

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 28th Sept to Sunday 6th Oct 2019

Saturday 28th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	
September 2019	12.30pm	BAPTISM of Jack Patrick Alfred Bumstead
<u>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29th September 2019</u>		
Saturday 28th	6.00pm	Blodwen Curtin RIP Anniv (Curtin)
Sunday 29th	9.00am	Private Intention (AOB)
September 2019	11.00am	Dan Murphy RIP (McDonough)
Monday 30th	St Jerome, Priest	
	9.00am	People of our Parish
Tuesday 1st Oct	St Theresa of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux), Virgin & Doctor	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels	
	12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 3rd	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 4th	St Francis of Assisi, Religious - Patron Saint of the Environment	
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
<u>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6th October 2019</u>		
Saturday 5th	6.00pm	Anne Curtin RIP Anniv (Crouch)
Sunday 6th	9.00am	Mary Cooney RIP (Keeling)
October 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays: 11.00am to 12 noon & 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

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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: £232.50; Loose: £283.47; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £40.00. Thank you for your generous offerings.

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.**

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 29th SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,

St Paul wrote to Timothy: "Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called"(1Tim.6:11-16). St Paul wrote two letters to the young bishop Timothy, to encourage and direct him in living a spiritual and Christian way of life. He tells him: "You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith, patient and gentle". Loving our neighbour is an essential part of Christian life and flows from love of God. At a Baptism the priest asks the parents; "Do you accept the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the faith, and bringing him/her up to keep God's Commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour"? The parents undertake the twofold and serious responsibility to bring up their child to love God and neighbour, as they answer "we do" to that key question.

Jesus in a parable shows Dives, 'a rich man who feasted magnificently every day', but did not see a poor man Lazarus covered with sores at his gates, who longed for the crumbs from the rich man's table (Lk.16). This reality was shown to me some years ago walking from Charing Cross Station to Embankment. Inside restaurant and hotel windows, diners were enjoying their dinner in comfort whilst many of London's homeless lay on the pavement outside those windows, with nothing to eat and nowhere to go. Jesus told many parables focusing on care and responsibility for one's neighbour. Our world is a global village in which we can travel quickly from one place to another and we get instant information on the sufferings and needs of people anywhere. More than ever before, that means we have a responsibility for one another. John Donne wrote in the 17th century, "No man is an island, entire of itself...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee". Our responsibility towards the needy at home and abroad is far greater than for those who lived in the time of Jesus. Next Friday, CAFOD Harvest Fast Day we will pray for and share our blessings with those in our world who are living in great poverty from wars, famine and disasters, and who are not blessed in the ways that we are.

The Lord wants us to bring justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry and lift up those who are bowed down (Psalm 145). Each of us can make our contribution to help people in need. Some may live near us in our area, whilst others may be far distant. Living our faith by loving God and our neighbour will help win for us the crown of glory, which Christ has prepared for all who follow his call.

May the Lord open our eyes to see the needs of others & respond to them.Fr John

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next preparation session for the children will take place next **Wednesday evening, 2nd October** at 5.45pm in the Hall.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST: Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 4th October**. On this day parishioners are encouraged to eat a simple meal and give the money saved to CAFOD. CAFOD envelopes will be available at all Masses this weekend.

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH from 8.00 to 9.15pm, in the Priest's House, on Wednesday evenings. 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

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.

BAKE SALE: Thank you to all involved in the Bake Sale, which took place after last weekend's Sunday Masses, raising the grand sum of **£372.50**

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Our next parish Jumble Sale will be **at 2pm** on **NEXT Saturday 5th October 2019**. There will be lists, in due course in the church porch, for helpers for **Friday 4th** from **1.30pm** and then **Saturday from 1.30pm** to sell. There will be a list in the porch for helpers for Friday afternoon and Saturday. Please bake cakes for people to have with a cup of tea.

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.

JOIN US FOR A FISH & CHIP SUPPER AND WATCH THE FILM 'GREEN BOOK', **Saturday October 12th 6.30pm supper, film at 7pm. Adults £10 Under 18's £5.** Based on a true story, 'Green Book' is a 2018. biographical comic/drama. *When Tony Lip, a bouncer from an Italian-American neighbourhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr Don Shirley, a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on "The Green Book" to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism, danger-as well as unexpected humanity and humour-they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime.*

Advance tickets required contact Emma on 07791 235929

SAVE THE DATE: Our Christmas Market (Bazaar) will be on **Saturday 30th November**. 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 soon will be asking parishioners if to have an advertising board. Many thanks.

FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK: Thank you to all those parishioners who have submitted a selection of delicious recipes. **It is still not too late if you would like to include a recipe in this parish cookbook.** It is our intention to include some recipes from the first fundraising cookbook. If you **DO NOT** want.

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. "Why not come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, will be held on Saturday 12th October at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. We begin with 10.00am Mass and begin our Rosary Procession at 10.35am, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to BPAS abortion centre, 32-36 Romford Road, Stratford E15 4BZ, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx.12.00pm to the church for refreshments."

Did you know Pope Francis is about to Canonise the first English Saint for decades? Cardinal John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint in October; for young people who want to discover more the October Youth Mass will be devoted to Cardinal Newman, with his inspiring quotes and timeless hymns; **Wednesday 2nd October, 8pm**, Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome. Details at www.bcys.net/events

SHOEBOX APPEAL: Every year, St Mary's Theydon Bois sends out shoeboxes filled with gifts to children who would not otherwise have anything at Christmas. The gifts are new, or nearly new, toys (nothing military or needing batteries), little games, mini books, hair slides, ribbons etc small enough to fit into a shoebox. Any contributions of these items, empty adult size shoeboxes, or rolls of Christmas wrapping paper will be very welcome. Please leave anything you can spare in the porch from next weekend onwards. Thank you!

YOUTH GATHER 2019: an amazing encounter for your young people (aged school year 9-13) **26th & 27th October 2019**. "As well as all the outward bound activities over the weekend (zip wire, high ropes, archery and much more) at Mersea Island (near Colchester, Essex). We are delighted to be joined by a panel of BCYS alumni. Part of the BCYS over the last 10-15 years, this group includes a strategist in the Home Office, a Metropolitan Police Sergeant with a very special role, a press officer at HMRC, dealing with tax evasion and crime, a classroom teacher and a school lead practitioner. Hear them tell their stories, and share how they navigate the (sometimes very difficult) balance of decisions in their working life and living their Catholic faith. Full details and booking information at www.bcys.net/events and the cost of £50 includes food, cabin accommodation, and coach transport from Stratford, Romford, Brentwood, Basildon, Southend or Chelmsford.