

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 6th to Sunday 14 October 2018

Sunday 7th October 2018 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B

Saturday 6 th	6.00pm	Tony Mullan RIP Recently
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	Jim Hayes RIP (Coyne/Hayes)
October 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish
Monday 8 th		St Osyth, Religious
October	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 th		Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest
	9.00am	Yvonne Grace RIP (Scannell)
Wednesday 10 th		St Paulinus of York, Bishop
	9.00am	Ivy Bishop RIP Recently (Rimmer)
Thursday 11 th		St John XXIII, Pope
	9.00am	Steve Purcell RIP (Parish)
Friday 12 th		St Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthburga, Religious
	9.00am	Mary Canny RIP (Canny)
Saturday, 13 th		St Edward the Confessor, King
Sunday 14th October 2018 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time B		
Saturday 13 th	6.00pm	Therese Robinson RIP Recently
Sunday 14 th	9.00am	Sir Evelyn Russell RIP Anniv (Hoare)
October 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish

Please note there will be a Service, not Mass at 9am on Monday 8th October.

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: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 7.10.2018

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Please inform a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they can have visit from a priest and receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £174.75, Loose £296.22,

Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD £47.75. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Preferential rates are available for parishioners and charities.

BAPTISMS: Baptismal certificates are available from Fr John for those recently baptised.

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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said, "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body"(Mk.10:2-12). Nowadays many people seem to think that it equally moral for people to choose whatever form of relationship and intimate living arrangements from a range of that appears to suit them. The teachings in the both the Old and New Testament show this approach is not in conformity with or a living out of God's plan for people.

Our readings from the Gospel and Genesis (2:18-24) show God's plan is for a man and woman to be joined together in marriage, as one. Biblical teachings state that the relationship between man and woman is sacred, and that the fulfilment of God's plan is in the intimate union in marriage. Even though many do not accept this teaching today, it is still valid and necessary for the natural good of society. In the Gospel, Jesus states that love in marriage is to be expressed in a committed union of a faithful and lifelong relationship, which should not be adulterated or broken.

Children show God's creative love in a marriage. Today's Gospel is often read at the Baptism of children, for it shows parents bringing their children to Jesus to be blessed by him. When parents today bring their child to church, they are bringing their child to Christ and asking him to bless their little one. Children understand that in being Baptised they become a member of God's family and that he loves them. Parents help their children to grow in faith by bringing them up as active and prayerful members of the Christian family. That involves prayer at home and also coming together in God's house, the Church to pray with the other members of the Christian family. In the church Jesus blesses all of us as children of God our Father, as we bring our needs to him and thank him for his love for us. This is expressed when celebrate Mass and receive the Sacraments, and are united with God in Holy Communion.

In the weekday Masses we have been reading about the sufferings of Job and how he endured loss of goods, family, friends and health. Today our reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11 speaks about Jesus and how he was humiliated and endured sufferings, even the sacrificing of his life. Yet it was through suffering and death that he was raised up to glory. It is in that context that we can unite our sufferings with those of Christ and so give them a new and distinctly spiritual meaning. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ.

May God bless and keep us living in his love always. Fr John

DECEASED: DONALD WHITE RIP, of Epping Upland, who died on 27 September, aged 86 years. His Funeral Service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium on **Wednesday 17th October at 1.45pm. May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy & prayers for his family and the repose of his soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.**

CONFIRMATION: The next preparation session for the young people will be held in our Church hall on **Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: The next session for first Holy Communion children will be held in the Church hall on **Wednesday 10th October at 5.45pm.**

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: We have talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support the faith of family members. It is also suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. They are held in **The Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm.** 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.

PARISH AGM: Our Parish AGM will be held next **Tuesday 9th October** at 8pm in the Priest's House. All are welcome to attend and take part in the meeting. The Annual Parish accounts and reports from various activities will be presented

HALL MANAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE will meet in the Priest's House at 8pm on **Wednesday 10th October.** All parishioners are welcome.

