

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 27 May to Sunday 2 June 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) 26th May 2019

Saturday 25 th	6.00pm	Intentions of Hanane Bahbouti (Whitehouse)
Sunday 26 th May	9.00am	Matthias McGrath RIP (Anniv)
	11.00am	People of our Parish
	12.45pm	Peggy & Sean Clohessy Renewal of Marriage Vows
	2.00pm	Toby Terence Gysbers
	3.00pm	Tridentine Rite Latin Mass (Sung)
Monday 27 th		St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop – National Feast
	10.00am	Mr & Mrs Tobin RIP (FM)
Tuesday 28 th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 29 th	2.00pm	Daphne McAdam RIP Requiem Mass
Thursday 30 th		THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, Holyday of Obligation
Holyday	10.00am	Canon Charles Loughran RIP (McAdam)
	8.00pm	Matthias McGrath RIP (Anniv)
Friday 31 st May		Dedication of St Mary & St Helen's Cathedral, Brentwood
	9.00am	Cleonagh Jolly RIP (Jolly)
Saturday 1 st June	12.30pm	Baptism of Isabella Castro Bass

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) World Communications Day 2 June 2019

Saturday 1 st June	6.00pm	Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 2 nd	9.00am	Private Intention
June 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Harley Siew-Lin Pithers

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: £323.66, Envelopes: £419.60, Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £31.56, First Holy Communion Mass: £243.66. Thank you.

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.**

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 May 2019

My dear Friends,

Jesus said, "If you loved me you would be glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I" (John 14:23-29). We celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven this week on Ascension Thursday, forty days after his resurrection. Jesus prepared his disciples for his leaving them and he helped them understand God's purpose was that he leave this world and return to his Father. There he is seated as Lord of all at the throne of glory to intercede for us.

Before going away, Jesus bequeathed the gift of Peace to his followers; "a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you". He promised them: "the Father will send the Holy Spirit to teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you". We celebrate Jesus going before us to the Father, to prepare a place for us. He wants us to share in his glory and have eternal happiness. From his throne of glory, he sends his Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of all people and renew the goodness of creation. This happened on the first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came into hearts of people in Jerusalem. It is still open to people in our time when they are given the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. The nine days from next Thursday to Pentecost Sunday were used by the disciples, led by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We should use those day to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all mankind and on ourselves. We can use any prayer or hymn that invites coming of the Holy Spirit.

We also need to remind ourselves, as Jesus told his disciples, that even though he was being taken from them in bodily form, he would be with them and us in Spirit until the end of time. He is our friend who is always with us throughout our life and whose spirit lives in our heart. He is at the throne of glory in heaven, interceding for us. The Ascension hymn; "Alleluia, sing to Jesus", expresses this, and we can use it for personal prayer and meditation at this time and throughout the year.

We pray for the church and people in Burkina Faso, Africa, who are in distress from terrorism. In what was a very peaceful country, people are being attacked and killed at Mass and in the streets and churches burned. The Archbishop of Ouagadougou, Cardinal Philippe Ouedraogo, spent the summer in our diocese in the 1980's. We pray for Christians there and around the world who are subject to terrorist attacks.

May the Lord bless us with his love and ongoing presence. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:

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

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS: Our next full sung Holy Mass will be **THIS Sunday 26th May** at 3pm. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time. Their Going Forth Mass and presentation of First Holy Communion Certificates will be at 11am Mass on **Sunday, 9th June**, and will be followed by a celebration in the parish hall.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED: We are now looking to appoint someone to take on this very important responsibility in our parish, to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

HEALTH & SAFETY GROUP: We are grateful to parishioners who have assisted with this important matter in our parish. We are now forming a small group for Health & Safety and will hold a meeting on **Tuesday 4th June at 8pm** in the Priest's House. We will warmly welcome anyone who is interested to that meeting.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We now urgently need more people to assist with counting the Offertory Collection on a rota basis on Sundays after Mass. We thank our rota of experienced counters, and now need new ones to be paired with them. It is not time consuming or onerous but we do need help. Please contact Fr John if you can 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.

STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALPSE (BOOK REVELATION): A study day will be lead by Dr Sean Ryan, of Heythrop, on this difficult New Testament book will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on **Saturday 1st June**. 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 CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS BAND with very talented parishioners, Sheila & Steve Earl, on **Saturday 6 July**. Doors open **7.15pm for 8pm**. Tickets £7 & £3 for under 16s. Please bring your own food & drinks. Tickets on sale soon.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 8th June 2019 at 2pm**. There will be lists for helpers in the porch for **Friday 7th** from **1.30pm** and then **Saturday from 1.30pm** to sell. Help is needed please to empty the shed on **Friday 21st at 1.30pm**. Even if you can only spare an hour, your help will be greatly appreciated. We need cakes to have with teas and coffee, so calling all bakers in our parish to assist with this please.

CHRISTIAN AID CO-ORDINATOR: Mary Morgan 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.

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON EVENT IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE - PENTECOST SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE: If you are fed up of hearing bad news and wonder what it would be like to see a glimpse of heaven on earth we would love you to join thousands of others to celebrate our faith and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This event has a family friendly festival from 12 pm – 4 pm or 4 pm to 6 pm an Ecumenical service with Cardinal Vincent and other Christian leaders. For more information or to register your interest please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>. The Brentwood Diocese is hosting the Catholic Prayer Tent with the Dowry of Mary tour being the main part of the presentation. We will be engaging people to come and pray the rosary and mingling in the crowds to encourage them over. Can you be there to be a witness to your faith, chat with those who are looking for more information about Jesus Christ and join with thousands of others in prayer. If you can help or are going along please get in contact – adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Each year Bishop Alan celebrates this Mass particularly for those who are newly married or celebrating special anniversaries. This year the Mass is on **Saturday 6th July at 3pm** in Brentwood Cathedral, with a reception afterwards. If you would like an invitation please speak to Fr John. On the same day there is a conference in the Cathedral Hall for all those involved in supporting and promoting the vocation to marriage - see the diocesan website or speak to Fr John for more information.

SION COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENTS IN JUNE:

D Weekend 7th - 9th June: Are you aged 11-14 years? Would you like to come for a weekend of fun, friends and faith! This is a chance to meet other young people just like yourself from around the country and spend a few days building friendship with Jesus.

Mount Sion Family Camp 28th - 30th June: Bring your tent and have a great weekend of fun, sharing, praying and socialising together.

Experience our woodland prayer trail, worship, bookshop, cafeteria and more. All meals included. Join us at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX. For information and to book contact us: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk