

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd September 2019

Saturday 14th	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	
September 2019	9.00am	Mass for Permanent Deacons
<u>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time C HOME MISSION SUNDAY</u>		
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)
Monday 16th	St Cornelius, Pope and St Cyprian, Bishop - Martyrs	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 17th	St ;Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 18th	12.15pm	Special Intention (Toohey)
Thursday 19th	St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop	
	9.00am	Marian Ward RIP (FM)
Friday 20th	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Martyrs	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 21st	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	
	11.00am	Mrs Josie Meehan RIP
		Memorial Mass
		22nd September 2019
<u>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</u>		
Saturday 21st	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving (Crouch)
Sunday 22nd	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
September 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Delilah Dorothy Hunter
	3.00pm	Tridentine Latin Mass (Sung)

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays: 11.00am to 12 noon and 5.15pm 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 24th SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time C 15th September 2019

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WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you or your relative or a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so that they can be visited and receive the Sacraments

OFFERTORIES last week: Envelopes: £196.80; Loose: £325.72; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £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.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 15 September 2019

Dear Friends,

The father said to his servants, "This son of mine was dead and has come to life, he was lost and is found" (Luke 15:1-32). In each of the three parables in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of what it means to be lost and found. The shepherd rejoiced on finding his lost sheep and a woman rejoiced on finding her lost drachma. The greatest rejoicing of all was for the father whose son returned home to his family when he realised that he was lost in a loveless and uncaring world. In his impoverished state, he realised that the greatest love and security he could hope for was to be found with his father and family.

The phrase, "lost soul" is used to describe a person who has lost their way, focus or sense of security. Faith in Christ gives us the hope of redemption and restoration of relationship with God and people. Those who have separated themselves from God or people to live a self-centred or sinful way of life need only to turn back to God with humble and contrite hearts to receive mercy, forgiveness and love. On this Home Mission Sunday our Bishops, invite us to "rejoice" as the father of the prodigal rejoiced when his "son who was lost is found". People who no longer participate in the life of the Church or come to Mass are called to return to their spiritual home. There they will be welcomed by Jesus into his body, the Church. He said of someone who comes back home to God, "There is more rejoicing in heaven over a sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine who have no need of repentance".

We will start a course of talks on the Catholic Faith on Wednesday evenings, on the 25th September, from 8.00 to 9.15pm, in the Priest's House. These are to help people who wish to understand our faith, become Catholic, support the faith of family members, or take up the practice of the faith into which they were Baptised, but may not have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation. People coming to the talks can present their own questions or issues and we try to answer as best we can, in the light of the Church's teachings. There is no obligation or commitment involved in attending the course, but anyone wishing to become Catholic, would naturally be attending Mass on Sundays as part of their faith journey to and with Christ.

May Jesus help us live in right relationship with him & one another. Fr John

RECENTLY DECEASED: WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

MRS VERONICA WILLIAMS RIP, We offer our prayerful sympathy to Bishop Alan whose mother, Veronica aged 97, died in Lancashire. **May she rest in peace.**

JAMES RYAN RIP, of Walthamstow, who died on the 18th of August. His Funeral Service will be celebrated in our Church on **Thursday 26th September at 11am**, and will be followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **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.

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**. Forms should have been completed and returned to the Priest's House by Friday 6 September. Children need to 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.**

MEET & GREET WEEKEND: AFTER ALL MASSES THIS weekend we will have tea, coffee & cake in the Hall. Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself and also to meet and greet other parishioners, and so make new friends in our parish!

BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd September after 9am and 11am Masses. Donations of cakes and baked goods welcome. Proceeds go to our church.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Our next Holy Sacrifice according to the Tridentine Rite will be offered at our Church on **Sunday, 22nd September at 3pm**. Our celebrant will be Mgr. Gordon Read. The texts of readings, hymns and chants will be in English as well as Latin.

ALTAR SERVERS: We urgently need more Altar Servers to serve at the weekend Masses. Fr John would especially like to hear from those children who have made their first Holy Communion in the past two years.

PARISH AGM: The Parish AGM was held last Wednesday evening. Copies of the Annual Report to the Parish are available at the back of the church. If you would like to be considered as a member of the Pastoral Parish Council, please speak to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

PARISH QUIZ: Our Parish Quiz night will be on **Saturday, 28 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 next weekend or email Emma at eppingquiz@yahoo.com. See poster in church porch

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 22nd September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Church, Loughton. 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 – you'll be made most welcome!

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Linda Danielle Parker Baptised in our Church on Saturday 7 September, and the family of Ava Louise Singleton who was Baptised in our Church on Sunday 8 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. This is only an option if you wish. **The deadline for submitting recipes is 16th September.** If we get enough recipes to make up the Parish Cookbook, we hope to have them on at our Christmas Bazaar. Any parishioner who has other ideas on how to make this successful, please contact Margaret, in the Parish Office. Thank you.

RED MISSION BOXES: We ask parishioners who have the red Mission Boxes to support the work of the church and foreign missions in Poor countries to bring them to the Church 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 30 November**. A planning meeting will be held on **Thursday next, 19 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 ask parishioners if to have an advertising board. Thank you 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.

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.**

COME AND SING COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT: A candlelit service of music and prayers on the Feast of St. Luke a Corpus Christi, Collier Row, RM5 2AP on **1^{8th} October, 2019**. Come and sing with us (Rehearsal time 7.30 p.m.) or join us for the service (9 p.m.) Retiring Collection. For further information or to book if singing please contact Shirley Timmins by e mail to shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave a message on the answerphone 01277 233302. Or book on the RSCM Website rscm-eel.org.