

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

**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	PEACE SERVICE with Churches Together in Epping & District	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	The People of our Parish	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>St John Paul II, Pope</b>	
	9.00am	Francis Fletcher RIP (FM)	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>St John of Capistrano, Priest</b>	
	12.15pm	Bill McEvoy RIP (FM)	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</b>	
	12.00pm	Bridget Browne RIP	REQUIEM MASS
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Gerard Gale & Eleanor Cittern	WEDDING

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time C 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Teresa Cianfarani RIP (Brain/Albert)	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	People of our Parish	
October 2019	11.00am	Susan Perry RIP Recently (Sr Aidan)	
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Jesse Oliver York & Edith Rose York	
	3.00pm	LATIN MASS according to Tridentine Rite	

**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 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time C 20<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: £265.60; Loose: £328.05; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £31.04. 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](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). **Preferential rates for parishioners & for charities.**

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS:** Our next Holy Sacrifice according to the Tridentine Rite will be offered at our Church n **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** 3 p.m. Texts of readings, hymns & chants in English as well as Latin will be provided.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN Year C WORLD MISSION DAY 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

How often have we wondered whether God is really listening to us when we pray? How often do we think of 'giving-up' in asking him for help? Does God really hear our prayers?

Of course he does, along with the prayer requests from millions of other people!! How God manages to cope with all these prayers, let alone to answer them, is a mystery to us. It must seem strange to us that the all-knowing and merciful Father needs to be told by us what we need, when he knows far better than we do what our real needs are and what we need for our ultimate good. Can we really expect God always to respond to our prayers when we have no knowledge of his specific plans for us and for our world, plans which will always be the priority?

It is an uncomfortable truth that we are creatures of need and of helplessness, but in this weekend's readings from Exodus the example of Moses, Aaron and Hur gives us a clue to how we should address God. Then, in the Gospel reading, the persistent widow gives similar guidance. There is a clear indication that we need to show perseverance in our prayers to God. However, we should not be surprised if the response is not exactly that for which we hoped.

So, if perseverance in prayer is the key, what about God's response? Firstly, we need to establish in our mind whether what we are asking of him will be pleasing to him, or whether it is just a human whim. Then, we have to be prepared to be persistent in our prayer, leaving it wholly to God to decide his response. Often God's response will need further prayer to help us to understand what he intends us to do. The strength of our faith is measured by our willing acceptance that what God wants will always be in our best interest....always!

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**BRIDGET BROWNE RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bridget Browne** who died on 6<sup>th</sup> October. **May she rest in Peace.** She will be received into our church on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at 12 noon, for the celebration of **Requiem Mass** followed by burial 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.*

**TOGETHER WE ARE MISSION** This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. As our global Church comes together on this special day. Missio asks the faithful of England & Wales to support the Church's missionary work in India and all over the world, through your prayers and financial support. For details visit:

<https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2019>

**NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD:** We will have a Cemetery Service and Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery on **Sunday 3rd November, at 3pm.** On **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day,** we will have **Mass at 10am and at 6pm,** during which we will pray by name for all those in our Parish who died in the past year. On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, at 3pm** a Bereavement Service will be held in our Church. All are welcome to attend both services to pray for our dead.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next preparation session for the children will take place on **Wednesday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> November** at 5.45pm in the Hall.

**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. collection in letter rack of the church porch.

**THANK YOU:** We express our gratitude to **Terry North** who is stepping down as Treasurer of our Parish Hall Committee. Terry has conscientiously carried out this responsibility for many years and we are most grateful to him for this.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We urgently need more Altar Servers to serve at the weekend Masses. Fr John would especially like to hear from those families whose children who have made their first Holy Communion in the past few years. Please e-mail the Parish Office if your child would like to be an Altar Server.

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

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH:** A note was distributed at all Masses last weekend on Safeguarding in our parish. We ask all who are coming into contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults to provide their up to date contact details on one of slips at the back church and return it to our Parish Office.

**FISH & CHIPS FILM NIGHT:** Thank you to Emma Armstrong, and all those who helped and came along to the Film Night last Saturday. An enjoyable evening was had by all and **£151.50** was raised for the parish.

**USHERS/WELCOMERS:** A new rota list of Ushers and Welcomers for our Saturday/Sunday Masses is currently being prepared. We **URGENTLY** need more parishioners so that it comes round about every eight weeks. Please telephone Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or give your name and telephone number to Fr. John or Deacon Duncan, clearly marked for Mary's attention.

**COULD YOU READ AT MASS?** If you are a confident reader & speak clearly, you could join the present Readers on our Rotas, reading about every 6<sup>th</sup> week at your chosen Mass. **Please contact Deacon Duncan if you can help. There will be an introductory session in Church 9.30 – 11.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

**ROTAS:** The new rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is now available.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR/MARKET:** Hello from Janet, Nina and our Christmas market team. It's that time of year again when your donations of items are greatly received. Our first Appeal will be for the stall "**Janet's Gems**" (all kinds of treasures). Do you have some beautiful jewellery that you no longer wear? Some fine China, a vase or some candle sticks that you have tucked away in a cupboard that you no longer use? Do you have some art but no walls to hang it or unused photo frames? Why not donate your preloved items so they can be enjoyed again? Also this year we will have a homemade stall. Do you love making jams and chutneys, could you make a few ready for the appeal in a couple of weeks time? In advance we'd like to thank you for your support.

**MESSAGE FROM MARY MORGAN** – "We need lots of help in the kitchen on the Bazaar day please - even if you can only spare an hour or two. We will need lots of soup, bread, cheese etc. Please contact Mary on 01992 574719. Your help and generosity is always deeply welcomed."

**ESTATE AGENT BOARDS:** As in previous years, our Christmas Market will be sponsored by an estate agent. We have emailed parishioners, who previously had a board, asking that we use their name and address again. If you have had a board but do NOT want one this time then please let the Parish Office know.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** Every year, St Mary's Theydon Bois sends 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 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 our church porch for the month of October. Thank you!

**A SECOND YOUTH MASS WILL BE HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH, LOUGHTON, 6pm, SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** Following the very successful Youth Mass held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we will hold another Youth Mass for the Youth of Loughton, Epping & Waltham Abbey parishes, on **24<sup>th</sup> November**, the Feast of Christ the King - National 'Youth Sunday'. As before, we will gather in St. Edmund's Hall afterwards for pizza, drinks & chat! A planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30th October at 7pm** in the Retreat Rom (above the St. Edmund's Church Hall). Please spread the word about this second Mass to everyone.