

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS **Saturday 20 to Sunday 28 April 2019**

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD C 21 April 2019

Saturday 27th 8.30pm The People of our Parish
Sunday 28th 9.00am Jim Sullivan RIP (Sullivan)
April 2019 11.00am Patrick Lennon RIP Anniversary (Lechley)
 3.00pm Tridentine Rite Latin Mass - Mgr Gordon Read

BAPTISM 12.30pm Alexander Joseph Stimpson

Monday 29th **St Catherine of Siena, European Patron Saint**
April 9.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 30th **St George Patron Saint of England**
April 9.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 1st **St Joseph the Worker, Day of Prayer for Human Work**
May 12.15pm Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd **St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor**
May 9.00am Private intention
Friday 3rd **Saints Philip & James, Apostles**
May 9.00am Franko Fernandes RIP Anniversary (Murray)
 11.30am Hannah Robinson RIP Funeral Service at City of London

SECOND (Low) SUNDAY OF EASTER C: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 28 April 19

Saturday 4th 6.00pm Brendan Curtin RIP (Crouch)
SUNDAY 9.00am Jack & Ruth Walpole RIP (O'Brien)
5th May 2019 11.00am Phyllis Kelly RIP Recently (Darcy)
BAPTISM 12.30pm Chiara Marianne Rose Lazzarottili

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 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 or your relative, or a parishioner is ill in hospital or at home so they can have visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Thank you so much for your very generous Easter Offerings last weekend which are a gift from parishioners to the priest(s) of their parish and for which I am most grateful. Fr John

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS Our next full sung Holy Mass will be this Sunday 28th April at 3 pm in our Church. We welcome the celebrant, Mgr. Gordon Read of our diocese. The words & texts in Latin & English will be provided for you. *All welcome!*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER C Divine Mercy Sunday 28 April 2019

My dear Friends,

Jesus said: "Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained" (John 20:19-31). Many people today do not believe there is such a thing as sin, yet we need to recognise and repent of our sins so that God can forgive us. Christ came into the world to save people from sin and bring us into right relationship with God. He calls us to turn away from sin and sinful ways of thinking, acting and living, and believe in the Good News of God's mercy and forgiveness for all who repent. Pope John Paul II designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy day, as it shows Jesus giving the apostles and their successors power to forgive or retain peoples sins. It is great consolation to have one's sins forgiven, but it is a spiritually blindness not to recognise our sins and our need for forgiveness. Jesus speaks in The Beatitudes of blessings, for those who know their need of God's mercy and forgiveness when he said; "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt.5:1).

In Catholic tradition, it is obligatory for us to confess and receive forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Penance, and receive Holy Communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. This reflects the process of reconciliation presented by Jesus in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). The son, who returned to his father, humbly confessed he had offended against God and people. He expressed his sorrow and unworthiness and his father embraced him in love and forgiveness. The father celebrated and sealed his return to family life and right relationship with a party. That is a model for us to confess and repent of our sins, to receive forgiveness from God, and then enter into a Holy Communion with Christ our Lord in the Holy Eucharist – which he also gave us for the forgiveness of sins.

Pope John Paul told us that Jesus appeals for and gives the mercy of God to people, in his crucifixion and resurrection. He makes reparation for people's sins, springing from the supreme love of the Father for all people. The divine dimension of redemption is put into effect not only by bringing justice to bear upon sin, but by restoring to love that creative power in mankind, so that once more we have access to the fullness of life and holiness, which comes to us as a gift from God (Dives Misericordia – Rich in Mercy).

I thank you for your greetings and very generous Easter offerings. I wish you and your families continued blessings and joy in this lovely Easter season. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS:

MRS HANNAH ROBINSON RIP, late of Epping, who died on Easter Monday, 22 April. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at the City of London Cemetery Chapel at 11.30am on **Friday, 3rd May. May she rest in peace.**

MRS SHIRLEY WOODS-McCONVILLE RIP, late of Epping who died on Tuesday 16th April. She will be received into our Church on **Monday, 13th May** and her funeral will be celebrated with Requiem Mass on **Tuesday 14th,** to be followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

ROGER MINNIS RIP, who died on Good Friday, **19th April.** Funeral arrangements pending. **May he rest in peace.**

We pray for the repose of their souls. May they rest peace. We offer our sympathy to their families & pray the Lord sends his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.

WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS: We had Mass at 12.15pm on the Wednesdays of Lent and generally we had a good attendance, up to 24 people one week, many more than at 9am, when we usually have about 10. As the 12.15pm has seen an increase in attendance we will continue with it in the Easter season and it may be made permanent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next children’s session will be on **Wednesday 1st May** at 5.45pm in our Hall and the Church.

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

MASS FOR MIGRANTS to celebrate diversity in London, Hertfordshire, Essex & Kent. Please join Bishops, Priests & thousands of people from London and home-counties for this Mass at **Westminster Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May at 10.30am.** It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am; banners from parishes & ethnic groups welcome: meet outside the Cathedral from 9.30am. **ALL WELCOME!**

PARISH WEBSITE: Our thanks to Nick Duggan for his time and expertise in getting our parish website back up and running again. It was a most unfortunate glitch at this time of year. We would be really grateful to anyone with IT expertise who could possibly help our parish with the ongoing running and maintenance of our website.

OFFERTORY & GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Some parishioners do not have Offertory envelopes but could Gift Aid their Offerings to the parish. That would increase the value of your offerings by **25%,** at no cost to yourself and really benefit our parish. We encourage people to use Offertory envelopes, and especially for taxpayers to Gift Aid your donations to the church. We also ask parishioners who have Offertory envelopes to contact us if your details or circumstances have changed. Please complete below if you would like to join our Offertory Envelope or Gift Aid scheme.

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BRENTWOOD CHILDRENS SOCIETY (BCCS): After all Masses next weekend a trustee from BCCS will speak, primarily to thank parishioners for support and also to raise awareness of **BCCS** on this their 35th Anniversary year, of their work for children. There will be a retiring collection in support of their very worthwhile work.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 8th June 2019 at 2pm.** Please start sorting out any good quality jumble for selling and leave it in the church porch.

EPPING CHORUS will hold a quiz night in our hall on **Saturday 11 May; 7 for 7.30pm** start. Bring own drinks, nibbles & food. Tables of 8, but we can accommodate fewer numbers. Tickets £7.50 each. Book with **Janet Clements at church or on 01992 578262.**

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

CHRISTIAN AID CO-ORDINATOR: Many of you will know Mary Morgan has been coordinating the annual Christian Aid collections for Churches Together across Epping and District for many years now. She has done an amazing job and ensured that every year, with the help of volunteers from across the Churches, money is raised for some of the world’s poorest people. She has made the decision that she cannot continue in this role this year and is looking for someone to replace her and continue the work of organising the annual collections. For more information on what is involved please speak to Mary or Fr John.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OLD HARLOW CM17 0HA
There will no longer be a 6pm Mass on Saturday. Mass is offered at 5.30pm Holy Cross and 6pm Our Lady of Fatima. **The Assumption will have a Mass at 6pm on Sunday.** We are moving the current 7pm Mass to an earlier time to make it available to families who may have activities during the day and not make their regular worship time. Parishioners who travel to Bishops Stortford for Sunday evening Mass will have a nearer and better time offered without having to undertake that journey.

LOCAL FEMALE CHRISTIAN REQUIRES SUPPORT: I have begun a period of medical treatment that will mean I require some extra support at home. I am looking for anyone who feels called and able to pop into my home in Epping 3 or 4 times a week (flexible) from the beginning of May for about 3 months to help with small chores, such as preparing a sandwich or doing some light cleaning. I would be very grateful to anyone who could support me in this way. If you can help please contact Alison Dolan: 07855 958 653 adolan@openboxededucation.org.uk and she will pass it to me (I will then get in touch with you to discuss how it might work).

LIVE IN CARER SEEKS POSITION: A lady who has been a live in carer for an elderly lady for some years is now seeking a new position. The SVP have known her for four years and can recommend her. Any enquiries please contact Paul Ives on 07504923428 or 01992 577104 or Melita directly on 07848 980423.