

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>St John Fisher, Bishop, and St Thomas More, Martyrs</b>
<b>National Feast</b>	10.00am Deceased & living members of Ives Family (Ives)
<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST C</b> 23 June 2019	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm Derek Wells RIP Anniversary (Wells)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am Douglas Blackwell RIP (Blount)
June 2019	11.00am People of our Parish
	3.00pm Tridentine Rite Latin Mass
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist</b> No Mass or Service today <b>Week 12 of Ordinary Time</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Members of the Dooley Family, deceased & living (Ives)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm Patrick Guinevan RIP Recently (Darcy)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> 9.00am Holy Souls RIP
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> 9.00am Eileen Lennon RIP (Lechley) 7.30pm Marie Fitzpatrick RIP (McAdam)
<b>SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL -</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm Fr James Hawes RIP Anniversary (Murray)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am People of our Parish
June 2019	11.00am Fr James Hawes RIP Anniversary (FM)

**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**

**PARISH MASS BOOK: THE BODY & BLOOD CHRIST: CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**23 June 2019**

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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: £438.50; Loose: £306.16 Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £10.16, 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](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**

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*Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa*

### **THE BODY & BLOOD CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI (C) 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

*My dear People,*

“Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes” (1Cor.11:23-26). Paul was not a follower of Jesus and was not present at the Last Supper with Christ and the apostles. However, it is he who gives the most detailed account of what happened at the Passover Meal when Christ offered up his life as a sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. He tells us that what happened there was revealed to him directly by Christ himself. At the time of the Reformation and even today there is much controversy about the nature of the Last Supper and the Mass. In our Catholic teaching the Mass makes the Last Supper and the Mass, present to us here and now, as a meal and a sacrifice.

Jesus at the Last Supper with his apostles commemorated in the Passover Meal God delivering his people from slavery in Egypt to freedom and new life in the Promised Land. He transformed an Old Testament meal that centred on a spotless lamb whose blood was shed to save his people from death, by offering his own life as the Lamb of God in the New Testament. His blood was shed to take away the sins of the world and he offered up his life as a sacrifice to give people the new life of grace and eternal life. He took the unleavened bread of Exodus and changed it into his body, the bread of life, which he gives to us in Holy Communion. He took the cup of wine, blessed it and gives it to us as his blood, through which our sins are forgiven. What Jesus did at the Last Supper is made present to us as his sacrificial meal in the Mass. He enables us to pass-over the obstacles of this life into the new life of grace. The Body of Christ strengthens us with the food for eternal life, and through the Blood of Christ our sins are washed away.

Next Friday is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, when we focus on Christ our Lord whose heart was filled with love for God and people. His heart aflame with the divine love shows us the love and compassion of God and gives us an example of the humble and gentle heart of God that invites and welcomes all to draw close to him. In times past people had a blessing or dedication of their homes which was centred on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We (priests) still bless people's homes when we are asked and in doing so we ask God to give his love and protection to a family and people in their homes. When we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, we can truly say that the loving heart of God is united with and living in our own heart.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you safe in his love. Fr John*

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019: Please note there will not be Mass or a Eucharistic Service here at our Church on Monday next, 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

**MISSION APPEAL:** This 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.

**TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS:** Our next full sung Holy Mass will be on **THIS SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**YOUTH MASS: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton.** This is the first Youth Mass in the parish to which the young people of Epping & Waltham Abbey parishes are invited. There will be a short planning meeting on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm** at Loughton which young parishioners from Epping, are invited to attend. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

**STRAWBERRY FAIR ADVERTISING:** Our Strawberry Fair this year will be on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **THIS 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.

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

**DIARY PLANNING MEETING:** We will hold a meeting shortly to plan liturgical, social and other events in our parish from the beginning of the school year in September until the end of July next year. All who are involved will be welcome.

**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 FOREST FOODBANK:** This **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** marks the 6<sup>th</sup> year since the Foodbank opened for the very first Distribution Centre (formerly Loughton Foodbank). We have received a thank you letter, on behalf of their Trustee Board and thousands of Foodbank recipients, for our continued support in identifying local people in crisis and referring them to the Foodbank for emergency 3 days' supply. There are many ways in which you can help, including volunteering for a number of roles currently available at the Foodbank. For more information please see their website [www.eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk).

**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.

**ADULT RETREATS:** Time to relax and be still in the presence of the Lord in the beautiful chapel and grounds at Abbotswick. Please see poster in church porch.

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

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the families of the children recently was baptised in our Church. May the Lord bless them & help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God. The Baptismal certificates are available for collection from the sacristy. Please speak to Fr John.*

**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.

**HEALING WELL TREE:** If you feel stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or generally struggling with life, you are warmly invited to attend the English Martyrs' Healing Service from **6-8pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** for emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. To register your attendance please email [HealingService@English-Martyrs.com](mailto:HealingService@English-Martyrs.com) or contact Mandy on 0780 1470 516. English Martyrs RC Church, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ.

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