

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**      Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) SEA SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Hannah Robinson RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Intentions of Sarah &amp; Oliver Crehan-West (Crehan)</b>
<b>July 2019</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Sofia Styczynski</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>David Keevil RIP recently (Whitehouse)</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Francesco Ponte RIP (Clery)</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Sean Clohessy RIP</b>
		<b>Reception into Church</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sean Clohessy RIP</b>
		<b>Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Richard Watts RIP (Lavin)</b>
<b>July 2019</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Julian Ravalcaba RIP Recently (Dolan-Palmer)</b>

**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 weekend: Envelopes: £202.50; Loose: £342.20;  
Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £38.04; 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.

**NEW BOOK ABOUT KING DAVID:** A new book about King David & 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; proceeds to Church funds.

**HALL BOOKINGS** contact Arnold Verrall, preferably telephone 01992 001995 and 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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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C

14<sup>th</sup> July 2019

*My dear Friends,*

“You must love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself”. A lawyer quoted these words from Deuteronomy (6:5-10) to Jesus to show how people should live in relationship with God and people to share eternal life. Jesus described eternal life as knowing God and his only son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus we have the perfection of divine and human nature, for Jesus loved his Father with total and unconditional love and he loved people to the point of sacrificing his life through suffering and death. In Jesus, we see how much God loves us, and we also see how we should love God and one another, by following his example.

Many people find it easy to love God and forget about or get away from people. Others have no thought of God but love people and readily offer assistance to those in need. Jesus chose the image of a Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) as an example of a non-religious person who did not belong to the chosen people, but sacrificed all thought of personal safety to show love and compassion to someone in need. For Christians the call and challenge is to reflect on God's love for us, and how we should love him in return. An integral part of loving God is loving neighbour, for St John says: "if a person says he loves God but does not love his neighbour the truth is not to be found in him" (1 John Chapters. 3,4 5). St John's first letter tells us how to imitate Christ and in a way that balances the divine which comes from God, and the human which comes from our nature. Loving God and people delivers us from the emptiness of self-centeredness and sanctifies and redeems our human nature

Soon schools will break up for summer holidays, many families will go away for a time together and a break from work and the normal routines of life. We need time to renew relationships by relaxing together in good and creative ways. Being on holidays together should enhance relationships, in a way that is not possible during the rest of the year. It is also a time when we could become more aware of the presence of God in our lives. We ask him to bless us, and all who travel by land, sea or air, with his protection and grace. When we visit churches, as many do on holidays, we enter a sacred space in God's house and presence; where we can pray for and ask his blessing on our family and others who are in need. In that way, our prayer can help bring blessings as well as practical help to our neighbour.

**May each of us be blessed with love for God and our neighbour. Fr John**

**WE PRAY FOR SEAN CLOHESSY RIP**, late of Waltham Abbey, who died on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. He will be received into our Church on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm** followed by a Requiem Mass on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. **May he rest in peace.** *We offer our sympathy to and prayers for his family. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them at this time.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Application forms are now available at the back of the church 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. There will be a meeting for the parents on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** at 8pm in the Priest's House.

**COMMUNION CATECHISTS:** We need more helpers 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 help 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.

**HELPER'S OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:** Over 9 million dead in the UK and counting ... since the 1968 Abortion Act. The annual death toll in 2018 rose to 205,000 and many thousands of these happen on our doorstep in Buckhurst Hill. On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July** Bishop Thomas McMahon Emeritus Bishop of Brentwood will lead our Helpers of God's Precious Infants peaceful, prayerful procession and vigil to reach out in love and compassion to mothers in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. The vigil starts at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557-559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB, beginning with Mass at 9.00am then Rosary Procession at 9.45am, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, IG9 5QB, where they pray 15 decades of the Rosary & sing hymns, returning to the church at approx.12.00, for refreshments at 12.30pm. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail [marg@helpersuk.org](mailto:marg@helpersuk.org)

**PARISH CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS:** We express our gratitude to everyone who organised, came and contributed to the Parish Concert & Social last Saturday. We are most grateful to Sheila & Steve Earl, the Band members & Chris Day and his daughter. A wonderful evening was had by all as an enjoyable community event. **It was also a successful fund raising occasion and raised £295.**

**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.

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS:** Please take a copy of the new rotas which are now in the post box in the church porch.

**YOUTH MASS:** **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Church, Loughton.** This is the first Youth Mass in the parish to which the young people of Epping & Waltham Abbey parishes are also being invited

**Our Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will feature on Lourdes TV at 22.00 (UK time) on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** ([www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/)) when we are part of the Marian (Torchlight) procession and at 09.30 (UK time) on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, as we celebrate Mass at the Grotto. In addition, each day from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July BCYS (Brentwood Catholic Youth Service)** will offer "Virtual Pilgrimage" clips and highlights from Lourdes, with homilies from Bishop Alan & priests of the Diocese. You will find all these on the [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) website. **The website will be renewed on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>, with resources & links for youth leaders and catechists!**

**THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** was announced this week. This great theologian and man of outstanding faith and virtue will be canonised as a saint by Pope Francis on 13th October. Would you like to attend the canonisation? The plan is to stay outside Rome at Palazzola villa (see <https://www.palazzola.it/>). Departure date: **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** and return on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**. The present cost is £250 for return flights with bags to Rome Ciampino and, staying at Palazzola, £315 for a standard room and £68 more per person in an en-suite. That includes 3 nights full board & coaches into Rome. Details to be confirmed shortly. Rome will be very busy with pilgrims and, you will need to be mobile, healthy & fit as we will be travelling into Rome. Please contact Clergy House Brentwood on 01277 265235 or email [cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK:** Some years ago our parish published a fundraising cookbook based on recipes submitted by parishioners. We are hoping to use the same idea to put together a keepsake cookbook that will be on sale after Masses and at the Christmas Bazaar. The success of this depends on parishioners submitting their signature recipes for us to use. These need not be confined to just cakes & bakes but any other recipes too. It would be great to include some recipes from around the world. This is an excellent way of uniting parishioners whilst also raising funds. We are then planning to hold a Parish Bake Off whereby parishioners will be invited to compete using their own recipes. To start the ball rolling, please submit your recipes either by posting them through the letterbox of the Priest's House (typed or handwritten is fine) or email them to our Parish Office. We would like to use some photos of the finished results too so please include those if you can.

**HARLOW SINGERS CONCERT:** **THIS Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July** in Potter Street Baptist Church. Please see poster in church porch for details.

**SUMMER FASHION FUNDRAISER:** Epping United Reformed Church, Lindsey Street. **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 7:30pm-10pm**

- Q. Why did the groom bring his mobile to his wedding?**  
**A. So that he could give his bride a ring!**