

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 26 Oct - Sunday 3 November 2019

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time C 27th October 2019

Saturday 26 th	6.00pm	Teresa Cianfarani RIP (Brain/Albert)
Sunday 27 th	9.00am	Patricia McAniskey RIP (Anniv)
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
Monday 28 th	Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles	
	9.00am	People of our Parish
Tuesday 29 th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 30 th	12.15pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 31 st	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

Friday 1st November: Solemnity of All Saints – Holyday of Obligation to attend Mass

10.00am Tullia Borelli RIP Anniv (Mansell)

8.00pm People of our Parish

Saturday 2nd November: All Souls Day – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

10.00am Parishioners who died in the past year – Holy Souls

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY in Ordinary Time C 3rd November 2019

Saturday 2 nd	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am	Clifford Cullen RIP Recently (Cullen)
November 2019	11.00am	Pauline Walsh RIP (Crawley)
Cemetery Service	3.00pm	Blessing of the graves at Epping Cemetery

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 contact 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: £303; Loose: £278.44; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £31. 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.**

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: The Holy Sacrifice according to the Tridentine Rite will be offered at our Church on this **Sunday, 27th October, at 3pm.** Texts of readings, hymns & chants in English as well as Latin will be provided.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN Year C

27th October 2019

Dear Friends,

Jesus spoke a parable to “people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else” (Luke 18:9-14). In this parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus shows us the effects of spiritual blindness, which comes from the sin of pride. People committed to the practice of religion or involved in a professional way can be in danger of thinking that by fulfilling their duties to God and people they justify themselves. Yet nothing is further from the truth; for we are justified and saved by God’s grace, which is given to us through faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Some, who take pride in their devotion and service to God or people, may think they are morally superior to others who seem to give little or no time to God or people. Jesus teaches us the importance of recognising our own shortcomings, so that we can truly say, “We are unworthy servants and we have only done our duty” (Lk.17:10).

Humility on the other hand, develops a conscious dependence on God and people and stops us from becoming proud. “The humble man’s prayer pierces the clouds” (Eccl:35:12-19) and we respond today in Psalm 33 “This poor (or humble) man called and the Lord heard him”. Coming before the Lord or other people, let us do so with humility, not pride. It is a blessing to recognise our dependence on God’s grace and other people. We should constantly thank God for all that he and other people have done for us. God has forgiven and saved us from our sins and failings; we must then be humble and grateful to him, as we say with the Psalmist; “I praise you, Lord, you have rescued me; you, have not let my enemies rejoice over me” (Psalm 30).

On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints when we remember and rejoice with the humble and holy people of this world, who have gone before us to the Lord, and have been taken up into his perfect love in heaven. There they are in peace and share in the vision of God, seeing Christ face to face with All the Saints. On Saturday, All Souls Day, we remember and pray for all who have died and are being purified or purged, so that they may be purified and holy to enter fully into God’s presence. In the Catholic Church, there has been a long tradition of praying for the souls of those who have died. The importance of this may be lost in “Services to Celebrate the Life of ...”, as opposed to praying for the souls of the dead. St Thomas More said, “Pray for me, as I for thee that we may happily meet in heaven” and St Monica said to her son, St Augustine, “All I ask is that you remember, pray for, me at the Altar of God”.

May the Lord bless us with a humble and contrite heart. Fr John

DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs Patricia Worley**, who died on Wednesday, 23rd October. **May she rest in peace.** May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console her bereaved family at this time.

NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD: On **Saturday, 2nd November, All Souls Day**, we will offer Mass at 10am for all in our parish who died in the past year. **At that Mass and at 6pm Mass** we will pray by name for all in our Parish who died in the past year. **At 3pm on Sunday 3rd November**, we will have a **Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery**. On **Sunday 17th November, at 3pm** we will have a Bereavement Service in our Church. All are welcome to these Masses and Services in remembrance and prayer for our dead in November.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER Parishioners can have the names of their deceased relatives, friends & parishioners placed at the altar for remembrance in prayer at daily Mass during November. Please use one of the forms in the Church and return it to the Priest's House, with any offerings for Masses for the Dead in the Holy Souls envelopes, provided for this purpose.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next preparation session for the Parents will be on **Wednesday evening, 6th November at 8pm and for the children will be on 13th November** at 5.45pm in the Hall.

PAX CHRISTI 'PENNIES FOR PEACE' BOTTLE Pax Christi is an International Catholic organisation which promotes peace all round the world. Mainly run by volunteers, it runs workshops for schools and parishes and is very active internationally behind the scenes in promoting peace, for example, in the Middle East and Ireland. Our 'Pennies for Peace' bottle is to be found by the CAFOD noticeboard at all weekend Masses). **Please help to fill it with small change** (and notes if you wish!). The bottle is emptied regularly and the proceeds are sent directly to the London office of Pax Christi. Thank you!!

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.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH: Recently, we distributed at all Masses on Safeguarding in our parish. We ask all who come 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, or give it Fr John after Mass.

USHERS/WELCOMERS: A new rota list of Ushers and Welcomers for Saturday & Sunday Masses is now 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 6th 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 9th November.**

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES to Eleanor Crittern and Gerard Cole who were married at our Church this weekend.

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET/BAZAAR 30TH NOVEMBER: Hello again from Janet, Nina and the Christmas Market team. It's week two of our appeal for donations of items for our stalls. The stall this week is "**Toiletries and gifts**" (fancy goods) Do you have a bottle of perfume or aftershave that's not for you, unopened, that you could Donate? Maybe even a box set of perfumes or toiletries, some lovely scented candles or even a room diffuser. Makeup, body moisturisers, hand creams or soaps. Have you got a scarf with matching gloves or even a silk scarf, some leather gloves that you've never used, a lovely makeup bag, toiletries travel bag. Anything that would make a wonderful gift that is unused?

Further to Mary Morgan's appeal for the Kitchen last week if you love to cook would you be able to donate a dish suitable to sell in her café or maybe you could give 30 minutes or more on the day to help her in the kitchen or wait on tables please contact Mary on **01992 574719**.

A big thank from us all for the donations for last week's appeal "Janet's Gems" and for the lovely people who have already pledged their time to volunteer on the day keep the donations coming!!

ESTATE AGENT BOARDS: Many thanks to those parishioners who have agreed to have a board this year. These will be put up in the next week or so.

CTED CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: We once again are happy to invite everyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to enjoy a traditional Christmas luncheon with us in our Hall on Christmas Day 12.30pm for 1pm. Details to follow.

A SECOND YOUTH MASS WILL BE HELD AT St. EDMUND'S CHURCH, LOUGHTON, 6pm, SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER: Another Youth Mass for the Youth of Loughton, Epping & Waltham Abbey parishes, will be held on **24th November**, the Feast of Christ the King - National 'Youth Sunday'. 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.

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding three visit meetings for prospective new parents: Tuesday 12th November at 9.15am, Monday 25th November at 2.00pm, Wednesday 4th December at 2.00pm and Thursday 9th January at 9.15am. The visits will give parents the opportunity to view the school and ask any questions they may have. If you would like to visit the school on one of the dates please contact the school office on 0208 508 6315 or email mcgrenra@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk. Mr Michael Ross, the new Head, of the school will speak at all Masses on **16th/17th November**.

LIGHT & BRIGHT PARTY 31st October: Instead of Ghoulies and ghosties come and celebrate Halloween at St John's Church, with fun and laughter (age 5-10). It costs nothing and a team of people will entertain and amuse the children. Doors open at 5pm. The event closes at 6.30pm.