

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th February 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C): Sunday 10th February 2019

Saturday 9th 6.00pm Helven & Win Crouch RIP (Crouch)
Sunday 10th 9.00am People of our Parish
February 2019. 11.00am Dolan & Fogarty Families' intentions (Dolan-Palmer)
Monday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Prayer for the Sick
9.00am Aileen Bradford RIP (Caywood)
10.30am Chapter Mass at Brentwood Cathedral
Tuesday 12th 9.00am Mary Grahams's Intentions
Wednesday 13th 9.00am Aileen Bradford RIP (Caywood)
Thursday 14th St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe
9.00am In Thanksgiving (Butt)
4.30pm Andreas Costa Kyrou RIP Reception into Church
Friday 15th 10.30am Andreas Costa Kyrou RIP Requiem Mass

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Racial Justice: 17th February 2019

Saturday 16th 6.00pm Fiona Garnier RIP (Crouch)
Sunday 17th 9.00am David, Cleonagh & Kieran Jolly RIP (Moss)
February 2019 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

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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 £449.30, 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. **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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 10th FEBRUARY 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do we sometimes find it a bit inconvenient being a Christian? Can we possibly be worthy to be a true disciple of God? Because of our human weakness, on occasions, we do things which displease God, (for example, finding it inconvenient to do what God wants us to do); nevertheless **we have been empowered, through our Baptism and Confirmation, to be messengers of God's will to others**, as we demonstrate our Christian values by what we say and do. Surely, our proactive Christian commitment has to be our first priority in life and we should fit in other priorities around it, if and when we can.

Frequently, we are challenged by God through our conscience, (in today's world, this is rather like receiving a message from God on our mobile phone!), and we should listen to these challenges and respond to them positively and with Christian commitment as we say to God: '**Here I am Lord, let me know what it is that you want me to do for you**'. Having heard and understood God's message, when we do what he has asked us to do the results will often amaze us, and others and will help to strengthen our own faith in God's love and make us always ready to respond to God's messages with enthusiasm.

In today's Gospel, Peter responds slowly to a seemingly unlikely request of Jesus. He was reluctant to do what Jesus had asked, as he was overcome by the enormity of the power of Jesus. **Jesus then assured Peter that he and his friends should not be frightened by his power, but instead suggested that he should turn his attention away from being a normal fisherman to becoming a 'fisher of men'.....and that is what we all are as we help others to come to know and follow Jesus in their lives!!** When we do this, we are simply acting as Jesus' mouthpiece. It is his message that we pass on.

God bless.

Deacon Duncan.

BISHOP ALAN'S PASTORAL VISIT: Bishop Alan will make a Pastoral Visit to our parish on **Sunday, 24th February**. He will celebrate the 11am Mass and Confirm eleven young parishioners at that Mass.

ANDREAS COSTA KYROU RIP, late of Epping, who died on 29 January 2019. He will be received into our Church next **Thursday 14 February at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 15th 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.

DON GOLDEN R.I.P. We are sad to report the death of Don Golden, who will be remembered by many parishioners. He lived in Theydon Grove with his wife, Maureen, and their 4 boys. After Maureen's death, Don moved to Sidmouth with his second wife June, where he died last week. If anyone wishes to send a condolence Card, Deacon Duncan has June's address.

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 13th February at 5.45pm**.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION: The next session for the candidates preparing for Confirmation will be **Tuesday 12th 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 24th February at 3pm** at our Church. Come, pray and sing the Traditional Tridentine Latin Mass of our Church. The celebrant will be Monsignor Gordon Read. *All Welcome!*

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 or telephone 01992 577932.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: meets on **Wednesday 13th February** at 8pm in the Presbytery. All parishioners are welcome to attend, especially anyone wishing to organise an event in the Hall, or who would like to join the Committee.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE This year's Service will take place **in our church at 2.30pm on Friday 1st March**. We hope for a good turnout of our own parishioners. Dorothy Whitehouse would like to hear from any lady who would like to take part as a Reader, or would like to help with Refreshments etc.(telephone 01992 577173).

LENT LUNCHESES: A chance to meet friends and support Christian Aid. Each Saturday during Lent, one of the Churches in Epping will offer a light lunch (soup, cheese, bread, tea or coffee) between 12.30pm and 2pm. A suggested donation is £3 for Christian Aid. Please bring your friends. Everyone is welcome! The first lunch will take place on **Saturday 9th March** at the Methodist Church, High Street, Epping.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LONDON LAUNCH EVENT: By offering love and support to women and babies, 750,000 volunteers for 40 Days for Life have **saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion** in 56 countries. Come and see how you can help save lives in London, hear Alina's remarkable story and join us for a buffet and beverages at, 7.30pm-9pm **Wednesday 20th February** St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London, W1D 4NR, UK (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road). Please contact Sarah for further information on 07776 256838 or email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com www.40daysforlife.com/London

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on **Saturday 15th June 2019** at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under **Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events**. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27 May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning & 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at £100 supplement. Groups & Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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 23rd February 11am-3pm** at Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral CM15 8AT. Please email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org to register.