

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 November 2018

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 11th November 2018

Saturday 10 th	6.00pm	Anne Curtin RIP Anniversary (Crouch)
Sunday 11 th	9.00am	People of our Parish REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
November	11.00am	Deceased of Two Great Wars & Subsequent Conflicts
Monday 12 th		St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
	9.00am	Hannah Robinson
Tuesday 13 th	9.00am	Nora Kelly RIP (O'Keefe)
Wednesday 14 th	9.00am	Jim Meehan RIP Recently (Darcy)
Thursday 15 th		St Albert the Great, Bishop
	9.00am	Intentions of MB
Friday 16 th		St Edmund of Canterbury, Bishop
	9.00am	Deceased family & friends of Garwood Family (Garwood)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 18th November 2018

Saturday 17 th	6.00pm	Patrick Curtin RIP (Crouch)
Sunday 18 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
November	11.00am	Kirk McLaughlin RIP 1 st Anniversary YOUTH MASS
	3.00pm	Service of Bereavement in our Church

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 £339.50, Loose £362.18,

Standing Orders: £800, CAFOD £50.08. Indonesian Disaster Appeal: £40.

Thank you for your great generosity.

INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: A big thank you for your generosity to our recent Appeal for the victims of the Indonesia earthquake & tsunami. The **£1280.63** you have now given will be matched by our parish and forwarded to CAFOD for DEC.

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 Bereavement Service in our Church, on Sunday 18th November, at 3pm All are welcome to attend and pray for the dead and all who mourn for them.**

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 11 November 2018

Dear Friends,

“People only die once and after that comes judgement, so Christ too offers himself only once to take the sins of many on himself” (Heb.9:24-28). During the month of November we remember and pray for the dead. This we do especially on Remembrance Sunday as we remember and pray for all who died in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. The Poppy, which people wear and use in wreaths is a sign of commemoration and remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives. We thank God for their lives and good deeds, and remember them in prayer and place them in God’s hands with faith in his mercy and love.

Jesus, the Great High Priest of our faith, sacrificed his life to free people from sin and condemnation and restore us to the likeness of God. Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross is made present to us at Mass. Gathered around the altar (a holy place of sacrifice) we are united as members of God’s family in the Communion of Saints on earth, with all who have died and share his glory in heaven. We symbolise this in November, by placing the Names and Register of our Dead at the altar.

We remember our deceased relatives, parishioners and friends in prayer during November which is traditionally called the month of the Holy Souls. We pray that they will be purged or purified from the contamination of this world through Christ’s sacrifice and be made worthy to enter fully into the glory of God.

The death and resurrection of Christ is so central to Christian faith, that St Paul said, “If Christ is not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain” (1Cor.15:14). We look to Christ’s resurrection for new life for those who have died. “In Christ who rose from the dead our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people life is changed not ended. When the body of earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven” (Preface of Mass for the Dead).

On Friday, 7 December, we celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Consecration of our Church on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1993. Bishop Thomas who presided at the celebration, will preside at the Silver Jubilee Mass. May it be a joyful celebration of faith as we remember and give thanks for all who have gone before us to the Lord, and left our parish a gift of faith and grace. *May our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us in faith, hope and love. Fr John*

FIRST RECONCILIATION: The next session of preparation for the first Holy Communion 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 20 November at 7.30pm.**

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.**

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.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November. Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer on **Thursday 29th November at 6.00pm.** The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277373959 if you have any questions; otherwise, simply turn up on the evening.

SILVER JUBILEE OF DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH: On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1993, Bishop Thomas celebrated the Dedication of our Church. We will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication with Bishop Thomas at Mass here at **7.30pm.** We express our gratitude to the parishioners who generously donated for the eight crosses and candles which have now been put up in our church – in that regard we also thank some more parishioners who also offered, but all eight had been taken. The 12 consecration candles and crosses show our church is founded on the faith of the twelve apostles. After Mass, **at 8.30pm** we will have a social celebration in the Hall and people will be able to meet Bishop Thomas, who served the Mass when our church was first opened in the 1954. **Do, please make a special effort to attend. Dr Davnet Barker's very interesting history of our parish, "Towards a Dream", is available free in the church.**

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Following Mass for the Silver Jubilee of the Dedication of our Church, we will have a celebration in the Parish Hall. There will be wine, beer and soft drinks provided, but we would like everybody to **'BRING & SHARE'** something to eat. If you are able to bring something to share, please let us know what it will be by filling in the sheet pinned to the noticeboard in the Church porch. We'll need a mixture of sweet and savoury finger foods, as well as nibbles like crisps, crackers and nuts. We will also need help to set up the Hall before Mass, from 6.30pm, to lay out tables etc. Please contact Emma on 07791 235929 if you can help with this. Many thanks in advance.

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. All we now need is musicians & singers for the Mass.

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Emmie Beatrix Stark who was Baptised in our Church on Sunday 4th November 2018. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

PARISH MUSIC: A big thank you to parishioners who have offered to help with the music in our parish by operating 'Doris', the device that plays the melody of the hymns in our hymn book. I will also be delighted to have further offers of help with music in our parish. Please offer your talents in the service of God. **Fr John.**

JOB ADVERT FOR HOUSEKEEPER: There is a vacancy for a housekeeper to carry out housekeeping and cooking in Epping Presbytery. The role requires the person to work 4 hours a day, around the lunch-time period, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Rate of pay: £10.60 per hour. Start date: **8th January 2019.** Please tell family and friends about this role. The candidate does not have to be Catholic. For further info please Fr John or the Parish Administrator.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: BAZAAR RED ALERT! ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO!! The children have a chance to sort out their Toy Cupboards and donate unwanted or outgrown toys. Santa will probably bring some more.

BAZAAR PATRONS: Many thanks to all who have become Bazaar Patrons – which is very helpful. It's still not too late to become a Bazaar Patron, particularly if you are not able to attend the Bazaar on the 24th November. Please address your Patronage to Fr John and make cheques payable to "Epping Catholic Church".

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!

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 contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will host their Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on **Friday 7th December 12 for 12.30pm** at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. Please call Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

FOR HALL BOOKINGS contact Arnold Verrall, preferably by telephone, on 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping) or mobile 07764404813 or by email arnold.verrall@email.com. **Preferential rates are for parishioners & charities.**

THE PRIEST IN ESSEX - A film made in the early 1950's featuring Father Francis Dobson of Brentwood Diocesan Travelling Mission, based at Stock, is now on BFI Player. This interesting documentary of priests & parishioners in Brentwood is at: <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-the-priest-1953-online>