

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 27th to Sunday 4th August 2019

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)
Monday 29 th	St Martha	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 30 th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 31 st	St Ignatius of Loyola	
	12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 1 st Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 2 nd	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 4th August 2019

Saturday 3 rd	6.00pm	Alma Butterworth RIP (Christie)
Sunday 4 th	9.00am	Doug & Bobby Dew RIP (Heughan)
July 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish
	12.30pm	Willow Louise Knowles

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 28 July 2019

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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: £164.50; Loose: £390.93; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £30; 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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Dear Friends, Jesus is telling us today: "everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened". In the light of these words, I would like to present one Spanish saint. His memorial is celebrated on July 31.

As the Jesuits inform us on their official web page, St. Ignatius of Loyola came from a family of minor nobility in Spain's northern Basque region. One thing to know about Ignatius is that he was far from saintly during much of his young adult life. He was vain, with dreams of personal honor and fame. He gambled and was not above sword fighting. As some have noted, he might have been the only saint with a notarized police record: for taking part in a nighttime brawl.

All that began to change one day in the spring of 1521. Ignatius was 30 years old at the time, an officer in the Spanish army. Leading his fellow soldiers into a battle against the French that they were sure to lose, he was struck by a cannonball in the leg. During a difficult recovery (he limped for the rest of his life), the young man asked for books about chivalry — his favorite reading. There weren't any at the family castle where he convalesced. He had to settle for a book about the life of Christ and biographies of the saints — which he found unexpectedly riveting.

St. Ignatius had always dreamed of imitating heroic deeds, but now, the heroes had names like Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena. Ignatius also noticed something strange happening to him. God, he realized, was working within him — prompting, guiding, inviting. As he traveled far and wide, he realized too that God was similarly at work in the lives of all people, in the everyday events of the world.

These experiences would prove to be the beginnings of Ignatian spirituality — and Jesuit ministry. While in Paris, Ignatius gathered around him some friends or "companions," as they became known. Together they made religious vows in 1534 and came to call themselves the Compañía de Jesús — the Society of Jesus. Six years later, the order was granted official approval by the pope.

The early Jesuits fanned out to the metropolises of Europe and beyond. They did so with instructions from Ignatius, their leader in Rome, to "seek the greater glory of God" and the good of all humanity. They devoted themselves to the care of souls, to helping people discern God's presence in their lives.

Most of all, Ignatius Loyola wanted his Jesuits and everyone to go out and "find God in all things." He died in 1556 — on July 31, his feast day in the Catholic Church.

Let's return to today's Gospel: "If you, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

May we open our souls wider to be drawn by God as strongly as possible in order to proclaim His name by our daily testimony. **Fr Mark**

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.

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

ALTAR LINEN: The next rota is now out. This is a good time to thank the dedicated ladies who launder the small items so beautifully. May we appeal to those who use lipstick to be careful not to leave stains on the purificators. They are difficult to remove. Thanks in advance.

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 22nd September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Church, Loughton: 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!

'GOLD DUST' OPPORTUNITY!! Two tickets have been returned for the evening performance of sell-out show **'Fiddler on the Roof' at the Playhouse Theatre, in London's West End on Wednesday 21st August 2019.** Door to door coach and Dress Circle tickets for only £66 each. **Contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173)** for full details if you think you might like to join the other 57 theatre-goers to see this exciting performance.

FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK: We are hoping 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. Thank you to those who have already done so. This is an excellent way of uniting parishioners whilst also raising funds. 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.

MEET AND GREET WEEKEND: There will be coffee, tea and cake after all Masses on the weekend of **14th and 15th September.** Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to other parishioners and make new friends!

STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS: To open the 'Year of the God who Speaks' Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Beginning with Genesis' on **Saturday 12th October 2019** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). The day will begin at 10.30 a.m. with the formal opening of the Year by Bishop Alan Williams. This will be followed by the launch of our evangelisation website. Coffee will be available from 10 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. The study day will end at 3 p.m. Admission is free but please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Plentiful parking space at the church, and easy access to Gidea Park by train and bus.

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.

PARISH QUIZ: Parish Quiz night, **Saturday 28th September**, 7.30 for 8pm start; Tables of up to 8 people. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Tickets available soon.

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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498