

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving (Dr Victoria Amade & Family)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Aug 2019	11.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe, Priest 12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Holy Day of Obligation 10.00am	Jim Lennon RIP Anniversary (Lechley)
	8.00pm	Rose Potter RIP (Murray)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Stephen of Hungary 9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Geoffrey Joel RIP (FM)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
	11.00am	Frances Sheehy RIP (Clohessy/Sheehy)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Nathaniel Dawit Francis

**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 a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they can receive the Sacraments.

**OFFERINGS:** Offertories last weekend: Envelopes: £214.70 Loose: £257.14; Standing Orders: £800; 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](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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*Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang  
(a Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa)*

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you one piece of religious beauty from Poland. The Jasna Góra Monastery (Luminous Mount) in Częstochowa is a famous Polish shrine to the Virgin Mary and the most vivid country's places of pilgrimage. The Monastery was founded in 1382 by Pauline monks who came from Hungary at the invitation of Władysław, Duke of Opole. The monastery has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years, and it contains an important icon of the Virgin Mary. This icon, depicting the Mother of God with the Christ Child, is known as the Black Madonna of Częstochowa or Our Lady of Częstochowa, which is widely venerated and credited with many miracles. Among these, it is credited with miraculously saving the Jasna Góra Monastery during the Siege of Jasna Góra that took place at the time of The Deluge, a 17th-century Swedish invasion. The event stimulated the Polish resistance. Shortly thereafter, in the cathedral of Lwów (Lviv), on April 1, 1656, Jan Kazimierz, the King of Poland, solemnly pronounced his vow to consecrate the country to the protection of the Mother of God and proclaimed Her the Patron and Queen of the lands in his kingdom.

Every year since the Middle Ages, thousands of Poles go in pilgrim groups to visit Jasna Góra. In 2011, it was estimated that 3.2 million pilgrims from 80 countries around the world went to the shrine. Around 830 thousand took part in 228 pilgrimages organized in different places across Poland, almost 144 thousand of which reached the monastery on foot. The average distance for a pilgrim group to travel is about 350 kilometers (217 miles), made in 11 days.

There is usually a long line of people who wait to approach the shrine of the Black Madonna of Częstochowa. Upon arriving at the location of the shrine where one would pass in front of the icon of Our Lady, it is expected and a sign of respect for pilgrims to drop to their knees, and traverse the anterior of the shrine on their knees.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Let us thank the Lord for His as well as our Mother and try to find the best way to follow Her example of faith in our daily 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Church, Loughton:** We will have another meeting for Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK:** Unfortunately, due to a lack of response/interest this idea will not be actioned.

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Willow Louise Knowles who was baptised in our Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. May the Lord bless them & help them to bring up Willow 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 **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September**. Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to other parishioners and make new friends!

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS:** Save the date. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm. Celebrant Rt Rev Bishop Alan Williams. This invitation is open to all Altar Servers in the Brentwood Diocese. Please see poster in Church porch for further details.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Plentiful parking space at the church, and easy access to Gidea Park by train and bus.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CALAIS LIGHT:** Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they're there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. **Next Trips: 22- 24th Nov & 31 Jan-Feb 2.** Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com). The September convoy is now full.

**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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

**RAF BENEVOLENT FUND'S CENTENARY CAMPAIGN:**

The RAFBF's centenary campaign <https://www.rafbf.org/join-the-search-change-a-life> aims to double the number of RAF Family members they support to 100,000 by 2021. They are calling on the public to reach out to those who served as regulars or reservists or did their National Service in the RAF and who urgently need their help. If you know any RAF veterans or their families who may need support, visit [rafbf.org](http://rafbf.org) or call 0300 102 1919.