

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th July 2019

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 21st July 2019

Saturday 20 th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 21 st	9.00am	Richard Watts RIP (Lavin)
July 2019	11.00am	Julian Ravalcaba RIP Recently (Dolan-Palmer)
Monday 22 nd		St Mary Magdalene
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 23 rd		St Bridget of Sweeden, Patron Saint of Europe
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 24 th		St Charbel Maklouf, Priest
	12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 25 th		St James, Apostle
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 26 th		St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 28th July 2019

Saturday 27 th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 28 th	9.00am	Sean Clohessy RIP Recently
July 2019	11.00am	Jean Giraudet RIP Recently (McInerney)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Thomas Goldsworthy
LATIN MASS	3.00pm	Tridentine Latin Mass (sung)

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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WE 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: £155; Loose: £329.84; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £33.75; 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 01992 001995 and dial 01992 even in Epping, or mobile 07764404813 or by email arnold_verrall@email.com. **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**

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My dear Friends,

Jesus said, "Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one" (Luke 10:38-42). Our sympathy might lie with Martha who was busy preparing a meal, but Jesus tells us that attention to the Word of God, as Mary had, is the better part. We find it difficult to combine responsibility and duties to God and neighbour equally, and it is hard to get right what we might call the prayerful and activist approach in our life. We see a situation where Mary was giving all her attention to Jesus who praised her for it, but Martha was left to prepare and serve the food all by herself. For ourselves, it is important that we have the right balance between prayer and action. St Benedict in giving the rule of life for Benedictines wrote that there must be prayer, study and work in the daily life of those who follow the rule of life of St Benedict. So, we must not preoccupy ourselves with frenetic activity, to the exclusion of attending to God in prayer.

Jesus tells us that one thing we need to do is to be attentive to him and his word. Our temptation is to order our lives around our plans or people, and only to fit in God at the very end. This applies to our activities, personal prayer and public worship including the Mass, which many people miss if it doesn't fit in easily – as if God and the Mass are not essential to living a Christian life. God calls us to listen to him, to love him with all our heart and soul, mind and will and love our neighbour as our self (Lk:10:25). Abraham had given up hope of having a child but welcomed the angels who visited him and brought the good news that his wife would have a son, who would be father of countless descendants (Genesis 18:1-10). Abraham's aged wife, Sarah, did not believe the angel's message, but God's word was fulfilled for them when their son, Isaac, was born within the year.

Schools are breaking up for the Summer holidays and we hope that young people who are leaving schools and moving on to new schools, colleges university or work in September will be happy in their new place. We welcome back to our parish Fr Marek Slomka from the Catholic University at Lublin, Poland, who will be here for the holidays. On Monday I will go on holiday with my family. We are most grateful to Fr Marek for coming to our parish again this year. We pray that God may bless and protect people during this holiday season and that it will be safe, relaxing and happy time for all our people, whether at home or away.

May the Lord help us to listen to him and be attentive to his Word. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR ANN DEBOISE RIP, sister-in-law of Janet Clements, our organist, who died on Thursday 11th July 2019. **May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to and prayers for her family. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them at this time.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Application forms are at the back of the church for parents wishing 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 families be attending Mass consistently. There will be a meeting for the parents on **Tuesday 17th September** at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

COMMUNION CATECHISTS NEEDED: We need helpers prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. You do not need to be a teacher for this. Please contact Fr John who will be pleased to hear from you. **There will be a meeting for the Catechists on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 8pm in the Priest's House.**

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.

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS: Our next full sung Holy Mass will be next Sunday, **28 July at 3 pm** in our Church. Our celebrant is Rev. Dr Michael Cullinan, director of the Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Studies, and lecturer widely in the UK and abroad. The order, parts & hymns of the Mass, in English and Latin, will be provided; please join in and rejoice with us!

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

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 22nd September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Church, Loughton. *Message from Loughton Parish* – On 3rd July, we had a great meeting with eight of our Loughton Parish youth (our core group) to plan for this Mass. Three of our Loughton and Waltham Abbey musicians and two supporting adults were there. People brought really good ideas to the meeting and agreed that:
The core group will organise the writing of bidding prayers, get readers, choose hymns, music & other things that need to be done with the help of their friends and young people from Loughton, Waltham Abbey & Epping. Musicians from Loughton and Waltham Abbey parishes will combine for the music and we hope Epping will join us. After Mass, everyone will be invited into the Hall for pizza, drinks & chat.
We will have another meeting for Wednesday, 4th September at 7pm in St. Edmund's Hall to finalise details, musicians will practise hymns and music. Young people from Loughton, Waltham Abbey & Epping will be most welcome to join us and be part of the core group as musician, or willing to help in any way) please come to this meeting – you'll be made most welcome!

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Sofia Styczynski who was baptised in our Church on Sunday 14th July. May the Lord bless them & help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

Our Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will feature on Lourdes TV at 22.00 (UK time) on **Monday 22nd July** (www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/) when we are part of the Marian (Torchlight) procession and at 09.30 (UK time) on **Tuesday 23rd July**, as we celebrate Mass at the Grotto. In addition, each day from **Monday 22nd to Friday 26th 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 website. **The website will be renewed on Friday, 19th, with resources & links for youth leaders and catechists!**

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.

CALAIS LIGHT CONVOY DETAILS - 13-15 Sept - 2 spaces left, 22 Nov - 24 Nov just 7 spaces left and new date **Jan 31-2 Feb**, the car-sharing Refugee action convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work for the weekend with refugee charities! We're going to Refugee Community Kitchen (Sept) & Care4Calais (Nov). Come with us! Sign up now at www.calaislight.com or on our facebook Page. Choose Love!

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 30 November**. A planning meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm** in the Priest's House. We would welcome donations of raffle prizes from local businesses – restaurants, hairdressers etc. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, is able to help. Once again, we will use the estate agent boards to advertise the event so nearer the time will be asking parishioners if they would like to have an advertising board. Many thanks for your help.