

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 11th August to Sunday 19th August

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

Saturday 11 th Aug	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th Aug	9.00am	Mair Watts RIP (Lavin)
	11.00am	Patsy Ferguson RIP Recently (Darcy)
Monday 13 th	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
Tuesday 14 th	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Day of Obligation		
Wednesday 15 th	10.00am	Intentions of Lorraine Tindall (Murray)
	8.00pm	Special Intention (MB)
Thursday 16 th	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)
Friday 17 th	9.00am	Geoffrey Joel RIP (FM)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 19th August

Saturday 18 th	6.00pm	Rose Potter RIP (Murray)
Sunday 19 th	9.00am	Frances Sheehy RIP (Clohessy)
August 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish

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

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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, 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 £436.50; Loose £298.82
Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD 12.00. 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.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please e-mail: arnold_verrall@email.com
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Dear Friends,
The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' (John 6:41).

In the light of above mentioned words, I'll show the story of one Jewish woman who finally became not only a saint of the Church but also our patron, one of six co-patron saints of Europe.

Edith Stein was born on 12 October 1891 in Breslau, Germany (now Wrocław, Poland), into an observant Jewish family. She was the youngest of 11 children and was born on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Hebrew calendar. She was a very gifted child who enjoyed learning and critical thinking. She greatly admired her mother's open mind and strong religious faith. As a teenager, however, Edith had become an atheist. Nevertheless, she had been still looking for the truth, especially by the study of philosophy. Moved by the tragedies of World War I, in 1915 she took lessons to become a nursing assistant and worked in an infectious diseases hospital. After completing her doctoral thesis from the University of Göttingen in 1916, she obtained an assistantship at the University of Freiburg (next to prof. E. Husserl, one of the greatest phenomenologists). Thanks to the testimony of her Christian friends and the works of saint Teresa of Ávila, Edith was drawn to the Catholic faith. She was baptized on 1 January 1922 into the Roman Catholic Church. She then taught at a Catholic school of education in Speyer. In October 1933 she entered the Discalced Carmelites in Cologne, taking the religious name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In 1938 she was sent to the monastery in Echt, Netherlands, for her safety. In spite of this, she was arrested by the Nazis on 2 August 1942 and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where she died in the gas chamber on 9 August 1942. In her testament of 6 June 1939 she wrote: *I beg the Lord to take my life and my death ... for all concerns of the sacred hearts of Jesus and Mary and the holy Church ... as atonement for the unbelief of the Jewish People ... for the salvation of Germany and the peace of the world, at last for my loved ones, living or dead, and for all God gave to me: that none of them shall go astray. Jesus says: No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. May we open our souls wider to be drawn by God as strongly as possible in order to proclaim His name by our daily testimony.*

Fr Mark

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of our parishioners who have died recently:

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.**

Tony Mullan who died on **Friday 3rd August**. May he rest in peace. **His Funeral Service will take place in our church on Thursday 23rd August at 11am.**

Therese Robinson who died on **Sunday 5th August**. May she rest in peace **Her Funeral Service will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 16th August.**

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

LATIN MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY RITE will next be celebrated in our Church at **12 noon on Saturday 25th August**. *All are Welcome!*

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. **All of these have now been sponsored**. We thank parishioners for their generosity.

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.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE: The official opening of Walsingham House at Abbotswick will take place on **Saturday 1st September 2018** commencing with Mass at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Alan. Please see poster in church porch for further details.

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.