

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th October 2018

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 14th October 2018

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependants – Prisoners Week 14-20 October

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
Baptisms	12.30pm	Florence Pearl & Beatrix Petal Stockwell
Monday 15 th	9.00am	St Theresa of Jesus (Avila) Virgin, Religious & Doctor Yvonne Grace RIP (O'Brien)
Tuesday 16 th	9.00am	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Tony Carden RIP (Carden)
Wednesday 17 th	9.00am	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr James Murphy RIP Anniv (Murphy)
Thursday 18 th	9.00am	St Luke, Evangelist Special Intention (HR)
Friday 19 th	9.00am	Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Comps. Martyrs Annette Goodchild RIP Anniv (Sr Susan)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time B World Mission Day 21 October 18

Saturday 20 th	6.00pm	Yvonne Grace RIP (Holland)
Sunday 21st	9.00am	Stan Holder RIP (FM)
October 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

PARISH MASS BOOK: Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time B 14.10.2018

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: 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 visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £382.50, Loose £462.64,
Standing Orders: £800, CAFOD £482.79. Thank you for your generosity.

INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: It was decided at last week's Parish AGM that we have a retiring collection next weekend for the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami victims, and the amount contributed should then be matched / doubled by our parish

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.

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Dear Parishioners,

“Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” the rich young man who ran up to Jesus and knelt before him, asked our Lord (Mk.10:17-30). Jesus questioned him on his behaviour and relationships, to see what kind of life he had been living. He was a good and upright man, seeking to do what was good and right with God and people, and wanted to do more so that he would be justified before God. Jesus challenged him with a test of love that involved sacrifice when he said: “Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor”. “He went away sad, his face downcast, for he was a man of great wealth”. He could not let go!

Wealth or possessions control many people's lives, rather than they being in control of them. Poverty, chastity and obedience are the three great vows many people take on entering religious life. They all involve detachment, a Christian virtue, by which we are enabled to free ourselves from some of the things that prevent us from becoming more generous, caring, loving, self-sacrificing or holy. Many saints like St Francis of Assisi who came from wealthy families, gave up a way of life and wealth to serve God and people by living a simple life of poverty, depending on the goodness of God and neighbour. In Canning Town, in our own Diocese, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, live in poverty and dependence on God's love, and the charity and generosity of people to sustain their life.

It is important for each of us to identify our areas of wealth or possessiveness. Our wealth could be: our pride, power and control, money, property, goods, sex, drugs, alcohol, resentment and un-forgiveness, or attitudes that cause problems. Ultimately, our wealth is what we most want to cling to most and are least give up or change. Love enables us to change willingly; and for true love we should be ready to sacrifice for what is right and good. The saints and martyrs are the great example of this. Jesus calls us, as he called the rich young man, to give up areas of life, which separate us in some way from love of God or neighbour. Only by offering to God what drags us down or holds us captive in some way, can we be truly free. By living in love we grow into the image and likeness of Christ, and we are set free and prepared to inherit eternal life.

We thank Mrs Patricia Bryson, Headteacher of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School in Loughton for speaking so impressively at our 11am Mass last Sunday.
May God bless and keep us in his sacrificial love. Fr John

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

DECEASED: DONALD WHITE RIP, of Epping Upland, who died on 27 September. 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.**

ANNUAL CTED SERVICE TO PRAY FOR PEACE - Sunday 14th October at 4.00 pm in our Church – THIS WEEK! 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.

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 17th 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.

UNBORN BABIES AT RISK UP TO BIRTH if a dangerous new Bill to be introduced by Labour MP, Diana Johnson, via the 10 Minute Rule in the House of Commons becomes law. It seeks to remove criminal sanctions that could take away legal protection for unborn babies & their mothers. SPUC calls it "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, address and a stamp on it.

PARISH MUSIC: Since the summer we have had no accompaniment or Music Group or at 11am Mass on Sundays. The music group at 11am Mass contributed greatly to music in our parish. We want that to continue and would love to hear from anyone who can help with co-ordinating or leading music, or operating "Doris", which plays the melody of the hymns in our hymn book. **Fr John**

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.

WE NEED USHERS & WELCOMERS: We would like to have **Welcomers** as well as Ushers in our Church. **Welcomers** would greet people with a smile, welcome them to Church and present them with a Parish Mass Book & Hymn Book and collect them from people at the end of the Mass. **Ushers** would show people to their place in church, take up collections, organise the Offertory procession and distribute various things as required at the end of Mass. This would mean that the Mass books and hymn books are no longer put on the seats before Mass or left in there after Mass. We need more people to help with both of these roles and suggest families take on the **Welcomers** role, particularly those preparing for Confirmation & First Holy Communion. This involves more people, shows a welcome and helps other parishioners. To help, please write your name on the list in the Church porch, or contact Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 24th November.** Six weeks to go. Next week we are collecting books and DVDs. If you enjoyed them, give someone a chance to share them.

BAZAAR ADVERTISING: Following the success of last year's advertising, W J Meade Estate Agents have kindly agreed to advertise our bazaar. They will 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.

CTED CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: We are pleased to invite anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to join us for a traditional lunch & celebration in our Church Hall on 25th December, 12.30pm for 1pm. Couples & carers may also apply. Transport can be provided. Places are limited, so please telephone Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or ask Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

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

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage by air for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 4 Nights, 4th – evening of 8th December 2018: £545 p.p. (twin/double), £645 p.p. (single room) includes return flights, 4 nights' full board. at Hotel Saint-Sauveur (inc. wine & meals), airport transfer from Ilford in UK & in France, all Mass offerings and procession candles (i.e. no extra/ costs) and retreat led by Fr Andrew Headon. Contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd for booking form/details.: 07932 634589; siobhan@parker-travel.com

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