

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019**

**TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**PRISONERS SUNDAY - A Week of Prayer for prisoners and their dependants**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Anne Curtin RIP Anniv (Crouch)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	People of our Parish
October 2019	11.00am	Private Intention (RF)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>		St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
	9.00am	Sir Evelyn Russell RIP Anniv (Hoare)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>		St Theresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin, Religious & Doctor
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>		St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
	12.15pm	Kieran Jolly RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Jolly)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>		St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>		St Luke, Evangelist
	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY Year C WORLD MISSION DAY 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Cahir O'Doherty RIP Recently (Christie)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	John & Jovita Daryshire RIP (Hollinshead)
October 2019	11.00am	Joaquim Leo Porto-Schofield RIP Anniv (Schofield)
	3.00pm	CTED Peace Service

**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.**

**PARISH MASS BOOK 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time C 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 receive the Sacraments

**OFFERTORIES** last week: Envelopes: £435.50; Loose: £256.73; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £22. Thank you for your generous offerings.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST:** The CAFOD Family Fast Day collection amounted to £546.25. Many thanks for your generosity.

**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 & for charities.**

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***Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa***

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

***Dear Friends,***

The lepers called out: "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us" (Luke 17:11-19). The person who contracted leprosy was in a pitiable state for their social and spiritual life was destroyed as well as their health. People with leprosy were considered to be cursed by God, and their relationships as well as their bodies were broken. To prevent the spread of infection, people with leprosy were expelled from the community and banished to the wilderness, where no one lived. If people approached they they would call out "Unclean! Unclean!" when so that people would keep a safe distance.

The ten lepers who called out to Jesus for healing, stood some way off, so that they would not be stoned or seen as a threat to Christ and those with him. Jesus showed respect for the law by telling the lepers to go and show themselves to the priests as evidence of their healing, and make an offering in gratitude to God for their recovery.

Leprosy was also seen as a symbol of the sin which breaks people's relationship with God and community. Serious sin cuts us off from right relationship with God and people, for it puts self and one's own will before the will of God for people. When Jesus heals people, it is as a healing of the whole person, so that their relationship with God and the community, represented by the priests, is healed and restored.

Many in our society do not recognise sin as a leprosy, which infects people's lives and relationships. By ignoring or disobeying God's law, we reject his wisdom, that is directed towards our ultimate happiness, and put our will and ourselves first. By obeying the law of God, we may go through challenging and unhappy times, but we live in the Way of Truth. Following Christ means taking up our cross daily, by carrying out our responsibilities to God and to people. We must protect ourselves from the leprosy, which comes from the false "wisdom" that leads to the breakdown of relationships in families and society. To put God first mean we accept and live the teachings given to us in the Gospel and the Ten Commandments. When we fail, Christ wants to heal us from sin and guilt, through the grace we receive, as we show our life to him through the priest, in the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.

This Sunday we rejoice at St John Henry Newman's canonisation by Pope Francis in Rome. He was a great theologian, wise and humble, who converted and entered into full communion with the Catholic Church in 1845. Pope Benedict took as the theme of his visit to the country in 2010, Cardinal Newman's motto, "Heart speaks to heart". ***May we too be led by Christ, his 'kindly light'. Fr John***

**PRISONERS' SUNDAY:** This Sunday is national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents. We remember and pray prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners' Sunday provides an important opportunity to reflect on how we act as a community can make a difference to the lives of those who are caught up in crime and the criminal justice system. It is a time to identify those who are in crisis and find themselves in need of support in our own community.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bridget Browne** who died on 6<sup>th</sup> October. **May she rest in Peace.** Her Requiem Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon followed by committal at Waltham Abbey Cemetery. *We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to her family. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next preparation session for the children will take place next **Wednesday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> October** at 5.45pm in the Hall.

**PEACE SERVICE** Our parish will host the Churches Together in Epping & District Peace Service on **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 3pm**. Our world is in a fragile and unstable state and this Service gives us the opportunity to ask for God's guidance that we may be loving and helpful to those less fortunate than ourselves and pray for them. We have a speaker from the charity **Aid to the Church in Need**, who will give an illustrated talk. Please come and bring your family and friends.

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH** from 8 to 9.15pm, in the Priest's House, on Wednesdays. 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 You will be most welcome.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH JUMBLE SALE:** Thank you to everyone who gave goods and to Janet and her team who worked so hard for the success of our parish Jumble Sale last Saturday. The magnificent sum of £1085 was raised for our parish.

**OUR HALL COMMITTEE MEETING** will be at **7.30pm on Wednesday next, 16 October in the Priest's House**. New members would be most welcome. If you are interested please come along to see whether you would like to join.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Our Christmas Market will be on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11am - 4pm**. 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.

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES:** Baptismal certificates are ready to collect from Fr John for parents of children recently baptised in our parish.

**FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK:** Thank you to all the 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.** We have looked at printing costs for the cookbook but these are proving to be expensive. If you are a printer or know of a printer who may be able to help with this as a favour to our parish, please let Fr John know. We are happy to cover the costs of the materials and can provide the recipes in a format ready to print.

**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 and ribbons etc small enough to fit in 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 for the month of October. Thank you!

**THE REVISED NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE:** a full revision of the Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles, was launched by Darton, Longman & Todd in July. As we begin the Year of the Word it offers a fresh translation in modern English and in keeping with the latest scholarship. Copies can be obtained at a reduced price (£30 instead of R.R.P. £39.99) from Christ the Eternal High Priest parish at Gidea Park on 01708 449914, or by email to [adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**OUR SECOND YOUTH MASS TO BE HELD AT ST. EDMUND'S, LOUGHTON, 6PM, SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** Following on from the very successful Youth Mass held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, it has been agreed that we will hold another Mass for the youth of our 22 parishes, Epping and Waltham Abbey parishes, on **24<sup>th</sup> November**, the Feast of Christ the King and designated as 'Youth Sunday'. As before, we plan to hold a gathering in St. Edmund's Hall afterwards for pizza, drinks and chat! A planning meeting has been arranged for **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in the Retreat room (above the St. Edmund's Church Hall). Please start spreading the word about this second Mass to everyone.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be holding a Christmas Craft & Gift Fair at Mill Hall, Rayleigh on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30-4pm. Admission is only £1.50 and free for children under 14. If you are interested in having a stall at the event to sell your crafts or Christmas goodies, these are charged at £27. Please contact Libby if you are interested in being one of our stallholders: [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk). Thanking you for your continued support.

**AN EVENING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, with a talk from Hossein Ranjbaran, a resettled refugee, & Mary Stretch from Calais Light ([www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com))** at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Room at 6.15pm for pizza; Mary & Hossein will talk from 6.45-7.30pm, with a chance for questions, and the monthly Youth Mass is at 8pm. All welcome. Details [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)