CONSECRATION CROSSES & CANDLES: A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the consecration crosses and candles. Special thanks to a number of parishioners who offered to sponsor the final candle last weekend. I accepted the first offer that was made so all have now been sponsored. Thank you everyone.

ANNUAL CTED SERVICE TO PRAY FOR PEACE Sunday 14th October at 4.00 pm in our Church All the Christian churches in Epping and District come together to **PRAY FOR PEACE.** This is our 11th Annual event and, as we can see from current events around the world, there has never been a more critical time for us to pray for peace. **Please come and bring your friends.** This year our speaker is **Mick Duthie,** from the **Santa Marta Group, a charity that works to prevent MODERN DAY SLAVERY, which is so prevalent around the UK and around the world.** There will be a retiring collection for **Santa Maria Group** and there will be refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.

UNBORN BABIES AT RISK UP TO BIRTH if a dangerous new Bill to be introduced via the 10 Minute Rule in the House of Commons reaches the Statute book. Diana Johnson Labour MP seeks to remove criminal sanctions that could lead to removing legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers. SPUC calls this "the most severe threat to babies and their mothers in decades." Please take a postcard after Mass and send it to our MP Eleanor Laing, putting your name and address on it and a stamp.

PARISH QUIZ: Parish Quiz night, **Saturday 13th October,** 7.30 for 8pm start; Tables of up to 8 people. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Tickets available after weekend Masses or contact Emma on 07791 235929.

MUSIC: Since the end of summer we have had no musical accompaniment or Music Group at 11am Mass on Sundays. We have appealed for assistance but so far no one has responded to help with this role. The music group at 11am Mass contributed greatly to music in our parish over the years and enhanced our Liturgy and we would like it to continue. We would love to hear from anyone who can help with this role. **Fr John**

CAFOD HARVEST FAST: Family Fast Day was last **Friday the 5th.** Your CAFOD envelopes will be collected at all Masses this weekend. Many thanks for your generosity.

BAKE SALE LAST SUNDAY: Thank you to Adriana, Emma, Nina and parishioners who provided delicious homemade cakes for last Sunday's sale and thanks to everyone who bought them after the Masses. The sale raised an amazing **£328** for our parish.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 24th November.** There will be a meeting, to plan the event, next **Thursday 11th October** at 7.30pm in the Priest's House. **All welcome to attend and put forward your ideas.** The appeal is for Fancy Goods - ie – anything made of fabric, hand-made or new condition.

BAZAAR ADVERTISING: Following the success of last year's advertising, W J Meade Estate Agents have kindly agreed to advertise our bazaar. They will then donate **£10 per board, for up to 20 boards.** Boards would be put up in mid-November and remain in position for about a month. We get £10 for each board so potentially £200. If you are interested in helping raise funds for our parish in this way, please either email the parish office or put your name and contact details on the list in the church porch.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School: Visits for Prospective New Parents 2019. St John Fisher School, Burney Drive, Loughton, will hold three visit meetings for prospective new parents on **Tuesdays 9 & 17 October & 5 November** at 10 am. If you would like to visit the school on one of the dates please contact the school on 0208 508 6315 or email schoff1@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk. This **Sunday 7th October,** Mrs Patricia Bryson, Head of St John Fisher School will speak at 11am Mass.

EPPING CHORUS (Formerly ECCA) will hold a quiz night in our Hall on **Saturday 20th October** 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £7.50. Bring your own food, nibbles & drinks. To book a table contact Vic Knope on 01992 73101. We'd value your support.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: On **Saturday 24th November,** the **6pm** Mass will be offered for our altar servers and their families. This will be followed by a party in the Hall to which we invite all our servers and their families to attend.

REQUEST FOR USHERS: We need more people to help as ushers in the Church. If you are coming to Mass, it is not an onerous task, but a great help to other parishioners. Please contact Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or the Parish Office to offer assistance.

HOMELESS SUNDAY After all Masses **next** weekend, we will have a collection for Caritas Anchor House, a Catholic Homeless charity in Newham.