

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm Intentions of Ciara & Nick Davison (Toohey)  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am Alan Randal Jnr RIP (Hayes/Coyne)  
July 2018 11.00am People of our Parish

2.00pm Baptism of Kamden Peter Levy  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor  
9.00am Desmond Toohey RIP Anniv (Toohey)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 1 August St Alphonus Ligouri, Priest  
9.00am Special Intention (MB)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop  
9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 9.00am Louis Vitoria & David Cullen RIP Anniv (Cullen)  
11.00am Bernard Arthur Tong RIP Funeral Service

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm Jim Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley)  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am Doug & Bobby Dew RIP Anniv (Heughan)  
August 2018 11.00am People of our Parish  
12.30pm Baptism of Alba Rain Murley

**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: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time B 29.7.2018**

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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 a home so they may have prayer and the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS:** Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £520.75; Loose £254.57

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

**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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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Almost throughout 2018 to date, the climate in Epping has been unusually extreme and often very uncomfortable. In true British fashion, we seem always to find room to express our discomfort. 'It's much too cold' we said in January and February. 'It's much too dry: we need more rain' we declaimed in March and April. In June and July, we have been able to change our tune to 'it's far too hot'. Around the world, we have seen hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, extensive wildfires, inundating floods and all manner of disastrous phenomena!! We might well ask what God is doing to the people of this world. That is, until we remember that our Christian faith encourages us to leave such matters entirely in God's loving hands and just to be supportive to those in real distress and real need....and that, of course, is what we try to do in our Epping Catholic Community, helping those locally and far afield.

God has some vast eternal plan for the world, to which we are not privy; and neither do we need to know the detail. Our role in life is just to get on with living our lives in a way which is pleasing to God in all respects, particularly when we may be confronted by difficulties of one sort or another – including any adverse weather.

Indeed, if we look around the world at the testing circumstances in which fellow human beings have to live, we can only say with feeling 'Thank God' for our relative well-being We pray for the safe delivery of those in great distress and aim to do our best to help to those in dire need wherever possible.

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**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 order to prepare for the Sacraments.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Alan will visit our parish and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people who have been prepared on **24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. Preparation will start in September for young people in school years 9 to 12 in Secondary school. 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**. We will also announce dates for meetings for those wishing to prepare for Confirmation

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** In September we start a course 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 faith. It will be suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed, or not been practising or wishing 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 attend.

**WELCOME:** We are delighted to welcome Fr Mark Slomka from Lublin Poland, on Tuesday, who will be here with us during August. I go on away on holiday on Wednesday. *I wish you all a safe, happy and blessed holiday season. Fr John.*

**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 6 candles and 7 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.

**THEFT IN CHURCH:** Last Sunday as 9am Mass was beginning a bearded man came into Church and went directly to the CAFOD box. In no more than the 25 seconds he was in the Church, he took the donations that had been put in for the Sebeya, project in Ethiopia. His picture was captured on the CCTV entering and leaving the church. We are putting up a new and more secure box for the CAFOD offerings. The matter has been reported to the police and also informed the other churches.

**BERNARD TONG RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bernard Tong** who died on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**. His funeral Service will be celebrated at GreenAcres, North Weald, at **11.00am on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. May he rest in peace.**

**NEBOJSA BANJAC RIP:** We pray of the repose of the soul of **Nebojsa Banjac** who died on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. May he rest in peace.**

*We offer our sympathy to and prayers to their families at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to strengthen and console them in their loss.*

**FR PETER HACKETT:** Please pray for Fr Peter Hackett who has died at the Corpus Christi Jesuit Community in Bournemouth aged 93. He was Headmaster of The Champion School in Hornchurch from April 1963 until August. May he rest in peace.

**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

**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 requests.

**APF RED MISSIO BOXES:** 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, please contact Elaine Garwood, our Missio Organiser, on [egarwood@live.co.uk](mailto:egarwood@live.co.uk). Every little helps! There are boxes in the Church porch - please take one if you would like to help in this way.

**PARISH JUMBLE SALE:** Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at 2pm**. Please start sorting out any good quality jumble for selling and leave in the church porch.

**A Day of Reflection & Enrichment for READERS** – Advanced Notice for Saturday, **20<sup>th</sup> October** in Woodford Green. Readers & prospective readers please put this date in your diaries. Details to follow.

**BCYS Youth Gather 20th - 21st October 2018, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea:** Is open to all in school year 9 and above. The annual Youth Gather Essex Outdoors will be at Mersea Island, with new cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities. climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and more, 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 & lunch on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, & a night in a Mersea log cabin** – all for just **£50**.

**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.