

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

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 SEA SUNDAY**

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	9.00am	Hilda Silver RIP Recently (Clohessy)
	11.00am	Joseph Guiglielmi RIP (Anniv.)
	12.30pm	Baptism Rex Greenshields
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
	9.00am	Sean Hanley RIP Anniv (Hanley)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July		St Benedict, Abbot, Patron Saint of Europe
	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		St Henry, Holy Roman Emperor
	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	6.00pm	Mary Barden in thanksgiving (Barden)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	9.00am	People Parish
	11.00am	Gary Kennedy Recently (Darcy)

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE:** Next Saturday 11am to 12 noon & 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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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME:** Frances Wells, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Giovanni Borelli, Mark Toohey, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Tony Mullan, Roger Minnis, Fr Martin Knott and Fr Tom Jordan.

**Please inform a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home, in hospital or care home so they can receive the Sacraments.**

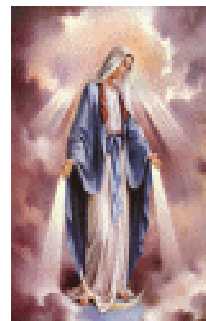
**OFFERINGS:** Offertories last weekend: Envelopes **£487.50**; Loose **£361.53**  
Standing Orders: **£800**; CAFOD **£55.11**; **Thank you so much for your generosity.**

**LATIN MASS:** Will next be celebrated in our Church on **Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon** at our Church. *All are Welcome!*

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Isabelle Cobb who was baptised in our Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, and the family of Lucas & Reuben Burdett-Dalton who were Baptised in our Church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. May the Lord bless them & help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

**MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR:** As Mrs Maggie Keeling has decided to retire as Music co-ordinator in our parish we are offering an opportunity for someone with an interest in Church music to take on this role. Please speak to Maggie or Fr John

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

What a wonderful result for English football on Monday evening!!

The 24 million viewers who are reported to have watched the England game versus Columbia were in a state of ecstasy after the final penalty kick. The members of the team led the way with unrestrained joy, and the TV reports on Tuesday from several dozen venues around the country reflected similar jubilation. Here was a feast of joy to beat all joyful emotions.....or was it?

Sometimes we forget that such joy can be experienced each time we receive Holy Communion at Mass. Some good Catholics experience this emotion every weekend, but some lose their sense of priorities when they put entertainment or shopping, for example, ahead of their worship of God with the Catholic community. They cannot experience their moment of spiritual ecstasy.

Enjoyment of all normal entertainment or other pleasurable activities is to be encouraged, but should never be allowed to come ahead of our weekly meeting with God at Mass. Regular weekly church-goers will see each week the miracle of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and can glory in this great gift from Jesus. Similarly, we can become ecstatic about the promise of being able to spend eternity with God in heaven when our 'final whistle' is blown and we shall be called to account for the way in which we have lived our lives.

Coming to Mass each week is a 'win-win' situation for us.

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**COMMUNION CATECHISTS:** As some of our Catechists are retiring, we are in urgent need of some more parishioners to help prepare children for their First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. We have three Catechists for the course but need more. You do not need to be a teacher or a musician. Please contact Fr John who will be delighted to hear from you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** We soon will announce dates for meetings of parents wishing to prepare their child for first Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2019. It is essential that 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.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Thursdays 6.45 pm at Queen of Peace House, 18 Kendal Ave, Epping CM16 4PW. Newcomers welcome, but please phone: 01992-575017

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** In September we start a series of talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support family members in their faith. These will be suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or who have not been practising or wish to renew and rethink their faith. **They will be held in the Priest's House on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm until Easter.** There is no commitment involved by attending any or all sessions. We would welcome Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved in the presentations. Please contact Fr John if you would like to follow this course.

**PETITION FOR FREEDOM to offer mothers help** outside abortion centres: the abortion industry is lobbying to prevent peaceful vigils and stop women who want to keep their babies being offered help. **Please sign the petition on our noticeboard.**

**SPONSOR A CONSECRATION CROSS OR CANDLE:** Consecrated churches have twelve candles with twelve crosses around the walls of the church, to show the Church is founded on the faith of the twelve apostles. There are only four candles and crosses in our church, symbolising the four evangelists. We will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patron of our Church. To complete the apostolic number we will put up eight more candles and crosses. The cost of each cross is £20, and a candle holder (similar to existing ones) is £180. We thank parishioners who have donated 3 candles and 4 crosses. If you would like to donate a brass cross or candle, please use a red donation envelope in Church and give it to Fr John or into the Priest's House. The offerings can be Gift Aided by tax payers.

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER** will be the "official" opening of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12noon. Parishioners are invited to come, bring picnic lunch, and to make a day out.

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP urgently needs to recruit more volunteers. A member will give a very short talk after all Masses this weekend.

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES:** Pope Francis will be in Ireland on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of August for the World Meeting of Families that takes place in Dublin from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of August this year. This weekend we are distributing the beautiful Icon for the World Meeting of Families with the Official Prayer for Families. We suggest that parishioners use this prayer at home with their family, and also in their private prayer.

**RED MISSIO BOXES – APF:** 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.

**THE DOWRY TOUR FROM WALSINGHAM** will arrive in Brentwood Cathedral on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** for a three day Triduum of Prayer. This tour is for a "spiritual renewal to help promote the new evangelisation" and a personal dedication of ourselves as the Dowry of Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be present, with an exhibition explaining about the Dowry and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There are flyers in the church porch.

**Summer Lourdes 2018 – the "virtual pilgrimage."** From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short **online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the**

**Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan.** The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims of all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect. To find the links, go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch "Lourdes TV" to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 11am). The link is [www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes)

**'THE KING & I' – LONDON PALLADIUM, WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY-**

As many parishioners will know, Deacon Duncan has organised a theatre trip to see **'The King & I'**. All tickets were sold, but two have just been returned for re-sale, due to sickness. **The tickets cost £55 each, including Royal Circle seat (usually £75), coach seat and coach driver's tip, all for £55. Please phone (01992 577173) or email Deacon Duncan if you would like to join us.** First come, first served.

**ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP** run by The St Vincent DePaul Society at St John Bosco Camp provides an exciting activity-packed week and overnight camping holiday in the Essex countryside. The poster is in church porch or [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk) or Twitter: @Boscocamp.

**OUR PARISH HALL** is available for bookings. Special rates for charities and parishioners. Please call Arnold Verrall (contact details on the front page) to for more information and to book.