

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 November 2018**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Eileen White's intentions (Lechley)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Theresa, David & Kylian Maher (Coyn/Hayes)
November 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish
Baptism	12.30pm	Emmie Beatrix Stark
<b>Epping Cemetery:</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Cemetery Service &amp; Blessing of Graves at Epping</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mrs Tullia Borelli RIP (Borelli/Mansell)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kieran Jolly RIP Recently (Whitehouse)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Willibrord, Bishop</b>	
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Mary Patricia McAniskey RIP REQUIEM MASS</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mary Murphy RIP Recently
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Kieran Jolly RIP Reception into Church</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Dedication of the Basilica of St John in the Latern</b>
	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Kieran Jolly RIP REQUIEM MASS</b>

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Anne Curtin RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 11th	9.00am	People of our Parish REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
November 2018	11.00am	Deceased of Two Great Wars & Subsequent Conflicts

**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:** 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 £231, Loose £304.06,

Standing Orders: £800, CAFOD £10.35. Indonesian Appeal: £110.

Thank you for your great generosity.

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** You can place the names of deceased relatives, friends & parishioners at the Altar in our Church for prayer at daily Mass in November. Forms and envelopes for this purpose are in the Church. **We will have a Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 3pm. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, at 3pm a Bereavement Service will be held in our Church. All are welcome to attend both services to pray for the dead.**

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*Dear Friends,*

Jesus linked the two great commandments of the Old Testament when he said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength ...and you must love your neighbour as yourself" (Mk.12:28-34). In telling us to love God and our neighbour at one and the same time, He gave us an integrated approach to right relationships. It is easy, tempting or self-indulgent to go off into a spiritual cocoon with God and forget about ones neighbour, or to engage in humanitarian good works but forget about God. The challenge for every Christian is to live in a right relationship of love with God and neighbour. Love of God is expressed and strengthened by the love and care we show to our neighbour.

Love is not just emotional or sentimental, even though good feelings are helpful to love and can be the fruit of love. Those who love know what it is to sacrifice, for they are ready to give up their own desires and ambitions and put their responsibilities to God and others before themselves. The law of love given by God to the Jewish people, through Moses, was the foundation of relationship with God and people. It was to be repeated constantly and taught to children, it was to be written in people's hearts and to be before their eyes in a phylactery (box), and to be written on the doorpost and gate of their house (Deut.6:8).

We know that God's love is unconditional and open to everyone, but our love is often selective and limited. Jesus tells us to "Love one another as I have loved you". He gives us the two great commandments of the Law of Moses to be the linchpin of our life. In our prayers and actions we praise and thank God for his love and we bring to him the needs of others, and we show them God's love by assisting them in a way that is in keeping with his plan. If we truly lived this new commandment of Christ, we would reshape our lives and our society. We would be powerful witnesses to God's presence in our life and in the world, and help to bring about a new creation. To do that we need to have the eyes of our mind open to the reality of our personality, our failings, sins and dispositions. We would also have to engage in self-renunciation and make personal sacrifices. St Ignatius of Loyola tells us how to do that in his prayer, "Lord, teach us to be generous, to serve you as you desire, to give and not to count the cost".

*May the Lord give us the grace to grow in love of God and people. Fr John*

**WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO DIED RECENTLY:**

**KIERAN JOLLY RIP**, of Epping, who died on 16 October, will be received into our Church at 4.30pm on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 3.15pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, followed by cremation at Parndon Wood. **May he rest in peace.**

**MARY PATRICIA McANISKEY RIP** of Theydon Bois, who died on 21 October, will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, followed by burial at All Saints Churchyard, Theydon Garnon. **May she rest in peace.**

*We offer our sympathy & prayers for their families and the repose of their souls. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.*

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** We will have a MEETING FOR PARENTS of children preparing for first Reconciliation on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm (for about 1 hour). At the beginning of all Masses this weekend, 3/4 November, the children will be called forward at the “Lord have mercy” to be presented with their Icon & Prayer of Sorrow. The next session of preparation for children will be in our hall on Wednesday, 14 November at 5.45pm.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next session for young people for Confirmation will be in our Church hall on Tuesday 6 November at 7.30pm. At the end of all Masses this weekend, the young people will be presented with their Bibles.

**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. These are 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 at 8pm.**

**SILVER JUBILEE OF DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH:** Bishop Thomas celebrated the Dedication of our Church, twenty-five years ago, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On the 7<sup>th</sup> December we will have a parish celebration of the anniversary of the dedication with Bishop Thomas presiding at Mass at 7.30pm. The full complement of 12 consecration candles and crosses, generously given by parishioners, will be in place to show our church is founded on the faith of the twelve apostles. Afterwards we will have a social event in the hall and people will be able to meet Bishop Thomas, who served the Mass when our church was opened in the 1954. The Dedication of a Church is seen as a feast of Christ himself and a major feast. **Please make a special effort to attend. Dr Davnet Barker’s history of our parish, “Towards a Dream”, is available free in the church.**

**CHURCH JUBILEE MASS MUSIC:** We had a meeting in the Priest’s House on Monday, last to plan the music for the Silver Jubilee Mass to celebrate the consecration of our Church. We now need musicians & singers for the Mass.

**PARISH MUSIC:** We need parishioners who can help co-ordinate or lead our music at Sunday 11am Mass, and to operate ‘Doris’, which plays the melody of the hymns in our hymn book. We would be most grateful for your assistance. **Fr John.**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** This year’s Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 24 November 10.30am – 2.30pm.** Three weeks’ time! The appeal next week is for **TOILETRIES** .....Anything to put on your face, wash your body or hair, and perfume. Now is the time of year to off-load unwanted gifts.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ADVERTISING:** Many thanks to our parishioners who agreed to have an estate agent board advertising the Bazaar. W J Meade have advised that the boards should be put up this coming week of the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**PUTTING CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!** Make this a year when we buy only religious Christmas cards, and stamps? If believers don’t spread the message, who will?! Epping Post Office have ordered only 1000 each of the beautiful 1st & 2nd class religious Christmas stamps. So make sure you get yours early, before they run out!

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Ava Grace Catherine O’Mullan who was Baptised in our Church on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and to the family of Niamh Evangeline & Caoimhe Louise Hutchinson who were baptised in our Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

**MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS:** On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** A big thank you for your generosity to last weekend’s Appeal for the victims of the Indonesia earthquake & tsunami. The **£1240.63** you gave will be matched by our parish. If you still wish to donate please use an envelope marked “Disaster Appeal” and put into the Presbytery.

**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 **25<sup>th</sup> 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 contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

**CONGRATULATIONS to St John Fisher Catholic Primary School on their success on being rated “Good” overall following a recent Ofsted inspection.** The report is on the Ofsted website, and in our Church porch with SATS results. We thank Mrs Bryson, Headteacher, for visiting us recently to speak at 11am Sunday Mass. We encourage parents to consider sending their child to the school for a Catholic Primary education. St John Fisher School, Burney Drive, Loughton IG10 2DY, invites prospective parents to a visit day on **5 November at 10 am.** If you would like to visit on that or another date please contact the school office on **0208 508 6315** or email [schoff1@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk](mailto:schoff1@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk).

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