

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th May 2019

Saturday 18 May 11.00am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 19th May 2019

Saturday 18 th	6.00pm	Private Intention	
Sunday 19 th May	9.00am	Pauline Nolan RIP (McMurray)	
	11.00am	People of our Parish	
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Elizabeth Beatrice Mei Hicks	
Monday 20 th	7.30pm	Private intention	Note time
Tuesday 21 st	7.30pm	Cleonagh Jolly RIP (Jolly)	Note time
Wednesday 22 nd	12.15pm	Daphne McAdam RIP Recently (Whitehouse)	
Thursday 23 rd	2.00pm	Roger Minnis RIP	Requiem Mass
Friday 24 th	9.00am	Intentions of the Clohessy Family (Clohessy)	

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 26th May 2019

Saturday 25 th	6.00pm	Intentions of Hanane Bahbouti (Whitehouse)	
Sunday 26 th	9.00am	Matthias McGrath RIP (Anniv)	
May 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish	
	12.45pm	Peggy & Sean Clohessy Renewal of Marriage Vows	
BAPTISM	2.00pm	Toby Terence Gysbers	
	3.00pm	Tridentine Rite Latin Mass (Sung)	

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays: 11.00am to 12 noon and 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 receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous Offertories last weekend: Loose Plate: £321.33, Envelopes: £266.60, Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £20.17, First Holy Communion Mass: £205.24, BCCS: £20. Thank you.

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS: Our next full sung Holy Mass will be on Sunday the 26th May at 3 p.m. in our Church. Our celebrant is Dr. Michael Cullinan. The order of Mass and hymns in Latin and English will be provided; please feel free to join in the spoken and sung responses.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 May 2019

My dear Friends,

Jesus said, "My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you must love one another" (Jn.13:31-35). Many people make a will to prepare for leaving life. Jesus was doing that as he told his followers he would be taken from them, and wanted them to live the "new commandment; to love one another as I have loved you".

Jesus sees love as the quality by which his followers will be identified and show commitment to God and each other. He said "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples". Everyone wants to love and be loved, but a love that follows the example of Christ requires sacrifices and must be total and without any conditions. Jesus said; "even the pagans love and do good to those who do good to them, in expectation of a reward". We may fool ourselves when it comes to judging the quality of our love and be blinded by self-interest.

We could use the prayer St Ignatius of Loyola gave us as a prayer of Christian love, on page 349 of our Parish Mass Book, for Prayers after Communion:

**"Lord, teach us to be generous; to serve you as you desire;
to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek reward,
save that of knowing we do your will, through Christ, our Lord".**

Jesus showed perfect love, by sacrificing his life out of love for his Father, and for people in sin. In his Word and the Sacraments, he gives us the love of God and calls us to live in love of God and one another. St Paul gave us a plan for love and life in his great Christian hymns to love; in 1Corinthians 13:1-13 and Colossians 3:1-17. By reflecting on them in prayer or examination of conscience, we can grow in love.

In Burkina Faso last Sunday there was a terrible tragedy when terrorists invaded a church, killed the priest and six people at Mass, shot many others and burned down the church. This was the second attack in a few weeks on a Church in Burkina Faso and four more Catholics were killed during the week. Cardinal Philippe Ouedraogo, Archbishop of Ouagadougou, the capital, is one of my friends, whom I have visited and who has visited us in our Diocese. He spent the summer in our diocese at Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill in the 1980's. Let us pray for Christians there and around the world who are subject to terrorist attacks and persecution at this time.

May God bless us and help us grow in love for him and for one another. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:

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**, to be followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May he rest in peace.**

MRS DAPHNE McADAM RIP, who died on Monday 29th April. She will be received into our church for the celebration of **Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 29 May at 2.00pm**, to be followed by interment at All Saints Church, Theydon Garnon. **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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION children and their families on receiving First Holy Communion at this time. Their Going Forth Mass and the presentation of First Holy Communion Certificates will be at 11am Mass on Sunday the 9th June.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: We wish to thank Jim Nolan who has carried out the responsibilities of being our Parish Safeguarding Officer recently. He now has to give up this position due to other additional responsibilities. We are now looking for someone to take on this very important appointment in our parish to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We are grateful to our Counters who count the Offertory Collection on a rota basis on Sundays after Mass. We now urgently need more people to assist with counting the Offertories. There is a rota of experienced counters, and new counters would join and be paired with them. It is not time consuming or onerous but we do need help. Please contact Fr John if you would or could help.

STRAWBERRY FAIR ADVERTISING: This year our Strawberry Fayre will be on **Saturday 29th June**. Following the success of last year's advertising for our Christmas Bazaar, another local Estate Agent, has agreed to advertise our Strawberry Fair. They will donate to the parish, **for up to 50 boards**. Boards would be put up prior to the Fair and remain for about a month. Please help raise funds for our parish in this way & email the parish office or put your name & details on the list in church.

PARISH CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS BAND with very talented parishioners, Sheila & Steve Earl, on **Saturday 6th July**. Doors open **7.15pm for 8pm** start. Tickets £7 & £3 for under 16s. Dance the night away to classics by Bowie, Blondie, the Beatles, Bryan Adams & many more. Please bring your own food & drinks. Tickets on sale soon.

STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK REVELATION): A study day on will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on **Saturday 1st June**. Dr Sean Ryan, of Heythrop, will lead an exploration of key passages from this difficult New Testament book. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

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.

SVP RAFFLE: The results of the latest SVP Raffle are available on the noticeboard.

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

CAFOD-'Our Common Home' Brentwood Diocesan Creation Celebration Mass.

With environmental issues very much in the news, you are warmly invited to attend the launch of CAFOD's new campaign-'Our Common Home' at a Creation Celebration Mass, celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Thomas Thomas McMahon, on **Saturday 25th May, at 6pm, in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay** (21 Laindon Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9LL). The theme of the Mass will be giving thanks for the gift of creation. We hope that you will also join us for refreshments at a short social event after Mass, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the aims of the 'Our Common Home' campaign, and how you can get involved. For more information, please contact Angela Sparke at asparke@cafod.org.uk
If you are unable to attend but would still like to take part in the campaign, we are asking for the UK government to go further, faster on climate action. Please sign our petition at <https://e-activist.com/page/36329/petition/1>

CALAIS/REFUGEES: On **21- 23 June** Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is hosting its annual **Ascot Ladies' Luncheon** on Friday 21st June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544/ lphillips@bccs.org.uk

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.**