

**0.MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time (C) Racial Justice Day: 17 February 2019**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Fiona Garnier RIP (Crouch)**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00am David, Cleonagh & Kieran Jolly RIP (Moss)**

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Don Golden RIP Recently (Whitehouse)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Aileen Bradford RIP (Caywood)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> **St Peter Damien, Bishop & Doctor**

9.00am Matthias McGrath RIP (Anniv)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am Aileen Bradford RIP (Caywood)

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.00pm Win Crouch RIP Anniversary (Crouch)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am People of our Parish**

**February 2019 11.00am Bishop Alan Pastoral Visit & Confirmation**

**3.00pm Full Sung Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant**

**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: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 17<sup>th</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 £302.50, Loose £294.68: Standing Orders £800, CAFOD £37.05.**

**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***

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

***Dear Friends,***

“A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope” (Jeremiah 17:5-8). Jesus speaks in the Beatitudes (Luke 6:17-26) of the blessings God gives to people who place their trust in him. Jesus teaches us that God does not abandon people in their difficulties or sufferings, but that he is with them and blesses them. To understand this we look to Jesus born in poverty and homelessness, whose life as a child was threatened, who experienced rejection and condemnation, and shared the sufferings and death of the innocent on a cross. Yet, in all his trials and difficulties he turned to God his Father in prayer, submitting willingly to him to save mankind from condemnation, sin and death.

Moses told the people when God was making a Covenant with them; “See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse” (Deut. 11:26). In The Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that relationships with God and people are inextricably connected. God blesses people in difficult and testing situations and shows compassion and love to those who are going through trials. God blesses people in their sufferings and sees them as brothers and sisters of Christ, who suffered to save us from sin and death. He was committed to the will of God his Father and to love of people, and calls us to have a commitment to love God and our neighbour. Commitment helps sustain our relationships and leads us live in hope and trust with God and people. Faithfulness confers the blessings of The Beatitudes on others and on us, and enables us to grow in a relationship of love with God and people.

We celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is World Day of Prayer for the Sick, last Monday. At Lourdes our Lady revealed herself to St Bernadette as ‘The Immaculate Conception’. It is a centre of pilgrimage in the Catholic world for those who suffer and are ill. They go there to pray and be strengthened by the grace of God and supported by the prayer of fellow pilgrims. The conditions we suffer in our bodies can sometimes challenge our faith, and then we need to persevere with hope and trust in God, our Father. Our trust and hope is helped by the ways in which we support each other spiritually in prayer, and by offering practical help. We pray for our sick and bring them, and all who care for them, to the Lord at every Mass in our parish. We ask that he bless them with wholeness, and heal and free them from every ill and infirmity of mind, body and spirit.

***May the Lord bless you and sustain your trust and hope in him. Fr John***

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

**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 we will subsequently give them a sticker here. The next preparation session for the children is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm** in the hall.

**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. The celebrant will be Monsignor Gordon Read. *All Welcome!*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We urgently require helpers for Children's Liturgy at 11am Sunday Masses. No experience is required. Books and materials are provided. There is a rota so helpers can choose the dates they are able 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.

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

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

**WALK OF WITNESS, EPPING, 19 APRIL 2019** Volunteers are needed to assist carry the cross, moving the PA & stewarding the event. Readers and a participation team of volunteers, ideally from across the Epping area Churches are needed to read the Easter story as the procession moves through the town. A planning meeting will be held on **27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** at Epping Green Chapel. Any questions please contact John McCredie on 07985561470 or Paul Walker on 07769585411.

**FLAME AT WEMBLY:** This event will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. There will be some young people from our parish attending this wonderful celebration

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday when we pray for dignity for all workers. *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for human masters."* **Colossians 3:23.**

**PARISH HALL COMMITTEE:** This small committee which manages our Parish Hall met on Wednesday evening and would welcome some new members. If you can help, there are only 4 meetings a year, please contact Fr John or the Chairman.

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS** is the theme of a study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**. Six years after his election we look at Pope Francis' efforts for the renewal to the Church. The speaker will be Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. The day starts at 11am and ends at 3pm. Admission is free & refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch and make a booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**HEALING SERVICE:** If you are stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or struggling with life, you are invited to a Healing Service at English Martyrs Church, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ from 6-8pm **Saturday 23 February** for emotional, psychological & spiritual healing. Please register at email [HealingService@English-Martyrs.com](mailto:HealingService@English-Martyrs.com) or phone Mandy on 0780 1470 516

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

**CALLING YOUNG CATHOLICS:** The deadline for application to be an intern with Faith in Politics, the Catholic Parliamentary & Public Affairs Internship Scheme, is fast approaching - but it is not too late to apply. The Intern Scheme provides up to eight recently graduated Catholic with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy & social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD and CSAN. For more information go to [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk). Deadline for applications is **28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI, ASSISI AND CASCIA:** **6 nights/7 days from 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019** with Our Lady of Canvey Parish, following in the footsteps of St Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare and St Rita. Cost £899. For more information please call Cathy on 01268691323 or 07885577342.