

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

Saturday 1st June 12.30pm Baptism of Adam Waddema Clark
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) Day for Life 16 June 2019

Saturday 15th 6.00pm People of our Parish
Sunday 16th 9.00am Mark & Maggie Keane RIP (Clohessy)
June 2019 11.00am Anne McEaney RIP Anniv (Darcy)

Monday 17th June 9.00am Private Intention Week 11 of Ordinary Time
Tuesday 18th 9.00am Daphne McAdam RIP (Whitehouse)
Wednesday 19th **St Romauld, Abbot**

12.15pm Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 20th **St Alban, First Martyr of Britain**
9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 21st June **St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**
9.00am Daphne McAdam RIP

Saturday 22nd **St John Fisher, Bishop, and St Thomas More, Martyrs**
National Feast 10.00am Ives Family RIP (Ives)

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST C 23 June 2019

Saturday 22nd 6.00pm Derek Wells RIP Anniversary (Wells)
Sunday 23rd 9.00am Douglas Blackwell RIP (Blount)
June 2019 11.00am People of our Parish
3.00pm Tridentine Rite Latin Mass

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, a relative or parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they can receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last week: Envelopes: £269.50; Loose: £342.68, Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £51.05, Thank you for your generous offerings.

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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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 23rd June 2019

My dear People,

Jesus said "I have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you into the complete truth" (John 16:12-15). Today as we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we worship God as our Father and Creator; Jesus, the Son of God as our Saviour and brother; and the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier as the power and presence of God in the world who makes us holy. Jesus was aware that there was only so much his apostles could understand or take in during his time with them, so he told them that he would ask his Father to send down the Holy Spirit upon them to deepen their understanding of the truths he had revealed to them. Last Sunday on the feast of Pentecost, we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost and we know that he is with us always to sustain us in truth and love.

In blessing ourselves with Holy Water and making the Sign of the Cross at the start of our prayers, we place ourselves in the presence of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in whose names we are Baptised. Through the waters of Baptism, we become members of God's family and we share in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity.

At Mass and in private prayer we should address our prayers to God our Father from whom all good things come, and to whom all glory is offered. All that he does and gives to us is through Jesus Christ, his Son, and everything we offer up to God is offered up through Jesus Christ, our Lord, "the great mediator between God and people". The Holy Spirit who is at work in the world from the beginning of creation until the end of time makes all things holy. When Jesus, finally has made the world holy, will offer up to his Father a redeemed creation as an acceptable sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit helps us to live in right relationship with God and one another and to protect our dignity. He gives us wisdom and wants to lead us into all truth so that we make morally right decisions. In Confirmation, He seals and marks us out as children of God with a mission to witness to his presence and love in the world. To be Confirmed is to be strengthened, and in that Sacrament the Holy Spirit strengthens us, so that we are able to live and relate in love, within the Holy Trinity.

May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless protect and keep you in the love of God and each other. Fr John

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS: Our next full sung Holy Mass will be on Sunday the 23rd June at 3 p.m. in our Church. Our celebrant is Fr. Brendan Gerard, FSSP, from Germany. The order, parts and hymns of the Mass in Latin & English will be provided for you; please feel free to join in the spoken and sung responses.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: A BIG THANK YOU especially to Janet and all the team of helpers who worked so hard to make this such a successful fundraising event. The magnificent sum of **£1100** was raised for our parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will soon announce dates of meetings for parents and the application process for those who wish to prepare their children for first Reconciliation &, Holy Communion in 2020. Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2019/20 and it is essential that the families be attending Mass.

DAY FOR LIFE: This Sunday is Day for Life, which focuses this year on all who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. The Day for Life card speaks to us of Jesus being a healer and sharing in the sufferings of men, women and children who have or are suffering from violence in the home or suppression by others.

MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend we welcome Sr Aurora Salgado from the Comboni Missionary Sisters. She will speak at all Masses to raise awareness about the missions and appeal for our support for missionary work in various countries. We will have a retiring collection after all Masses to so that we can support the missions.

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: In September we will start a series of talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or who wish to understand our faith or support family members in their faith. These will be suitable for Catholic adults who may not have been Confirmed or who have not been practising or wish to renew and rethink their faith. **They will be held in the Priest's House on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm and will go on until Easter.** There is no commitment involved by attending any or all sessions. We would welcome Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved in the presentations.

HEALTH & SAFETY GROUP We are grateful to parishioners who have assisted with this matter in our parish. We are forming a small Health & Safety group and have had our first meeting. We need some more help with this important responsibility in parish life. If you can help, please contact Fr John.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We still need more help to count the Offertory Collection on a rota basis on Sundays after 11am Mass. We thank our rota of counters, and now need some additional ones to be paired with them. It is not onerous and normally takes only about half- an-hour. Please contact Fr John if you can help.

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

FATHERS' DAY: We wish all Fathers and families a very happy and blessed Father's Day on this Sunday, Fathers' Day.

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 6th 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.

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.

PARISH FUNDRAISING CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS BAND with Sheila & Steve Earl & band on **Saturday 6th July.** Doors open **7.15pm for 8pm.** Tickets: £7 & £3 for under 16's. 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.

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.

EPPING CHORUS (formerly ECCA) SUMMER CONCERT Saturday 6th July 7.30pm at St John's Church Epping: a concert *Feel the Spirit* and other works. Please see poster in church porch for further details. Admission is free but there is a retiring collection.

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.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020: Parents & carers who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2020 must have been attending Sunday Mass consistently for a number of years. If parents say they go to Mass in another parish - that is the appropriate place to see the priest. There is no point in seeking a Priest's reference when you have not been attending Mass regularly. The lack of integrity in this is evident in this parish as in others.