

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 14th June to Sunday 22nd July 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 15th July 2018

Saturday 14 th July	6.00pm	Mary Barden in thanksgiving (Barden)
Sunday 15 th July 2018	9.00am	People Parish
	11.00am	Gary Kennedy Recently (Darcy)
Monday 16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	
	9.00am	Smith/Whitehouse family Deceased RIP (Whitehouse)
Tuesday 17 th July	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 18 th July	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
Thursday 19 th July	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
Friday 20 th July	St Appolinarius, Bishop & Martyr	
	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 22nd July 2018

Saturday 21 st July 2018	6.00pm	Jodi Kapure RIP Recently (Murray)
Sunday 22 nd July 2018	9.00am	Denis Murrirhy RIP Anniv (Flanagan)
	11.00am	People of our Parish

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 Knot, Fr Tom Jordan and Therese Robinson.

Please inform a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home, in hospital or home so they may have prayer and the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £242.02; Loose £320.89

Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD £45.08; Sea Sunday donation £60.

Thank you for your generosity.

LATIN MASS will next be celebrated in our Church at **12 noon on Saturday 28 July.** *All are Welcome!*

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Rex Greenshields who was baptised in our Church on Sunday 8th July. May the Lord bless them & help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR: We need a music co-ordinator for our parish and are offer an opportunity for anyone with an interest in church music in our parish to take on this role. Please speak to Maggie Keeling or Fr John if you can help.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 15th July 2018

Dear Friends,

“Jesus summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits .. and he instructed them” (Mark 6:7-13). During the past week at weekday Masses we read from St Matthew Chapter 10, which is a parallel text to Mark Chapter 6. In these Gospels we see how Jesus called his twelve disciples and he sent them out on mission. Before beginning the mission they were to place their complete trust in him, by taking nothing for their journey, no money, no food, no spare clothes”. They were to have faith in him that the mission would be successful, that people would welcome the Word they were preaching and offer them hospitality. They were commissioned to call people to repentance and conversion from sin, free people from the power and influence of evil and heal the sick. When they returned from the mission and reported back to Jesus, they could not believe all that had happened through the power of his name.

Each of us has a call or vocation in life that comes from God. We do not always advert to or recognise the fact that God calls us to carry out his plan in our relationships, responsibilities and commitments. This applies to our family life, to our work, and to our recreational and social life in society. The Lord has few great preachers or miracle workers, but he calls each of us to contribute in our own way to the coming of his kingdom. We are reminded of this every time we pray in the Lord’s Prayer the words, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done”. The disciples went out to proclaim the kingdom and coming of God to his people. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord and coming of his kingdom by relating to people in a truly Christian way, by working in a conscientious way and showing respect for others and for ourselves as being made by God. The disciples gave glory to God and service to people by trusting in Christ’s Word and doing what he asked them - we too give glory to God by fulfilling his plan for us and offering service others.

In the past week we saw the miraculous rescue of the children trapped in the cave in Thailand. I still remember a parishioner say, “It’s like I got my life back again”. We thank God that the children and their families have had their life given back to them again, through the courage and self-sacrificing service of others.

May God’s Spirit help us to recognise his plan for us and for others. Fr John

COMMUNION CATECHISTS; We are in 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 if you can help.

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 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church on December 7th, 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.

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. 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; The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit Brentwood Cathedral from **Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st July.** An opening Mass will be celebrated by Mgr John Armitage at **7.30 pm on 19th July** in Brentwood Cathedral to which everyone is invited. For more details about the Dowry pilgrimage and the events at Brentwood Cathedral please go to <http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/> Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

Summer Lourdes 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage.” From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th 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 or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24th, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27th, 8am – 11am). The link is www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes

CALAIS LIGHT; Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg & sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel it is part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer with us. If you can't, please donate at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. **Next Trip 28th-30th Sept.** Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', email us at calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

PROCESSIONAL PRAYER VIGIL; The next vigil at Marie Stopes abortion facility in Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, will be on **Saturday 21st July** commencing at 9am with Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Woodford Green. Poster in porch.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites supporters from all over the diocese to take part in the Barleylands Fun Walk on **Sunday 2nd September 2018.** This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site, the longest being no more than 3 miles and a shorter walk that is suitable for children & toddlers. This community event starts with a BBQ at 12 noon and walks due to start at 1pm & finish about 2pm. It is an ideal occasion for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon and raise much needed funds for 'bccs'. For sponsorship forms & details please go to www.bccs.org.uk or contact Alison arg.cardoness@googlemail.com.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR); Following the recent introduction regarding privacy of personal data, we would like to confirm to parishioners that all personal information collected in the parish is only ever used for the specific purpose it was collected for. We are currently reviewing our administrative procedures and practices to ensure that all such information is held securely. If you have any concerns please contact Margaret in the Parish Office.