

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th August 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 18th August 2019

Saturday 17 th	6.00pm	Geoffrey Joel RIP (FM)
Sunday 18 th	9.00am	Brian Barlex RIP Recently (Heughan)
Aug 2019	11.00am	Frances Sheehy RIP (Clohessy/Sheehy)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Nathaniel Dawit Francis
Monday 19 th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 20 th	St Bernard, Abbot	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 21 st	St Pius X, Pope	
	12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 22 nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 23 rd	9.00am	Geoffrey Potter RIP Anniv (Murray)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 25th August 2019

Saturday 24 th	6.00pm	Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 25 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
	11.00am	Holy Souls RIP
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: £342.50 Loose: £456; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £82.20 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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(a Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa)*

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Dear Friends,

Jesus tells us today: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!". In the light of these words, I would like to present one saint. His memorial is celebrated on August 20th.

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was born near Dijon, in France, in 1090, of a noble family. In 1112 he joined the new monastery at Cîteaux. This had been founded fourteen years before, in a bid to reject the laxity and riches of much of the Benedictine Order of the time (as exemplified by the great monasteries such as Cluny) and to return to a primitive poverty and austerity of life.

Bernard arrived at Cîteaux with four of his five brothers and two dozen friends. Within three years he had been sent out to found a new monastery at Clairvaux, in Champagne, where he remained abbot for the rest of his life. By the time of his death, the Cistercian Order ("the Order of Cîteaux") had grown from one house to 343, of which 68 were daughter houses of Clairvaux itself.

Bernard was a man of great holiness and wisdom, and although he was often in very poor health, he was active in many of the great public debates of the time. He strongly opposed the luxurious lives of some of the clergy, and fought against the persecution of the Jews. He was also a prolific writer, and the Liturgy of the Hours uses extracts from many of his sermons.

Let's return to the readings for this Sunday. Anonymous author of the letter to the Hebrews encourages us: "With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection". May these words be fulfilled in our daily life.

Fr Mark

THANKS to Fr Mark Slomka, who has been with us for the last month, whilst Fr John is on holiday, and who flies back to Lublin in Poland on Thursday 22nd August. It has been a pleasure to meet him again and we wish him a safe journey home.

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. **THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS IS FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.** 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.**

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Our next Holy Sacrifice according to the Tridentine Rite will be offered at our Church on **Sunday the 25th August at 3 p.m.** Our celebrant will be Mgr. Gordon Read. The texts, hymns and chants will be in English as well as Latin. Please join in!

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.

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!

STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS: To open the 'Year of the God who Speaks' Fr Adrian Gruffy 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.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: Save the date. **Saturday 9th 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.

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.

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!

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.

FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK: Change of plan! We have decided to give this idea another try but with a few tweaks. Firstly, the recipes do not have to be accompanied by photos if this is too time consuming and secondly, it would be great if the recipes could be accompanied with a little personal message. Again, this is optional so only if you wish. **The deadline for submitting recipes is 16th September.** If we can get enough recipes together to make up the Parish Cookbook then we hope to have them on sale in time for Christmas. If any parishioner has any other ideas on how to make this successful then please let Margaret, in the parish office, know. Thank you.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 5th October 2019 at 2pm.** There will be lists, in due course, for helpers in the porch for **Friday 4th from 1.30pm** and then **Saturday from 1.30pm** to sell. Please start sorting any good, clean jumble and leave in the church porch. More details later.

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.

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. The September convoy is now full.