

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 4th August to Sunday 12th August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 5th August 2018

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| Saturday 4 th Aug | 6.00pm | Jim Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley) |
| Sunday 5 th Aug | 9.00am | Doug & Bobby Dew RIP Anniv (Heughan) |
| | 11.00am | People of the Parish |
| | 2.00pm | Baptism of Alba Rain Murley |
| Monday 6 th Aug | TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | |
| | 9.00am | Sharon Palmer's Intentions (SA) |
| Tuesday 7 th Aug | 9.00am | Special Intention (MB) |
| Wednesday 8 th Aug | St DOMINIC | |
| | 9.00am | Special Intention (MB) |
| Thursday 9 th Aug | ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein) | |
| | 9.00am | Holy Souls RIP |
| Friday 10 th Aug | St LAWRENCE | |
| | 9.00am | Special Intention (MB) |

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 12th August 2018

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| Saturday 11 th Aug | 6.00pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 12 th Aug | 9.00am | Mair Watts RIP (Lavin) |
| August 2018 | 11.00am | Patsy Ferguson RIP Recently (Darcy) |

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: 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 £257.50; Loose £276.13
Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD 73.20 Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR: We need a music co-ordinator for our parish and are offering 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.

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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 5th August 2018

Dear Friends,

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst” (John 6, 35).

In the light of the Jesus' words, let me present the life-story of Saint Albert Chmielowski. He was born on 20 August 1845 as Adam on the outskirts of Kraków (Cracow) in aristocratic family. He lost their parents during his childhood and began the initial education in agriculture at the Polytechnical Institute at Puławy. Chmielowski became involved in politics to a significant degree though later lost a leg while taking part in the Polish uprising. He was fitted with a wooden leg and offered up his dismemberment for God and the cause of Polish independence. The severe response of the Russian authorities to this insurrection forced Chmielowski to leave Poland. He settled in Ghent (Belgium) where he began his studies in engineering. During this period Chmielowski discovered his talent for painting which he began to develop. Chmielowski travelled to Paris and Munich in order to further his training in art. He was able to return to his homeland in 1874 where Chmielowski became a well-known and popular painter. His strong political convictions inspired his interest in the human condition and he developed a gentle and compassionate spirit which also made him aware of the suffering of the poor in the area. Chmielowski felt compelled to help those in need and served in the homeless shelters in Kraków. He also devoted his artistic talents to this awareness and painted one of his best-known works, known as the “Ecce Homo”, which depicted the thorn-crowned Christ. Years of deep reflection caused Chmielowski to abandon his career in order to live among the poor and to accept a beggar's life. On 25 August 1887 he joined the Third Order of Saint Francis and was given the habit of that order, at which time he began to call himself “Albert”. Chmielowski took up residence in the public shelter where he had been serving. In 1888 he professed his religious vows and founded the Servants of the Poor (in 1891 also women's congregation). Chmielowski died at noon on Christmas 1916 (due to stomach cancer) in the shelter that he himself had established.

When the First World War broke out in July 1914, Chmielowski sent his disciples to work in the military hospitals and infirmaries, urging them to “be good like bread ... that everyone can take to satisfy their hunger”. Another time, he confessed: “I look at Jesus in his Eucharist. Could his love have provided anything more beautiful? If he is bread, let us too become bread ... let us give ourselves”.

May the Lord create more free space in our hearts and minds to become like the nourishing bread that's ready on the table for all who may be hungry.

Fr Mark

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 12th 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 19th September at 8pm**. The first preparation session for the children will be in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 26th 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, 10th 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 **24th 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 10th 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, have 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 attend.

WELCOME: We are delighted to welcome Fr Mark Slomka from Lublin Poland, , who will be here with us until 19th August. Meanwhile, we hope that Fr John is enjoying a well earned break in Ireland.

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 6 candles and 7 crosses to date. If you would like to donate a brass cross or candle holder, please use a red donation envelope from the back of the Church and give it to Fr John or hand it in to the Priest's House. The offerings can be Gift Aided by tax payers.

NEBOJSA BANJAC RIP: We pray of the repose of the soul of **Nebojsa Banjac (widely known as Neb)** who died on **Tuesday 24th July**. May he rest in peace. **His Funeral Service will take place at GreenAcres Burial Park on Tuesday 14th August at 11am**. We offer our sympathy and prayers to members of his family at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to strengthen and console them in their loss.

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 small change to this charity, please contact Elaine Garwood, our Missio Organiser, on egarwood@live.co.uk. Every little helps! There are boxes in the Church porch - please take one if you would like to help.

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

Brentwood Catholic Youth Sservice

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 20th August, breakfast & lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, & a night in a Mersea log cabin** – all for just **£50**. To apply, visit www.bcys.net and apply on the Events page, or contact Deacon Duncan, who will be pleased to help.

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.