

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February : The Presentation of the Lord**

**Candles will be blessed and given to people at the Feast Day Mass at 10.00am**

**Candlemas Day 10.00am** Intentions of Sr Susan on 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv of Consecration

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C): Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm** Sydney Jones RIP (Aitken)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am** In Thanksgiving (Hollinshead)

**February 2019. 11.00am People of our Parish**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> **St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**  
9.00am Ruby Fernandes RIP Anniv (Murray)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> **St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**  
9.00am Aileen Bradford RIP (Caywood)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Michael Forrestal RIP Recently (Dolan/Fogarty)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> **St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin. Day of Prayer for victims of trafficking**  
9.00am Gerry & Karen Neenan RIP (Neenan)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C): Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm** Helven & Win Crouch RIP (Crouch)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** People of our Parish

**February 2019 . 11.00am Dolan & Fogarty Families' intentions (Dolan-Palmer)**

**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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

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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 in hospital or at home so they will have visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity and Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £198.97, Loose £398.42: Standing Orders £800, CAFOD £20.**

**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 for parishioners & charities.**

**NEW TO OUR PARISH or have changed your address:** Please complete a Parish Registration form, available in the Church, and introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan who will welcome you to our church and parish community.

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*Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C) 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

*Dear Friends,*

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer.1:4-19). God addressed these words to the prophet Jeremiah, but they apply to every person, which is why the Church holds human life sacred from its first moment in the womb. This fundamental truth of God’s love for people, from the beginning of life is shown in a small statue of a tiny infant being held in the hand of God. From the beginning of life, we are in God’s hand and at the end of life we hope to return to him using the words of Jesus; “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”. Between those two moments, God will always love us and be with us as we go through the joys and difficulties of life. The popular meditation “Footprints”, illustrates this reality of God being with us especially in our trials.

God calls all people to be faithful to him and to respond to his love. Jesus shows us God’s love is generous and all embracing, not narrow or restricted. God’s love is there for all people and it is shared and witnessed-to most powerfully by Jesus, as the Saviour of the world. He came with a sacrificial love to save us, sinners, from eternal death, to heal the sick and bring Good News to “the poor in spirit”. We cannot fully understand the tremendous and unconditional love God has for us and for all people. Yet the protective love parents have for their child is a gift given to them by God, that reflects the love of the Creator for his children, yet sometimes we choose to act like rebellious children, who wish not to be caught up that love.

Couples frequently choose St Paul’s hymn to love in 1Corinthians 13:1-13 for their wedding. It is the first and great Christian hymn to love and spells out the qualities of love and how to we should live them. It is delightful to listen to but challenging to live. Love is a gift that never ends, with circular wedding ring showing it has no beginning and no end. The heart is a symbol of love and when Pope Benedict visited the UK in 2010, he took for his theme the reflection by the English divine, Blessed John Henry Newman, “Heart speaks to heart”. St Augustine wrote: “Give me someone who loves me and he/she will understand me”. St John of the Cross gave the direction: “Where there is no love, put love and then you will find love”. We respond to love by listening to God’s word and following the example of Jesus who told us to “Love one another as I have loved you”. He integrated the two great commandments of the Old Testament and called us to love God and our neighbour.

*May God bless us with the grace to know we are loved and to share love. Fr John*

**ANDREAS COSTA KYROU RIP**, late of Epping, who died on 29 January 2019. He will be received into our Church on **Thursday 14 February at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 15 February at 10.30am**, followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **May he rest in peace.**

*We offer our sympathy & prayers for his wife, Pat and family and the repose of his soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.*

**MISSION APPEAL:** Fr Donie O'Connor, the Mill Hill Missionary, who visited us last weekend, has expressed his gratitude for the welcome he received in our parish and to the many parishioners who responded to the appeal to take red APF Mission boxes. These support the missions and assist people living in poverty and difficult situations in other parts of the world. If you did not take a box last weekend there are some in the church porch or you can contact Elaine Garwood, our APF organiser, at [egarwood@live.co.uk](mailto:egarwood@live.co.uk).

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S PREPARATION:**

The children have been given a **Planner for attendance at Sunday Masses**. They are to collect a Sticker from Fr John or Deacon Duncan at the end of each Sunday Mass they attend and fix it to the box for that Sunday in their planner. If they attend Mass at another church they should get the priest there to sign the box for that Sunday, and they will then be given a sticker here. The next preparation session for the children is on **next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm**.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION:** The next session for the young people preparing for Confirmation will be next **Tuesday 5 February 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**.

**FULL SUNG LATIN MASS** with Gregorian Chant on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm** at our Church. Come, pray and sing the Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass of our Church. We said thank you and good bye to Fr Mark Higgins who has been celebrating the Latin Mass for several months. **All Welcome!**

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Help is urgently required at the 11am Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy. No experience is required. Books and materials are provided. There is a rota so helpers can choose the dates they wish to cover. Please contact Norah Nolan if you would like more information or think you might be able to help. Email – [jim.nolan@ntlworld.com](mailto:jim.nolan@ntlworld.com) or telephone 01992 577932.

**SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK:** Mgr David Manson will give a talk on **“The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion”** on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Contact: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tel. 01277 265285.

**ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA DAY:** Friday, 8 February, is St Josephine Bakhita day. It is a day when we are called to become more aware of the desperate situation of people who are victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery. We have had two talks in the past year from the Santa Martha group on the situation of people who are living in slavery in this country and who are often exploited and trafficked illegally from country to country. Some information on St Josephine and the slavery in our time and country are on the noticeboard in the church porch.

**CALAIS LIGHT:** Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? We run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral. **The next trip is Mar 1-3** & we'll be supporting a different charity this time, Care4Calais, who go with volunteers to distribute aid, clothes & food to refugees. Think about this & volunteer with us. Sign up to volunteer on our "Calais Light" Facebook page, email [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com) or visit [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com). If you can't, please donate at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight).

**LANDINGS:** is a series of relaxed, informal, lay-led meetings, based on faith-sharing within a small group, that offer a safe and supported “landing place” for Catholics who have been away from the Church and are thinking about coming back. There will be a workshop to explain more on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 11am-3pm** at Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral CM15 8AT. Please email [adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org) to register.

**Is this for you OR for someone you know? St Scholastica's Retreat – Open Day – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2019:** The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm – more The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

### **To all couples who married in st. Helen's Church, Westcliff on Sea:**

St. Helen's will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and we are asking any couples who married in the church to please contact the Parish Office 01702 342324 with date of marriage, full names and a wedding photo. These will be displayed and the couples invited to attend a Mass for a special blessing. (Please advise if you do not wish for the photos to be added to the Parish Facebook page).

**EPPING FOREST REUSE:** If you are disposing of good furniture, a freezer or fridge or other appliances, contact Epping Forest ReUse Centre on 01992 578222. This Charity provides furniture & household appliances for people in need.

**POP/ROCK MUSIC GIG:** Our resident band, The Elevators, will be performing at the Duke of Wellington, Epping on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9pm**. Last year the band held a very successful fund-raising gig for our parish in our hall. We hope to be able to set the date soon for their next gig for the parish.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation that helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or at social events. For further information visit [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498