

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 6.00pm Jodi Kapure RIP Recently (Murray)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.00am Denis Murrihy RIP Anniv (Flanagan)  
July 2018 11.00am People of our Parish  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July St Bridget of Sweden, Religious: Patron of Europe  
9.00am Carmel Weston RIP Anniv (Cullen)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July St Charbel Makluf, Priest  
9.00am Special Intention (MB)  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July St James, Apostle: Patron Saint of Spain  
9.00am Intentions of Vera & Maureen (Toohey)  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9.00am Special Intention (MB)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am Special Intention (MB)

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Intentions of Ciara & Nick Davison (Toohey)  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Alan Randal Jnr RIP (Hayes/Coyne)  
July 2018 11.00am Intentions of Morgan Family (Morgan)  
2.00pm Baptism Kamden Peter Levy

**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**

**PARISH MASS BOOK: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time B 22 July 2018**

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME:** Therese Robinson, 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 home so they may have prayer and the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £252.15; Loose £327.45**

**Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD £30; Thank you for your generosity.**

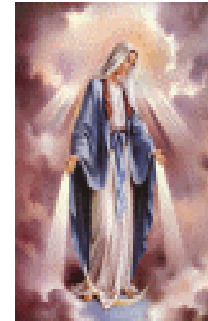
**LATIN MASS** will be celebrated in our Church at 12 noon next Saturday 28 July.

*All are Welcome!*

**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.

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

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**

*Dear Friends,*

Jesus said to the apostles, "You must come away to a lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while"; for there had been so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat (Mark 6:30-34). Here we see Jesus take his apostles away for a break from the busyness of life and activity, to a quiet place "where they could be alone by themselves". We could also see going away for a holiday as part of a spiritual journey with God, which we might even call retreat, in order to rest, relax and refresh. Jesus wanted to do with his friends, what we want to do with our family or friends in this holiday season. He also shows that it is important to have the right balance between work and relaxation, and then return to work renewed.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm shows that God is the Lord as the Shepherd of his people. He brings people to new pastures to give them rest; and leads them to restful waters to revive their drooping spirits, He guides them along the right path and walks with them through the valley of darkness. There is much in this Psalm to reflect on and apply to our own life and holidays at this time of year. Holidays are times when some forget about God, faith or church and go off on a self-indulgent expedition. On the other hand, many people on holiday visit cathedrals and churches to sniff-around and take-in the spiritual atmosphere of the holy places. We should thank God for holidays, when we can spend time with family or friends. Our holidays are enriched when we see them as a gift from God in which we share time with others, renew relationships, and can be re-invigorated in mind, body and spirit.

Parish life is also very much conditioned by the school and academic year, when things come to a halt over the holiday period and then start up again in September. I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard for and in our parish over the past year. Much has happened and there have been many new initiatives for which we can be grateful, and we look forward to a fresh start in the Autumn.

Many young people are progressing to a new stage in life at this time. Some are finishing primary or secondary school, college or university, others are awaiting examination results or going to work. We ask that the Lord bless and guide them.

*May the Lord by a Good Shepherd and guide to all of us at this time. Fr John*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019:** We need more parishioners to help prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. Please contact Fr John if you can help. Our Catechists meeting will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the Priest's House. The first meeting for the parents of the children will be in our Church Hall on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm**. The first preparation session for the children will be in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 5.45pm** – and subsequent Wednesdays. Application forms are available in Church this weekend and must be completed and returned to the Priest's House by **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**. It is essential that the children and their families consistently attend Sunday Mass in preparing for the Sacraments.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Alan will visit our parish and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people who have been prepared in February 2019. Preparation will start in September for young people in school years 9 to 12 in Secondary school. Application forms will be available in church next weekend. We will also announce dates for meetings for those wishing to prepare for Confirmation

**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 not been practising or wish to renew their faith. **They will be held in the Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm until Easter.** There is no commitment involved by attending any or all sessions. Please contact Fr John if you would like to follow this course.

**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

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:** Seventeen people recently completed a training course for Hospital Chaplains at St Margaret's Hospital. We congratulate Josephine Kilkenny from our parish who completed this course, and was commissioned last Tuesday at the Commissioning Ceremony held at St Margaret's Hospital.

**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 4 candles and 5 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.

**BERNARD DONG RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Dong who died on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**. May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to and prayers for his family at this time, may the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to strengthen and console them in their loss.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:** Please be advised that Masses get booked well in advance, particularly the weekend Masses. Please book weekend Masses 3 months in advance, otherwise we may not be able to accommodate your request.

**THANK YOU FROM FR JUSTUS (ROSMINIAN):** "I am truly thrilled that your parish gave us such a big amount for our Mission. Thank you so much and it's a true sign of the charity and sacrifices people make to help others out of understanding. I promise you my prayers. **God bless. Fr Justus.**"

**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.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** invites supporters from all over the diocese to take part in the Barleylands Fun Walk on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**. 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](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or contact Alison [arg.cardoness@googlemail.com](mailto:arg.cardoness@googlemail.com).

**BCYS Youth Gather 20th - 21st October 2018, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea:** This event is open to those in school year 9 and above. The annual Youth Gather Essex Outdoors will be at Mersea Island, where there is new cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities. climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more, with guest speakers and workshops that will give fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling our stories. One of our speakers will be the lively, humorous and engaging speaker Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. **The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin** – all of this for just **£50**.

**The Catholic Mothers Apostolate** is offering a retreat for teen girls & their mums. Join them at Aylesford Priory in October for a day dedicated to learning more about women's issues, including what it means to be a Catholic woman; how to improve mother-daughter communication; how fertility affects our lives at every stage; Mums and daughters will have plenty of time to talk through the issues together and build their relationship, as well as meet other Catholic mothers and daughters. Tickets are £120 per mother-daughter pair, with an Early Bird rate of £100. Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/177368> for more details.