

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 27th May to Sunday 3rd June 2018

Saturday 26th May 12 noon Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite (Fr Higgins)

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 27 May 2018

SATURDAY 26th 6.00pm Fiona Garnier RIP Anniv (Crouch)

SUNDAY 27th 9.00am Matthias McGrath RIP (Anniv)

May 2018 11.00am The People of our Parish

Monday 28th May 9.00am Margaret Baldwin's intentions Week 8 Ordinary Time

Tuesday 29th May 9.00am Margaret Baldwin's intentions

Wednesday 30 May Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Margaret Baldwin's intentions

Thursday 31st May Dedication of the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood

9.00am Private Intention

1.00pm Wedding of Georgia Price & Peter Ryan

Friday 1st June St Justin, Martyr

9.00am Margaret Baldwin's Intentions

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Sunday 3rd June

Saturday 2nd 6.00pm Fr James Hawes RIP

Sunday 3rd 9.00am People of our Parish

JUNE 2018 11.00am Adrienne's Intentions (Whitehouse)

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, in hospital or a care home so they can receive pastoral visit and the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £244.50; Loose in bags £213.57; Standing Orders: £800 CAFOD £0; First Holy Communion Mass £322.75; The Sick and Retired Clergy Fund: £130.65 Thank you so much for your generosity.

MGR MICHAEL KEATING: We welcome Mgr Michael Keating, recently retired Dean of the Cathedral at Perth, Australia, to our parish this week. He was a long-time friend of Fr James RIP and visited him two years ago, just a month before he died. He wants to meet John, Fr James' brother and will also visit Fr James grave at Romford. He will offer Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr James at 6pm Mass next Saturday.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 27th MAY 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said to them, "Go and make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I have given you" (Matt.28:16-20). Jesus gave his apostles authority to teach and baptise in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - the Most Holy Trinity. People are baptised and blessed in the name of God their Father and Creator, Jesus as their brother and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit their Comforter and Sanctifier who lives in our heart. In Catholic tradition, we bless ourselves in making the Sign of the Cross, as we begin and end prayer. In that way we call on the three persons in the Holy Trinity, The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit. Our relationship with God is centred on, sustained and blessed by these three persons in one God.

Some people can feel trapped or frustrated in relationships, and that can even apply to a relationship with God and his Church. St Paul wrote, that the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts brings us a spirit of freedom not slavery. He says that everyone moved by the Holy Spirit is a child of God, and that we receive the dignity of being recognised as God's children in name and in fact (Rom.8:14-17).

Quite a number of our parishioners or their relatives have been very ill recently. It is most important that we lift up people to God in prayer, especially those who may not be able to pray for themselves due to the weakness which comes from illness or infirmity. Jesus, our model in prayer, prayed for his apostles and those who were to come after them, including ourselves, that we would be strengthened in times of weakness and testing. We call down God's blessing on others in prayer and surround them with his grace. Intercessory prayer is one of the most human and holy things we can do to help the sick and vulnerable. We can use our strength in the present moment to bring those who are weak to God. We ask that he heal the sick and strengthen the weak in their trials by the power of his Holy Spirit.

I ask parishioners to sign the sheet at the back of the church for an hour of prayer in the Church during our Forty Hours of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from the morning of Tuesday 4th June until the evening of Friday 8th June.

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you. Fr John

FORTY HOURS PRAYER: 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 5th June until Friday evening 8th 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Our next Parish Council meeting is **Tuesday 5th June** at **8pm** in the Presbytery. If you have any items for discussion please contact the parish office or speak to a member of our Parish Council.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE will meet in the Priest's House on Wednesday, 6th of June at 8pm. New members or interested parishioners will be most welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: congratulations to the children and families in our parish who received our Lord in first Holy Communion on **Saturdays 12th & 19th 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 10th June** at **11am** with the Presentation of their First Holy Communion Certificates to the children. That will be followed by a party in the Hall. Please let Fr John or Michele Garwood, at mgarwood@gmail.com, know if you can assist with this celebration.

MONSIGNOR WILLIAM NIX 50th ANNIVERSARY: Fr Bill Nix will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday 8 June. We share his joy in this celebration of his vocation and ministry, ten years of which was here in Epping. He is now in retirement at The Presbytery at 129 Fronks Road, Harwich CO12 4EF.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IN 2019: We will soon announce dates for meetings of parents who wish to prepare their children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year. It is essential that the families and children be attending Mass. First Holy Communion children should be in Year 3 or older in school, and for Confirmation should be in School Year 9 or older in 2018/19.

SUMMER STRAWBERRY FAIR: **Saturday 23 June, 1.30 - 4pm** *save the date* A traditional Summer fair to which everyone is invited. There will be lots of Strawberries and cream, afternoon tea, fun and games for all.

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

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

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: On **Wednesdays 20th and 27th June** at **7 pm** Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Mark, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP run by The St Vincent DePaul Society at St John Bosco Camp at Fordham, near Colchester, provides an exciting activity-packed week long overnight camping holiday in the Essex countryside. There is a poster in church porch or go to www.svpboscocamp.org.uk or its on Twitter: @Boscocamp.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR SINGLE MEN AGED 35-55 who wish to explore if they have a calling to the priesthood. **Saturday 9th June 9.30am – 3.30pm**. St. John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, GU5 0QX. For more details contact the Fr. Graham Smith on Fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com or on 01702 465720.

DATA PROTECTION: The Diocese of Brentwood has prepared for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into force on **Friday 25th May 2018**. The following documents were approved by the Catholic Bishop's Conference on **16th April**, and by the Diocesan Finance Board at their meeting on **Thursday 17th May 2018**. <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/data-protection/>

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE is looking for coloured pictures that anyone may have from celebrations held there - weddings, baptisms, First Holy Communion, etc before the refurbishment in 1968. If you have pictures (also please ask family and friends who lived in the parish) please let Marie Brown know on 020 84720433 (ext 2002) or email forestgate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you.

Sion Community, Brentwood - Work and Pray. We invite you to come and join us for a few days between **18th - 29th June** at our centre in Brentwood (Essex, CM15 9BX) and take the opportunity to spend some time with us in prayer and experience living in our Community, as well as helping us by doing a variety of manual jobs around the building and gardens. It would be great if you could come along, please contact: Mary on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011. "

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting a **Ladies' Day Luncheon** on **Thursday 21st June** at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot Ladies' Day. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

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 Central Council take place quarterly in Brentwood. Anyone interested in giving some of their time in this way and would like further information, please email Elaine Heyworth on ElaineH@svp.org.uk by latest **Sunday 10th June 2018**."

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER: This will be the "official" opening of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12noon. We are encouraging parishioners to come, to bring picnic lunches, and to make a day of it, enjoying the grounds there.