

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th May 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 5th May 2019

Saturday 4th 6.00pm Brendan Curtin RIP (Crouch)
Sunday 5th May 9.00am Jack & Ruth Walpole RIP (O'Brien)
2019 11.00am Phyllis Kelly RIP - Recently (Darcy)

BAPTISM 12.30pm Chiara Marianne Rose Lazzarottili

Monday 6th St John Payne, Priest & Martyr

10.00am The People of our Parish

Tuesday 7th 9.00am Elizabeth McEvoy RIP (FM)

Wednesday 8th 12.15pm Patsy Fernandes RIP (Murray)

Thursday 9th 9.00am The Connolly Family's intentions (Fahy)

Friday 10th 9.00am Peter Beard RIP (Whitehouse)

Saturday 11th 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass

BAPTISM 1.30pm Luke Ray Buckmaster

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Good Shepherd Sunday 12th May 2019

Saturday 11th 6.00pm Fiona Garnier RIP (Crouch)

Sunday 12th 9.00am Giovanni Borelli RIP (Mansell)

May 2019 11.00am The People of our Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 12 noon, 5.15 to 5.40pm

MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before 9am weekday Mass

BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after 9am 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 at home or in hospital so they can be visited by a priest and receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous Offertories last weekend: Loose Plate: £352.19, Envelopes: £333, Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £50.63.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY APPEAL: This weekend we welcome a representative of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society to speak about their work with children & families in Brentwood Diocese, in East London and Essex. We ask you give generously in the retiring collection and to this worthy cause.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Readings at Mass during the 40 days of Lent led our hearts and minds towards Jesus' sacrifice of his life, to enable us to look forward to eternal life in heaven when we 'shuffle off this mortal coil'.

The Readings during Eastertide emphasise the presence of the Risen Lord, during which we can see many examples from which we can gain an insight of how we are expected to lead our lives as enthusiastic Christians.

If we are to fulfil our Christian mission to be worthy members of Christ's kingdom, most importantly, we need truly to recognise the presence of the Lord in our daily lives. We do this in several ways, all of which combine to give a picture of the worthy disciple:

- Everything we do, say and think should be pleasing to God.
- Celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives, as we come to weekly Mass for a Eucharistic meal together with other members of our community.
- Openly profess our profound love of Christ, by renewing publicly our commitment to him at every opportunity.
- Accept with humility any pain or difficulties in our life as a weak reflection of the extreme pain and suffering Jesus Christ experienced for the salvation of each living soul.

We should ask ourselves: 'How do I measure up to the standards God requires of a good Christian? Do I always please him?'

God bless.

Deacon Duncan

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:

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 at 4.30pm.** Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 14th at 12.15pm,** and will be followed by Committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

ROGER MINNIS RIP, who died on Good Friday, 19th April. He will be received into our Church for the celebration of **Requiem Mass on Thursday 23rd May at 2.00pm,** followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May he rest in peace.**

MRS DAPHNE McADAM RIP, who died on Monday 29th April. Funeral arrangements pending. **May she rest in peace.**

We pray that they may rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to their families & pray the Lord sends his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them at this time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The rehearsal for the children who will receive their first Holy Communion on **Saturday 11th May** will take place in church at **7pm on Wednesday 8th May.** Parents please attend with your children.

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 meet outside the Cathedral at 9.30am. **ALL WELCOME!**

DONATIONS TO CHARITY: We have recently made a number of donations from our parish to various charities. Many of these have been acknowledged and the respective “thank you” letters from them are on display on the church noticeboard.

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

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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 Saturdays. 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. Parishioners who travel to Bishops Stortford for Sunday evening Mass will now have a nearer and better time.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for anyone interested in or considering a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 7 May** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton **at time.** Deacon Gary Dench, who is soon to be ordained to the priesthood, will join us and give some input. Please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

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.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN:
Theme: Discernment and Vocation. Dates: **24-26 May 2019.** Location: Liverpool. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org