

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 16th to Sunday 23rd September 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 16th September 2018

Saturday 15th 6.00pm Catherine Steel's intentions Home Mission Sunday

Sunday 16th 9.00am Des Allen RIP (Canny)

11.00am People of our Parish

Monday 17th St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 18th 9.00am Intentions of MB

Wednesday 19th St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

9.00am Marian Ward RIP (FM)

Thursday 20th Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps. Mm.

9.00am Deceased members of Canny Family (Canny)

Friday 21st St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9.00am Nebojsa Banjac RIP Recently

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 23rd September 2018

Saturday 22nd 6.00pm Mary Canny RIP (Canny)

Sunday 23rd 9.00am Bernard Dong RIP Recently (Dong family)

September 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: Frances Wells, Giovanni Borelli, Mark Toohey, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis, Fr Martin Knott & Fr Tom Jordan. **Please inform a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they may have the Sacraments.**

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £351.50, Loose £333.49, Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD £44.25. Thank you for your generosity.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please e-mail: arnold_verrall@email.com Telephone Arnold Verrall: 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in the Epping area) or mobile 07764404813.

Preferential rates are available for parishioners and charities.

FR DOMINIC HOWARTH, a priest of our Diocese, will present the BBC Essex "Sunday Breakfast programme" on 16th September. Tune in from 6am till 9am.

DAVENANT FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GOVERNOR ELECTION: The Governing Body of Davenant Foundation School is seeking to recruit up to 4 Foundation and/or Community Governors. Please see notice in church porch for further details.

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My dear Friends,

"I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living", we say in our response to Psalm 114 today. Walking in the presence of God is very comforting, reassuring and joyful, especially when we feel him close to us in difficult times places and situations. The three apostles closest to Jesus, Peter, James and John found comfort in being with the Lord on the holy mountain, when he was transfigured in their presence. Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here" (Matt.17:4). On the way down from the mountain and that wonderful experience of the glory of God surrounding Jesus, Peter rejects what the Lord was saying about his forthcoming sufferings and death on the cross, and says: "God forbid, this must not happen to you, Lord" (Matt.16:22). Jesus then speaks of the other mountain he is to climb, Calvary, and he rebukes Peter on his inability to accept his sufferings and death as part of his role as the Messiah, who is a suffering servant.

Most of us identify with Peter in our thinking about suffering and death. There is a mind-set today that we must not suffer and the tendency is to anaesthetise us so that they we do not have to endure any suffering or pain. Pain and suffering can link us to the sufferings of Christ and his journey up to the mountain of crucifixion where he was glorified in a different way. He calls on us to follow him in joy and in pain, and says, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him renounce himself, take up his cross daily and follow me" (Mark 8:27-35). We instinctively honour those who lay down or sacrifice their lives to save and rescue others. Jesus laid down his life to rescue and save us, and what he did in the Gospel was prophesied in the Old Testament, and especially in Isaiah Ch.50 where it was prophesied that the Saviour would be a suffering servant who would sacrifice his life, and take insult and injury in order to bring God to people, and bring people to God.

Just as people start at school, college, university or work at this time of the year, so too things start in the parish. Last week we had a meeting for young people and parents preparing for Confirmation, and for Catechists for first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Both meetings went very well and am I most grateful to the parishioners who have volunteered to be Catechists preparing the children and young people for first Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. May Jesus guide them, the young people and families in this part of their faith journey.

May we have the grace to link our sufferings with those of Christ. Fr John

MARY DRINKWATER RIP: We pray for **Mary Drinkwater** of Buckhurst Hill, who died on 28th August. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in our Church on **Tuesday 25th September at 2pm**, followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. *We offer our sympathy & prayers for her family and the repose of her soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them, and may she rest in peace.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: The first meeting for parents of the children will be in our Church Hall on **Wednesday next, 19th September at 8pm** The first session for children will be in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 26th September at 5.45pm**, and on subsequent Wednesdays. Twenty-five children have now been enrolled and they will have their Presentation Services at Masses next weekend. Application is now closed for this course and forms had been at the back of the church since July. It is essential that children and their families consistently attend Sunday Mass and the preparations sessions for these Sacraments.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Alan will visit our parish and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people who have been prepared on **24 February 2019**. Preparation will start in September for young people in school years 9 to 12 of Secondary school. Application for this course is now closed and 12 young people have been enrolled. **At Masses this weekend the young people will be presented with their books for the Confirmation Course and there will be prayers offered with blessings, for the young people, their parents and their catechists.**

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: On **Wednesday 26th September** we start a course of talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, become Catholic or wish to understand our faith or support the faith of a family member. It will also be suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or not been practising and 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 enquire or attend, or just turn up at the Priest's House.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will be at 3 pm on **Sunday 30th September**, and fulfils our obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. **All Welcome!**

CAFOD HARVEST FAST: Family Fast Day will take place on **Friday 5th October**. On this day parishioners are encouraged to eat a simple meal and give the money saved to CAFOD. Donation envelopes will be available at all Masses the previous Sunday.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School – Visit Dates for Prospective New Parents 2019: St John Fisher Catholic Primary School will be holding three visit meetings for prospective new parents, **Tuesday 9th and 17th October**, and **5th November at 10 a.m.** The visits will give parents the opportunity to see the school and ask any questions. If you would like to visit the school on one of the dates please contact the school office on 0208 508 6315 or email schoff1@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk. On **Sunday 7th October**, Mrs Patricia Bryson, Head of St John Fisher will speak at our 11am Mass.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019: Parents & carers who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2019 must have been attending Sunday Mass consistently for a number of years. If parents say they go to Mass in another parish - that is the appropriate place to see the priest. There is no point in seeking a Priest's reference when you have not been attending Mass regularly. The lack of integrity in this is evident in this parish as in others. Please read the article from The Times newspaper in the church porch on, "What we did to get our child into a church school", before you ask for a reference and make an appointment to see the parish priest. This is not a nice time for clergy, with some parents engaging in manipulation to get a reference for their child, then as soon as the school offers a place they disconnect from the church - hardly ever to be seen there again! It's just so disheartening!

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 22nd September 2018 at 2pm**. There will be lists for helpers in the porch for **Friday 21st** from **1.30pm** and then **Saturday from 1.30pm** to sell. Help urgently needed please to empty the shed on **Friday 21st at 1.30pm**. Even if you can only spare an hour, your help will be greatly appreciated. We need cakes to have with tea so calling any bakers in the parish to assist with this please.

BAKE SALE SUNDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER – AFTER ALL MASSES: Come and try some delicious **HOMEMADE** cakes, cupcakes, brownies & other treats. If you can contribute some baked goods for sale, please contact Adriana on 07828 118 909.

PARISH QUIZ: Save the date: Parish Quiz night, **Saturday 13th October**, 7.30 for 8pm start; Tables of up to 8 people. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets will be available soon.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 24th November**. There will be a meeting, to discuss the event, on **Thursday 11th October** at 7.30pm in the Priest's House. **All welcome to attend and put forward their ideas.**

HOMELESS SUNDAY: Historically Homeless Sunday has been in January but as of 2018 it will take place in October. Pope Frances once said "The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person, and knew what it was not to have a roof over his head. Jesus tells us "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). A collection will be taken up after all Masses on **20th/21st October** for Caritas Anchor House, a Catholic homeless charity based in Newham, East London.

"Solidarity across the Channel" – Saturday 20th October 2018. This is a one day event in St Paul's Catholic Church, Dover, focussing on the journey of refugees, with powerful testimony and witness from those working in Calais and Dunkerque. For more details have a look at the poster in the church porch or email office@southwarkj&p.co.uk.