

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**CATHOLIC DEAF AWARENESS WEEK is from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B 13 May 2018 World Communications Day**

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Marie-Therese Thierrie RIP (Aitken)**  
**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Sr Mary Burke's intentions (Clohessy)**  
**May 2018 11.00am The People of our Parish**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> St Matthias, Apostle**

9.00am Intentions of Dolores Dowling (Toohey)  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Maria Pascale RIP Requiem Mass**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Margaret Baldwin's intentions (Baldwin)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Intentions of Maura Dowling (Toohey)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Canon Brian Grady RIP (Anniv)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY B DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH 20 May 2018**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Brendan Curtin RIP Anniv (Crouch)**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Private Intention**

**May 2018 11.00am The 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 Deacon Duncan Whitehouse.

**Please inform Fr John or a Priest or hospital chaplain if you or your relative, or parishioner is ill, at home or in hospital, so they can receive pastoral visits and the Sacraments. Hospital staff do not tell priests of a Catholic in the hospital.**

**OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £255.50, Loose £329.38;**

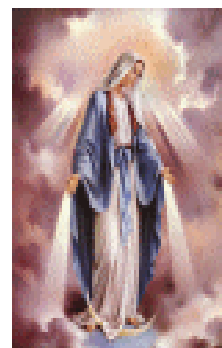
**Standing Orders: £800 CAFOD £31.50. Thank you for your generosity.**

**SICK & RETIRED CLERGY** Next weekend after all Masses our retiring collection will be for the support of the sick and retired priests of our diocese. The special envelopes at the back of your offertory envelope in your

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

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** is being observed today, when we are asked to pray for all involved in the various means of communication and exercise wisdom and caution in what we watch, hear and believe. Please take a prayer card as you leave.

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

*Dear Parishioners,*

Jesus prayed, in his Priestly Prayer, "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name so that they may be one like us"(Jn.17:11-19). At the Last Supper, he offered this great prayer for his disciples and people, including ourselves, who would come to believe in him. His prayer at a time of danger was not focused on himself or his own deliverance from evil, but on fulfilling God's will in his own life. He prayed that the divine plan to save people from evil, sin and death, would be carried out through sacrificing his own life in suffering and death on the cross.

Jesus prayed that no one would be lost and that all will be saved. Sometimes people think and speak as if an individual is not all very important. Our faith tells us every person is important, for God has created each of us in love and destined us to "know, love and serve him here on earth and to share his glory in heaven". Jesus shows how precious each person is in the sight of God for he prays that all people will be saved from sin and death. He also prays that his heavenly Father will protect people from the evil one, the Devil, who destroys people's lives by leading them astray into falsehood and sin. We need to join in that prayer of Jesus today, so that God may protect people, and that they may live in the way of truth.

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father, except through me". In his Priestly Prayer, he asked his Father: "Consecrate people in the truth; your word is truth". Today some people today are more willing and ready to believe what is not true than they are to believe the truth that is in the Gospel, the Sacred Scriptures and the Church's tradition of teaching God's Word. We need to consecrate ourselves in that truth and not treat it as something that is no longer important in our time. By living in the way of truth, we protect ourselves from the deceits of the Devil, and sustain good relationships with God and people. It is the Truth sets people free and unites them to Christ and to one another.

We are now in the novena or nine days of prayer up to Pentecost. If you have not yet started to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and the lives of others - do start that prayer today. All of us want a Spirit of Truth and a Spirit of Love in our life and the lives of others, and that is what the Holy Spirit offers us.

*May the Lord send his Holy Spirit into our lives in a new way. Fr John*

**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. Let us pray: 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.*

**WE PRAY FOR MARIA PASCALE RIP** of Fiddlers Hamlet, who died on **29 April**. She will be received into our Church for the celebration of Requiem Mass at **11.00am on Tuesday 15 May** to be followed by a burial in Naples. **May she rest in peace.** *We offer our sympathy to and prayers for her bereaved family at this time.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2018:** The second First Holy Communion Mass will be at **11am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. The rehearsal will be at **7pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. The Going Forth Mass will be at 11am on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** Many thanks to everyone who contributed **£584.48**, so generously to the *Society for the Protection of Children* collection last week. If anyone wants to add to this, please give your donation to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

**PRAY THE ROSARY IN MARY'S MONTH:** You are welcome to join us as we pray the Rosary on Thursdays at 6.45pm 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 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

**FORTY HOURS:** In the Church, and our 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 5<sup>th</sup> June until Friday evening 8<sup>th</sup> June**. It will not 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.

**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 off Red Missio boxes money in June & December each year. Please hand in boxes to the Sacristy or Priest's House ASAP. Please do NOT leave boxes with money in Church Porch. When emptied and counted, boxes are labelled and left in the Porch to be collected by the owners. **Your money helps Mill Hill Missionaries support poor communities overseas.** If you wish to have a Red Missio Box to give change to this charity, contact Elaine Garwood, our Missio Organiser, on [egarwood@live.co.uk](mailto:egarwood@live.co.uk). Every little helps! Boxes are available in the Church porch and there is a tray of unused boxes if you would like to take one.

**GAUDETE ET EXULTATE –REJOICE & BE GLAD** is Pope Francis' recent teaching on the call to holiness in today's world. Copies are for sale in the church.

**EASTER CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION:** 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.

**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 26 May at 2.30pm** the parish will host this family event for all ages. The aim is to enjoy magic by Andy Clockwise and meet other families in our parish. Tickets are £10 per family and will be on sale after Masses this Sunday or by email to [n.goldsworthy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:n.goldsworthy@hotmail.co.uk). See poster in porch for details.

**SUMMER STRAWBERRY FAIR:** **Saturday 23rd June, 1.30 - 4pm** \*save the date\* A traditional summer fair for everyone. Strawberries and cream, afternoon tea, fun and games for all.

**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 "8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution" that guarantees these equal rights on **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The pro-life London Irish united for life: [londonirishunitedforlife@gmail.com](mailto:londonirishunitedforlife@gmail.com) details how you can help prevent this tragedy in Ireland by writing, emailing, or voting if you have lived in the UK less than 18 months. See fliers in the church for information. **Please act to protect Ireland.**

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** will host their annual Charity Golf Day at Rayleigh Golf & Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11 June. Tickets at £55 per person, includes bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch. For tickets & information, contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 or 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** has secured Tandem Skydiving places on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**A date for your diary - Music for Spring Bank Holiday - 7:45pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at The Most Holy Redeemer, 21 Laindon Rd, Billericay CM12 9LL**

The Most Holy Redeemer Singers present a concert featuring Emma Gibbins (Director of Music at 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.