

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th August 2019

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)
Aug 2019	11.00am	Holy Souls RIP
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Willow Louise Knowles
Monday 5 th	9.00am	Deceased members of Whitehouse & Smith families
Tuesday 6 th	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (C) Feast	
	9.00am	Intentions of Sharon Palmer (Sr Susan)
Wednesday 7 th	12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 8 th	St Dominic, Priest	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 9 th	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 10th August 2019

Saturday 10 th	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving (Dr Victoria Amade & Family)
Sunday 11 th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
	11.00am	Jim Lennon RIP Anniversary (Lechley)

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: Frances Wells, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Robert Morris, Mark Toohey, Paula Hall, Ann Harris, Ann Dowd, James Bullen, Canon William Young, Fr Martin Knott, Fr John Garrett and Fr Tom Jordan. **Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, a relative or a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they can receive the Sacraments.**

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes: £399.00 Loose: £214.81; **Standing Orders:** £800; CAFOD: £20; **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,

St. Paul is telling us: "Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand". In the light of these words, we recall one French saint, whose memorial is celebrated on August 4.

John Mary Vianney was born into a peasant family on May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, in the diocese of Lyon. Young John heard the call of the Lord and cultivated his vocation of bringing many souls to God. His poor results in the theology courses at the seminary led John seriously to consider giving up his vocation to the priesthood. However, he overcame the difficulty and steadfastly reached his long-awaited goal: in 1815 he was ordained.

John's first assignment was in Ecully. In 1818 he became the parish priest in Ars, which was then a town of about 230 inhabitants and which had many problems. Indifference and religious malpractice were so widespread that the people hardly noticed the arrival of the new parish priest. However, John Mary's practice of knowing people, listening to their problems, and having an interest in their lives, created a climate of trust. His tireless zeal touched the hearts of the faithful. People recognized that the shy and shaky little priest was a committed man of God, who never relaxed his struggle to conquer souls; he was uncompromising in removing evil from people's lives. His apostolic excellence in preaching, in catechesis, in the education of young people and in charity, was fostered by his deep love and giving of self, this being fed by his prayer, penances and frequent fasting.

Interest or curiosity for him increased more and more; People turned to Ars from various parts of France, both to confess to him and to "see a saint". At the beginning of the 1930s, pilgrimages increased to such an extent that regular local transport services were introduced. He was a true martyr of confession, sometimes remained in his confessional for more than fifteen hours a day.

John ministered in Ars for twenty years. Around this simple caretaker developed a great pilgrimage of over a hundred thousand people a year. He died on August 4, 1859 and was canonized by Pius XI on May 31, 1925. In 1929 he was proclaimed patron saint of the world's parish priests.

Returning to St. Paul's letter: "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are of the world, because you have died, and now the life you have is joined with Christ in God".

May we often pray for our parish priest and give a strong Christian witness in our life.

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.

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Thomas Goldsworthy who was baptised in our Church on Sunday 28th July. May the Lord bless them & help them to bring up Thomas in the knowledge and love of God.*

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.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498