

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**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**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
**Week 7 Year 2 OT 9.00am Holy Souls RIP**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
**9.00am Holy Souls RIP**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am Barbara Vitoria RIP Anniv (Cullen)**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest**  
**9.00am Douglas Bere RIP (FM)**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Religious, Doctor of the Church**  
**9.00am Private Intention**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Fr Higgins)**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**6.00pm Fiona Garnier RIP Anniv (Crouch)**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Matthias McGrath RIP (Anniv)**  
**May 2018 11.00am People of our Parish**

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Next Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & 5.15 to 5.40pm**  
**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, a Priest or hospital chaplain if you or your relative, or a parishioner is ill, at home or in hospital, so they can receive the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £371.40; Loose £273.90; Standing Orders: £800 CAFOD £35; First Holy Communion Mass £196.11.**

**Thank you so much for your generosity.**

**SICK & RETIRED CLERGY This weekend our retiring collection after all Masses will be for the support of the sick and retired priests of our diocese.**

**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.*

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

*Dear Friends,*

Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained" (Jn.20:19-23). The disciples were filled with fear when Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection, but he gave them the gift of peace, and breathed his Holy Spirit on them. He commissioned and empowered a group of traumatised men to carry on his mission by preaching the Good News of God's saving love to all people and calling them to repent of their sins. Then they were to offer people forgiveness for their sins, so that they would be reconciled to God and to their neighbour.

We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. We need to call on the Spirit and his power to strengthen and comfort us in our trials and difficulties. We must ask him for wisdom to guide us, so that we make the right decisions. The Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, makes us holy and offers up to God the prayer we need to offer, but may feel incapable of making at particular times. The Holy Spirit, living in our hearts, sustains, protects and enriches our relationship with God and people.

Nowadays, an increasing number of Catholic adults do not receive the Holy Spirit and his gifts in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We all need the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament. I regularly ask people if they have been Confirmed and suggest that adults who have missed out on this Sacrament request to be Confirmed. We will arrange the preparation and none of us are ever too old to need or receive God's gifts. We will have Confirmation in our Parish next year for young people and also for adults who wish to be Confirmed. Today, we pray: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth"

Our congratulations to the children and families in our parish who received our Lord in first Holy Communion on **Saturdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May**. We thank the families and our wonderful team of Catechists who prepared the children so well. The Going Forth Mass will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 11am** with the presentation of their First Holy Communion certificates. That will be followed by a party in the Hall. Please let Fr John know if you can assist with this celebration. .

**TALKING BEFORE MASS:** Pope Francis said at a recent General Audience in Rome: ‘When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those around us. However, it is not a time for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important.’ Please bear the Holy Father’s teaching in mind, in order to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and for fellow parishioners who are praying. Let us give a good example to those around us.

**THANK YOU!!** Deacon Duncan would like to express his thanks for the very many cards and messages which he and Dorothy have received since his recent major surgery. He is now at home and progressing well, if slowly. The outpouring of love and concern which we have both received from so many parishioners and friends is truly an inspiration, and shows how fortunate we all are to be part of such a loving community. Back soon! God Bless!

**PRAY THE ROSARY IN MARY’S MONTH:** You are welcome to join us praying 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, next **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**. We are putting out a list for people to sign their names on to cover the various hours.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Up-Date on the Process:** Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to us all and it is now available on the diocesan website – [www.dioceseofbrentwood.org](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.org) - by clicking anywhere on the Home page.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR TWIN PARISH IN SOUTH AFRICA** Copies given out at all Masses. We had a brief visit last week from Fr Gerald who prepared this report.

**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.

**BAPTISMS:** *Congratulations to the family of Luke Vincent Jones who was Baptised in our Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with Bishop Alan** **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018.** Flights from Stansted airport. Details at the back of the Church or contact Tangey Tours on 01732 886666.

**IMPORTANT MEETING OF USHERS and parishioners who would like to be involved):** **Following the personal discussions between Deacon Duncan and each of our Church Ushers, a professional from Precision Engineering will be briefing members of all six Deanery parishes on FIRE SAFETY ISSUES IN CHURCH, in OUR CHURCH HALL at 7.30pm THIS TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY.** It is vital that we have a good attendance so that we can learn about carrying out our responsibilities and keep everyone safe. **Please do everything you can to attend.** It is expected that the meeting will conclude by about 9.30pm.

**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:** Next **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 at £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). Details on poster in porch.

**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.

**DO YOU LOVE IRELAND, BABIES LIFE?** The right to life of Irish infants in their mothers’ wombs is protected by law until the 25 May referendum, unlike the situation here where a baby has a 1 in 5 chance of being killed before birth. The powerful abortion industry is lobbying to change Irish law by abolishing the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution that guarantees a baby’s right to life **with equal regard to the mother’s right to life.** Family life International asks people able to spare 2 or 3 days to go to Ireland and hold signs in strategic places to witness to the unborn child’s right to life. You don’t have to speak or articulate opposition to abortion. Accommodation is provided and all activities are legal. Just register by phone on 0208 857 9950 or on-line at [www.flionline.org](http://www.flionline.org) [info@familyandlife.org.uk](mailto:info@familyandlife.org.uk).

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE to Walsingham – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please let Fr John know.

**“St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood Diocese** is seeking a voluntary Treasurer at regional level to serve on Central Council. The Treasurer would not undertake visits or a other aspect of Society work ,but would be responsible for maintaining the Council accounts, overseeing Gift Aid & filing a quarterly report to National Office. Meetings of the Central Council take place quarterly in Brentwood. If anyone is interested in giving some of their time in this way and would like further information, please email Elaine Heyworth on [ElaineH@svp.org.uk](mailto:ElaineH@svp.org.uk) by latest Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018.”