

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 24 Nov. to Sunday 2 December 2018**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING B YOUTH SUNDAY 25 November 18**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	For our Altar Servers and their Families
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Doug & Bobby Dew RIP (Heughan)
<b>November 2018</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>The People of our Parish</b> <b>YOUTH MASS</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kay Bradford RIP & Family
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Intentions of Christopher Jacob (Joseph)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Pamela Magri RIP Anniversary (Magri)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Lady Joan Russell RIP Anniversary (Hoare)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St Andrew, Apostle &amp; Patron of Scotland</b>
	9.00am	Intentions of Christopher Jacob (Joseph)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Intentions of Catherine & Peter Kelly (Kelly)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Andrew Rowe RIP (Coyne/Hayes)
<b>December 2018</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**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:** Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King B 25.11.2018

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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 £277.25, Loose £286.72, Standing Orders: £800, CAFOD £3.00. Thank you for your great generosity.

**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.

**FULL SUNG MASS with Gregorian Chant** in our Church at 3pm this Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Come, pray & sing the Mass of the Tridentine Rite. *All Welcome!*

**PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!** This a year please buy religious Christmas cards & stamps so as to spread the real message of Christ at Christmas.

**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](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). **Preferential rates are for parishioners & charities.**

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Most of the citizens of UK are immensely proud of the way in which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has carried out her royal duties during her long life. Even at the age of 92 years, her mere presence in public generates admiration. Although her executive authority is limited under statute, she carries out her UK and Commonwealth duties with decorum and confidence, impinging upon a current population of over 2 billion people. We are most fortunate.

There is another monarch, a monarch whose realm is truly ubiquitous, a monarch who is all-loving, all powerful, everlasting and awe-inspiring: Today we reflect on **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. In his love and generosity he listens to all our pleas for his help and guidance; he forgives our sins; he encourages us to lead lives which are pleasing to him; he is always listening and waiting for us to contact him; he guides us in our daily challenges; he listens to our difficulties. In fact, there is nothing that is good in our lives in which he is not involved. We can depend upon him with confidence.

**We thank Jesus Christ today for our faith in him** and ask that it may grow as we struggle to meet his wishes for us. Let us simply place ourselves in the presence of the Holy Trinity as we pray thoughtfully to God the Father in the words which Jesus gave us as the model of all prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth and it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.*

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY – celebrating our young people.** Today we pray for our young people, and hear about the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House. You will receive a leaflet, and there is much more on the website, [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). The recent Synod (meeting of Bishops and Cardinals, with Pope Francis) focused on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment concluded with these words: “The Church and the world urgently need *your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor, and those wounded by life your travelling companions. You are the present; be a brighter future.*”

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The children preparing for first Holy Communion will celebrate their First Reconciliation in our church on the following dates: **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 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. 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:** On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1993, Bishop Thomas celebrated the Dedication of our Church. We will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** Recently we had a meeting in the Priest’s House to plan the music for the Silver Jubilee Mass to celebrate the consecration of our Church. We will now welcome musicians & singers for the Jubilee Mass.

**PARISH MUSIC:** Thank you to parishioners who have offered to help with music in our parish by operating ‘Doris’, the musical 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.**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** We are looking for a volunteer with Content Management System (CMS) experience to manage our website. They will update content, manage components and extensions, and apply system updates when necessary. Graphic design skills would be advantageous. Please speak to Fr John, in the first instance, if you think yourself or someone you know can help. We express our gratitude to Nick Duggan who has performed this role with skill and commitment over the past few years.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD:** Christmas Cards will be distributed to all parishioners in the Hall after Sunday Masses. It would be useful if we use this as an opportunity to reach out to people and update the parish database. Please let Peter Day know if are unable to find a card addressed to you or if your address has changed.

**EPPING FOODBANK:** The Epping Foodbank will be especially busy for all of December. Tinned and packed items are the most useful, but toiletries, and household cleaning and hygiene items are also very welcome, as are Christmas food treats. Please leave your donations in the box provided in the porch. Thank you for your generosity.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS** Particularly during this Christmas period (though throughout the year), could you please save used postage stamps. Cut them off the envelopes/wrapping paper, leaving a ¼” margin round the stamps and place them in the Used Stamps box in the Church entrance porch, which can be found on the bottom shelf beneath the post tray. The stamps will then be delivered to St Clare Hospice, where they can be exchanged for money. Thank you for your help.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT: Inauguration of Advent** in Brentwood Cathedral at **4pm** on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. This beautiful service includes the solemn lighting of the Advent wreath, profound readings and music led by the Cathedral choir. It is a special way to prepare for the real meaning of Christmas and all are welcome. Main celebrant: Bishop Alan Williams sm.

**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.

**JOB ADVERT FOR HOUSEKEEPER:** There is a vacancy for a housekeeper to for housekeeping & cooking in Epping Presbytery. The role requires a working 4 hours a day around lunch-time periods, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Rate of pay: £10.60 per hour. Closing date: **30 November 2018**. Start date: **8 January 2019**. Please tell family and friends about this job and applicants need not be Catholic. For details and to application contact the Parish Administrator or Fr John.