

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th June 2019

Saturday 1 st June	12.30pm	Baptism of Adam Waddema Clark	
PENTECOST SUNDAY C Day of Prayer for the Church 9 th June 2019			
Saturday 8 th	6.00pm	Peggy Madden RIP (Recently)	
Sunday 9 th	9.00am	John Denis Keane's intentions (Clohessy)	
June 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish	
Monday 10 th June		Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
Week 10	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP	Week 10 of Ordinary Time
Tuesday 11 th		St Barnabas, Apostle	
	9.00am	Margaret Stubbs RIP Anniv (Stubbs)	
Wednesday 12 th	12.15pm	Alan's intentions (Murray)	
Thursday 13 th		Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	
	9.00am	Private Intention	
Friday 14 th June	9.00am	Sr Bernadette Salley RIP (FM)	

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) Day for Life 16th June 2019

Saturday 15 th	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 16 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
June 2019	11.00am	Anne McEaney RIP Anniv (Darcy)

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: Offertories last week: Envelopes: £441 Loose: £260.78, Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £13, Thank you for your generous offerings.

POOR & NEEDY: A donations box near the papers in our church has a section that is marked for Poor and Needy. Donations put into that part of the box are used to help homeless people and mendicants who come to the Priest's House seeking assistance.

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY C 9th June 2019

My dear People,

"No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit" (1Cor.12: 3-13). The apostles were silent and afraid to witness the life, sufferings, death and resurrection of Jesus until they received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. Then, filled with the power of the Spirit and freed from fear, they went out into the city of Jerusalem to preach the Gospel and called people to repent of their sins and be Baptised. Over 3,000 people were influenced by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, to repent of their sins and be Baptised. Neither we, nor anyone else, can profess or acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and Saviour unless we are influenced by the Holy Spirit and given the gift of faith.

On Sunday 24th February eleven of our young parishioners received the Holy Spirit in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy Spirit gives them and us gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgement and courage, knowledge and reverence for God, and wonder and awe in his presence. We pray for our young people as they grow towards adulthood, that they will use these gifts to make the right choices in life. The Holy Spirit protects our relationship with God and people, and gives us wisdom to make important decisions correctly. In Confirmation, He seals and marks us as children of God with a mission to be witnesses to his presence in the world. We should always remember that Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, whom the Father will send you. Many people suffer greatly from bereavement the breakup of relationship. The Holy Spirit, who lives in our community and our heart, is there to comfort, console and strengthen us in these times. We should turn to him for help to get through our hurts and find healing and peace.

Since we are loved by God this places on us the responsibility to love him and our neighbour in return. Jesus' great commandment, given at the Last Supper, was to love God and our neighbour as Christ loved us. The Holy Spirit living in our heart is a Spirit of love, who empowers us to love God and neighbour in a way that surpasses our own feeble efforts. We are strengthened in Confirmation by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be able to live and love, as God wants.

May you be filled with the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit of God. I wish you and your families a truly blessed and joyful Pentecost. Fr John

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 this **Sunday**, to be followed by a celebration party in our parish hall. We express our gratitude to our team of Catechists: Martin, Mary, Stella, Claire, Jennifer and Pat. They have worked so diligently and given much of their time to this programme, the children and their parents in preparation for first Reconciliation and Holy Communion in our parish this year. We hope and pray that what has begun will be kept up by parents for their children.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Soon we will announce dates for meetings of parents wishing to prepare their children for first Reconciliation, Holy Communion in 2020. It is essential that the families and children be attending Mass. First Holy Communion children should be in School Year 3 or older in school in 2019/20.

HEALTH & SAFETY GROUP: We are most grateful to parishioners who have assisted with this matter in our parish. We are forming a small group for Health & Safety and had our first meeting last week. We would welcome anyone else interested in assisting in small ways to contact Fr John.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We urgently need more people to assist with counting the Offertory Collection on a rota basis on Sundays after 11am Mass. We thank our rota of counters, and now need more and 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.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 12 June, at 8pm** in the Priest's House. Parishioners and new members welcome to the meetings. See details of membership and minutes on the noticeboard in the church porch.

STRAWBERRY FAIR ADVERTISING: This year our Strawberry Fair will be on **Saturday 29th June 1.30pm – 4pm**. There will be Afternoon Teas, Strawberries & Cream, ice cream, stalls, games and a raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses **22/23rd June** and at the Strawberry Fair. If you are able to help at the event please contact Adriana Ruvalcaba on 07828 118909. Many thanks to those parishioners who have agreed to have an estate agent board advertising the event.

SPIRITUALITY MORNING on 'Seeking the God beyond' with Bishop Thomas McMahon, at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. **Saturday 15 June, 10.30am - 12 noon**. Contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265285.

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

PRAYER FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created: and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, taught the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, through Christ Our Lord.

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 world's poorest people. She has decided it is time to look for someone to continue this important work of organising the annual collections. To find out what is involved please speak to Mary or Fr John.

'THANK YOU' TO THE WHISTERS. As you may know, a small group meets monthly to play Whist in each others' homes. £2 is collected from each person to help defray expenses and the balance is paid into the Church Funds. We are grateful to the Whisters for their contribution of £144 during the financial year to 5th April 2019. New members of the Group are always welcome. The standard of Whist is 'recreational' and the evenings offer a pleasant break from normal life! The next meeting is on **Monday 15 July**. Please contact Arnold Verrall or Deacon Duncan, both telephone numbers in Newsletter, if you would like more information or if you would like to join the Group.

PARISH FUNDRAISING CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS BAND with parishioners, Sheila & Steve Earl and band on **Saturday 6th July**. Doors open **7.15pm for 8pm**. Tickets at £7 & £3 for under 16's on sale soon. Please bring your own food & drinks.

CAFOD CANDLELIGHT FUNDS: *"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"* St Francis Assisi. Donating to charity in memory of someone special is a beautiful way to celebrate their life. When you remember a loved one through a donation to CAFOD today, they will create a **Candlelight Fund** in their name. All donations now and in future will be combined to make a life-changing difference to the world's poorest families. For more information please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

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! They are 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. They chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Their March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with them! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

GIFT AID: Please let Michele Murphy know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter, and have not yet received one, for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2018/19. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.