

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th September 2019

Saturday 7th Sept 3.00pm BAPTISM of Linda Daniel Parker

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 8th September 2019

EDUCATION SUNDAY: DAY OF PRAYER FOR ALL IN EDUCATION

Saturday 7th 6.00pm Private Intention

Sunday 8th 9.00am Veronica Beard RIP Anniv (FM)

September 2019 11.00am People of our Parish

BAPTISM 12.30pm Ava Louise Singleton

Monday 9th St Peter Claver, Priest

9.00am Mary Gilligan's intentions (Darcy)

Tuesday 10th 9.00am Private Intention

Wednesday 11th 11.15pm Mark Toohey's intentions (Toohey) **Note time of Mass**

Thursday 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary

9.00am Private Intention

Friday 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

9.00am Private Intention

Saturday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.00am Mass for Permanent Deacons

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 15 September 2019

Saturday 14th 6.00pm People of our Parish

Sunday 15th 9.00am Doreen Dew RIP Recently (Heughan)

September 2019 11.00am Fintan Clancy RIP Recently (Darcy)

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 23rd SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time C 8th September 2019

Page 7 Beginning of Mass Page 49 Preface Jesus the Way to the Father

Page 133 Collect & Readings Page 50 Eucharistic Prayer Jesus the Way

Page 11 The Nicene Creed Page 56 The Communion Rite,

Page 14 Preparation of Gifts Page 136 Post Communion Prayer

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME:

Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you or your relative or parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so that they may receive the Sacraments

OFFERTORIES last week: Envelopes: £209; Loose: £249.80; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £33.20. Thank you for your generous offerings.

OUR DONATIONS BOX in church has a section marked for Poor & Needy to help homeless people and the mendicants who call to the Priest's House for 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 & for charities.**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



11 Church Hill, Epping, Essex, CM16 4RA

Registered Charity Number: 234092

Website: www.eppingcatholicchurch.org.uk

Email: epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Parish Priest: Father John McGrath Tel: 01992 572516

Deacon: Rev Duncan Whitehouse Tel: 01992 577173

Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang

Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 8th September 2019

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Lk14:25-33). Some people choose exotic penances for spiritual exercises in Lent, but may fail to see the ordinary things in daily life which they could do, and are part of their responsibilities at home and at work, and which could be a penance. A disciple is one who learns from his master. We, as disciples of Jesus, are called to learn from him by following his example of being in touch with God in prayer, and with people by relating with them daily. His Cross is the sign of sacrificing his life to God out of love for mankind. He calls us to take up our cross or responsibilities daily, and to sacrifice ourselves in love for God and people.

In the Gospel Jesus looked on the people and saw that they were lost like sheep without a shepherd, and he felt compassion for them. There were the times when he felt tired or hungry and as his heart went out to the people, he put their needs before his own. He also saw the need to spend time with his Father in quiet prayer, and would get up early in the morning and go off to a lonely place where he could be alone with God. He shows us our need to underpin an outgoing and helpful disposition to people with prayer and quiet times alone with God. Times like these are like oases in the desert as we go to God to be refreshed by grace, and to follow it up by carrying out our normal responsibilities in life – that is carrying our cross.

In carrying his cross to Calvary, Jesus did not abandon us but brought us with him. He offered up his life to his Father for the forgiveness of men and women's sins. As he died, He offered up his Spirit and shed his blood so that God's love would save and purify people from their sins and the consequences of sin. Many people, especially in our families, sacrifice much for us; even though we may not always recognise the sacrifices they make for us. Next Saturday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation or Triumph of the Holy Cross of Christ. On the Cross Jesus shows us the way God loves us by sacrificing his life for us. The vertical beam of his Cross points us upwards to God and the horizontal beam points us outwards towards people. By taking up our own responsibilities or cross each day, we offer love in return love for love, as we go upwards to God and outwards to people.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. For by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world". May God bless and protect you. Fr John

RECENTLY DECEASED: WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:
MRS SUSAN PERRY RIP, of Epping who died on Wednesday, 28th August. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at St John's Church, Epping on **Wednesday 11th September at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.**

JAMES RYAN RIP, of Walthamstow, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on **Thursday 26th September at 11am. May he rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to their families. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them at this time

EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday is Education Sunday at the beginning of the new School & Academic Year. We pray for all who teach, study and work in our schools, colleges and universities that they may grow in knowledge, wisdom & truth.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Application forms are at the back of the church for parents wishing to prepare their child for first Reconciliation & Holy Communion in **2020. THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS WAS FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.** Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2019/20 and it is essential that the families be attending Mass consistently. **There will be a meeting for the parents of the children in our Hall on Tuesday, 17th September at 8pm.**

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 practising or wish to renew their faith. There is no commitment by attending any or all sessions. We welcome anyone wishing to be involved. Please contact Fr John if you are interested.

PARISH AGM: All parishioners are invited to the Parish AGM which will be held **in the Priest's House this Wednesday, 11th September at 8pm.** We will review the past parish year and plan for the coming year. If you would like to be considered as a member of the Pastoral Parish Council, please speak to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

MEET & GREET WEEKEND: There will be coffee, tea & cake after all Masses next weekend, **14th & 15th September.** Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to meet and greet other parishioners, and so make new friends in our parish!

PARISH QUIZ: A Parish Quiz night will be on **Saturday 28th September**, starting at 7.30 for 8pm in our hall. Tables of up to 8 people, or individuals or smaller groups will be welcome. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Tickets available after Masses on 22 September or email Emma at eppingquiz@yahoo.com. See poster in the church.

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!

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Leonor Tamborini Vaz who was Baptised in our Church on Saturday 31st August & the family of Rowan Cornelius McKen who was Baptised in our Church on Sunday 1st September. May the Lord bless and help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

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.

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 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 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, please contact Margaret, in the Parish Office. Thank you.

RED MISSION BOXES: Parishioners who have the red Mission Boxes to support the work of the church and foreign missions in Poor countries are asked to bring them to the Sacristy over the next few weeks (Please do not leave boxes with money in the church porch.). Your offerings will be sent to APF to help those in need.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 30th 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 can help. We will again use the estate agent boards to advertise the event, so nearer the time will be asking parishioners if to have an advertising board. Many thanks for your help.

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 attend 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. Lack of integrity here is evident in this parish as in others.

WORKS OF MERCY: The Helpers of God's Precious Infants reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. "The next Rosary Procession Vigil, will be held on **Saturday 14th September** at St. Patrick's Church, 21a Soho Square W1D 4NR. We begin with 9.00am Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.40am. We begin our Rosary Procession at 9.50am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes abortion centre, Whitfield Street, W1T 5BE. There we pray 15 decades of the Rosary & sing hymns, returning to the church for Benediction about 11.30am followed by refreshments." Details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org