

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 5th May to Sunday 13th May 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 6th May 2018

SATURDAY 5 th	6.00pm	Denise McIntosh RIP (Aitken)	
SUNDAY 6 th	9.00am	People of our Parish	
MAY 2018	11.00am	James Davignon RIP (Holland)	
	12.30pm	Baptism Luke Vincent Jones	
Monday 7 th May	10.00am	Holy Souls RIP	Bank Holiday Note time
Tuesday 8 th May	9.00am	Matthias McGrath RIP	
Wednesday 9 th May	9.00am	Canon Brian Grady RIP Anniv	
Thursday 10 th May	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD		Holyday of Obligation
	10.00am	Cleoneagh Jolly RIP Anniv	
		Start of Novena to the Holy Spirit	
	8.00pm	The People of our Parish	
Friday 11 th May	9.00am	Margaret Baldwin's intentions (Baldwin)	
Saturday 12 th May	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass	

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 13th May 2018

Saturday 12 th May	6.00pm	Marie-Therese Therrie RIP (Aitken)
Sunday 13 th May	9.00am	Sr Mary Burke's intentions (Clohessy)
May 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.40pm (No morning session)

MORNING PRAYER of 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 IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME Frances 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 and all in our parish who are ill.

Please inform Fr John, a Priest or hospital chaplain if you or your relative, or a parishioner is ill, at home or in hospital, so they can receive a pastoral visit and receive the Sacraments. Hospital staff do not inform a priest of a Catholic in the hospital, unless asked to do so by the patient or their relative.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £335.10, Loose £323.90; Standing Orders: £800 CAFOD £50.57. Thank you for your generosity.

WE WILL NOT HAVE COFFEE in the Hall after 11am Mass this Sunday.

EASTER CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION: We Catholics have a duty from the Church's law to receive Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of Penance if necessary, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B

3rd May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our 2nd Reading today, from the 1st Letter of St John, on the subject of God's love, is a pivotal piece of Scripture which merits several readings and lots of thought. It invites us to think about our personal relationship with God and what we do to nurture a good relationship with him. If our way of life is one which causes distress to God, then it should cause great distress to us and we should want to become more loving as we try to reflect the beauty of God's love for us in everything that we do, say and think.

A paraphrase of St John's reading for your contemplation reads as follows:

- My dear people, let us show our love for one another.
- Love comes from God and everyone who has a loving nature has received this gift of loving directly from God.
- Every loving person comes to know God intimately, because the love they have received from him forms part of their relationship.
- Anyone who does not have a loving nature, is denied a full, loving relationship with God, who yearns for a change in such a soul, so that they may better recognise God's love of them and so display such love to everyone they meet.
- God's love for us was shown dramatically when he sent Jesus into the world as a human, and allowed him to suffer a tortuous death, for just one reason: **so that each of us might be able to enjoy eternal life with him in heaven when we leave this world.**

With the promise of eternal life for those who love God and their neighbour, we need to re-double our efforts to become more loving in everything that we do, so that we reflect to others God's unconditional love for us.

God bless

Deacon Duncan

NOVENA AND PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR PENTECOST:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MARIA PASCALE RIP, of Fiddlers Hamlet, who died on the **29 April**. She will be received into our Church for the celebration of Requiem Mass at **11.00am on Tuesday 15th May**, to be followed by a burial in Naples, Italy. **May she rest in peace.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2018: The First Holy Communion Masses will be at **11am on Saturday 12th and 19th May**. The Going Forth Mass will be at 11am on **Sunday 10th June**. The rehearsals will be at **7pm on Wednesday 9th & 16th May**.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the *Society for the Protection of Children* collection last week. **£579.48 was donated**. If anyone would like to add to this total, please hand your donation to Fr John or Deacon Duncan. A final figure will be shown in next week's Newsletter.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN MARY'S MONTH: You are welcome to join us as we pray the rosary on Thursdays at 6.45 p.m. at Queen of Peace House, 18, Kendal Avenue, CM16 4PW. Please phone Sr. Susan on 575017 to let us know you are coming. Let us ask Our Loving Mother, the Patroness of our parish, to help us in all our concerns.

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 next of these Masses will be celebrated Fr Mark Higgins, in our Church, on **Saturday 26th May at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

FORTY HOURS: In the Church, and this parish, there has been a tradition of **40 hours** of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, placed in the monstrance on the altar. Traditionally it took place overnight as well as during the daytime. This year we will have the **40 hours** from **Tuesday morning 5th June until Friday evening 8th June**. It will not, however, be overnight but from after morning Mass until **8pm**. Soon we will put out a list for people to sign their names on to cover the various hours.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: "Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until **12th May** will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent "

REQUEST FOR USHERS: We need more people to help as ushers in the Church. If you are coming to Mass, it is not an onerous task, but a great help to other parishioners. Please contact Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or the Parish Office to offer assistance.

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 change to this charity, contact Elaine Garwood, our Parish Missio Organiser, on egarwood@live.co.uk. Every little helps! Boxes are available for collection in the Church porch and there is a separate tray of unused boxes for anyone who would like to take one.

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. The magnificent sum of **£936** was raised.

CALLING ALL IRISH PARISHIONERS AND ALL WITH IRISH ROOTS:

The Abortion industry, supported by its political lobby, is striving to change the constitution in Ireland to allow unrestricted abortion up to birth. At present the law "acknowledges the right to life of the unborn...with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother..." There is a referendum to change the "8th Amendment to the Constitution" that guarantees these equal rights on **May 25th**. The pro-life London Irish united for life: londonirishunitedforlife@gmail.com, gives information on how you can help prevent this tragedy for Ireland by writing, emailing, or voting if you have lived in the UK for less than 18 months. Fliers in the church porch have more information.

PLEASE ACT TO PROTECT IRELAND.

GIFT AID: Please let Michele Murphy know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2017/18. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

FAMILY MAGIC SHOW: On **Saturday 26th May at 2.30pm** the parish is hosting this family event for all ages. The aim of this event is to enjoy magic by Andy Clockwise and an opportunity to meet other families in the parish. Tickets are £10 per family and will be on sale after Masses this Sunday or by email to n.goldsworthy@hotmail.co.uk. Please see poster in church porch for further details.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has secured Tandem Skydiving places on **Saturday 7th July 2018** at Headcorn Airfield in Kent and is inviting applications from adventurous people throughout the diocese who would like to experience the excitement of a 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump and can commit to raising £500 for BCCS. More information from Julie Abbott 07912 277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

A date for your diary - Music for a Spring Bank Holiday - 7:45pm on Saturday 26th May at The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Rd, Billericay CM12 9LL

The Most Holy Redeemer Singers present a concert featuring Emma Gibbins (Director of Music ~ Newport Cathedral) playing the Makin Organ in the Church. The first half will be choral with some familiar classics and the second half will be an organ recital by Emma. Entry is free – but there will be a retiring collection for St Luke's Hospice.