIGHT FOR THE BOX: Friday 20 April 7pm for a 7:30pm start** at The Box. Teams of 6 or 8 people. £5 a ticket – Licensed bar – bring your own nibbles! Buy tickets from Marjorie Austin (01992 571 156) or Kate Collin (07951 484 805)

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL GRANT AID SCHEME:** The Council awards grants to organisations involved in community, cultural or sport activities to support these groups and provide successful services to the residents of the Epping Forest district. Please see flyers in the church porch.

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick – support our fundraising:** Thank you: over £320,000 has been raised - £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners. There is £200,000 outstanding. If 500 people donated £400 each, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. Could you help? **Every penny is invested in our young people and Abbotswick is open to all.** Contact [Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org), call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or visit [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations) to make a donation online. The refurbished House is open, and we love to receive visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick) The “official opening” is **Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>**. You are welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and to stay on afterwards.

**LAPTOPS NEEDED** I am a sixth form learning mentor at St Mary's Catholic School Bishops Stortford. Due to pressure on school budgets we have laptops that are now over 10 years old and many with problems. We are fundraising in school but laptops are expensive, it will take time and we need at least 20. In the interim I appeal for laptops you may no longer use or need, or your workplace may be updating. Once we achieve our target we will give them to charities. Staff at school will wipe the memory clean as this is a specialist task. I can collect any donations and thank you in advance for your support – **Dymphna Canny on 07840200962**

**VACANCY: Education Office in Brentwood:** PA/Executive Assistant required (PA or Senior Secretarial experience essential) to support the Director and Deputy Director in the education Department. The role is for 35 hours a week, 5 days a week over 42 weeks a year. If you, any of your family or friends – are interested, first contact: [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for job & person specification.

**URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD:** Teaching post for 2ic English, and Chemistry teacher from September 2018. Apply at: [uai.org.uk](http://uai.org.uk) Closing date: 18 April

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHINGFORD** Has a number of posts advertised; teaching and non-teaching – see details in the Church porch.

**OUR PARISH HALL** is available to hire. We offer special rates to parishioners and charities. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 5001995 or 07764404813 for further information and to book for a particular occasion.