

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 29 June to Sunday 7 July 2019

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES - 30th June 2019

Saturday 29 th	6.00pm	Fr James Hawes RIP 3 rd Anniversary (Murray)
Sunday 30 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
June 2019	11.00am	Fr James Hawes RIP Anniversary (FM)
Monday 1 st July	St Oliver Plunket, Bishop	
	9.00am	Cleary Family deceased & living (Ives)
Tuesday 2 nd	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 3 rd	St Thomas, Apostle	
	12.15pm	Jeremiah Kingston RIP (FM)
Thursday 4 th	St Elizabeth of Portugal	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 5 th	St Anthony Mary Zaccariah	
	9.00am	Gribben Family deceased & living (Ives)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 7th July 2019

Saturday 6 th	6.00pm	Des Allen RIP Anniv (Canny)
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
July 2019	11.00am	Joseph Guglielmi RIP (Anniv.) (Sheldrick)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Mia Cuffaro

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: £260.40; Loose: £287.31;
Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £10.09; Mission Appeal: £828.46. Thank you for your generous offerings and generous response to the Mission Appeal.

MISSION APPEAL: Thank you for your very warm welcome and generosity in response to the Mission Appeal last weekend by Sr Aurora Salgado of the Comboni Missionary Sisters. The magnificent sum of **£828.46** was donated for a worthy cause.

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.

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My dear Friends,

Jesus asked, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt.16:13-19). We celebrate the feast of two great apostles, St Peter & St Paul, and see how they witnessed to Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world. Both of them were very human but they were men of God and men of faith, and we can identify with them in their weaknesses and strengths. God chose them to bring hope and salvation to people by spreading the Gospel, and dedicating their lives to the service of God and people.

Peter, a fisherman, was blessed and chosen by God the Father, to reveal that, "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God". He was the first witness to the Resurrection of Christ and the first to preach the message of Salvation on Pentecost Sunday, which led to the conversion and Baptism of over three thousand people. Peter failed by denying on oath that he knew Jesus, but after his resurrection Jesus turned to him and said, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". The Popes are the successors to St Peter, and through the ages they have the responsibility to confirm the faith of their brethren, and preserve the unity of faith in the Church in keeping with the Gospel and the development of the Church's teaching tradition.

St Paul was an academic who was zealous to protect and preserve Jewish traditions. He opposed the preaching of the Gospel and faith in Christ as the Saviour, and he attended and supported the stoning of St Stephen, the first Christian martyr. On his way to Damascus to arrest and persecute Christians, Jesus spoke to him and asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Because he did not see Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world, he was blind until his Baptism. He made three great missionary journeys and preached the Gospel to the Gentiles (non Jewish people). His teachings in the Acts of the Apostles and his Epistles, challenge, guide, encourage and strengthen us in living our faith in Christ.

If "valuing difference" is a slogan for our time, we see how Christ valued difference by choosing two very different men to be his witnesses. Both sacrificed their lives,

May we listen to their words and follow their teaching in our daily life, so that we will grow close to Christ and be witnesses to him. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS:

JOHN SCOTT RIP, late of Epping, who died on Tuesday, 18th June. Funeral arrangements pending. **May he rest in peace.**

SEAN CLOHESSY RIP, late of Waltham Abbey who died on Monday, 24 June. Funeral arrangements pending. **May he rest in peace.**

JULIAN RUVALCABA RIP, father of Adrianna Vianna, who died in Mexico, on Wednesday, 26 June, **May he rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy to and prayers for their families. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them at this time.

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.

COMMUNION CATECHISTS: We need more to help prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. You do not need to be a teacher or a musician. Please contact Fr John who will be delighted to hear from you.

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

DIARY PLANNING MEETING: On **Wednesday 17 July at 7pm** we will have a meeting, in the Priest's House, to plan liturgical, social, fundraising and other parish events from the beginning of the school year in September until the end of July 2020. It is a real help to plan the parish diary for the year ahead with all involved in running various events. We ask all who undertake various responsibilities to come to this meeting as it will help things to run in an easier and organised way over the year.

FORTY HOURS PRAYER: There will be **Forty Hours Prayer** before the **Blessed Sacrament** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1SZ from **8pm on Thursday 4th July until Saturday 6th July at 5pm**, with Benediction.

YOUTH MASS: **Sunday 22nd 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 3rd July at 7pm** at Loughton to which young parishioners from Epping, are invited to attend. The meeting should last no longer than an hour.

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

FUNDRAISER CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS BAND with very talented parishioners, Sheila & Steve Earl & band **NEXT Saturday, 6th 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.

CHURCH GROUNDS: We express our gratitude to David & Claudia Mansell for their wonderful work in creating a beautiful frontage to the church with the roses and flowers that have been planted recently. The roses in order from the Priest's House to the road are named as follows: Thomas A Becket, Margaret Merril, Peace, Noble Anthony, Blessings, Nostalgia, A whiter shade of pale, Velvet Fragrance, Freedom, Warm wishes, Grace, Golden celebration and Kings Macc.

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 6th 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.

NEW BOOK ABOUT KING DAVID: A new book about King David and the Psalms we pray at Mass, 'David: The Singer & the Songs', by Sister Susan, on sale at the back of the Church, at the shops for £9.99, here for £5.99; all proceeds to Church funds.

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.

PASSAGE GARDEN PARTY: Please support the excellent work of The Passage for homeless people in London, by going to The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful College Garden, Westminster Abbey on **Friday 19 July, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm.** Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper & live music. You can not to purchase tickets at the Abbey and they are available online at [Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196) or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020 75921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION NEEDED BY A LADY She has given her permission to publish her letter in full. If you think you may be able to help please see the details in the church porch or contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

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.**

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: The next meeting will be held at the Priest's House, Epping at 8pm on Tuesday, 2nd July. See the booklets in the church