

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS – Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th November 2019

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in Year C World Day of the Poor 17 November 2019

Saturday 16 th	6.00pm	Aileen McQueen RIP (Aitken)
Sunday 17 th	9.00am	The People of our Parish
November 2019	11.00am	Deceased members of Palmer & Saunders Families (Palmer)
	3.00pm	Bereavement Service in our Church
Monday 18 th	9.00am	Ellen Day RIP (Day)
Tuesday 19 th	9.00am	P J Rourke RIP (Nyhan)
	10.45pm	Mrs Patricia Worley Funeral Service Parndon Wood
Wednesday 20 th	12.15pm	Peg Crowley RIP (Day)
Thursday 21 st		Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9.00am	Margaret Rinn RIP Recently (Darcy)
Friday 22 nd		St Cecilia
	9.00am	Lily McAdam RIP (McAdam)
		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Year C Youth Day
Saturday 24 th	6.00pm	Martin Curtin RIP Anniv (Crouch)
Sunday 24 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
November 2019	11.00am	Mary Perry RIP (Darcy)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Sienna Clarke
LATIN MASS	3.00pm	Traditional Latin Mass is 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.

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WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME

Please contact a Priest or a 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: £268; Loose: £304.79; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £20.05. Thank you for your generous offerings.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER You can place the names of deceased relatives, friends & parishioners at the altar for remembrance in prayer daily during November. Please use one of the forms in the Church and return it to the Priest's House, together with any offerings for Masses for the Dead in the Holy Souls envelopes.

HALL BOOKINGS contact Arnold Verrall, preferably telephoning 01992 001995 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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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

17th NOVEMBER 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have you noticed the frequent appearance in many high streets of sandwich boards, which proclaim the advantage of owning some must-have product or possibly lazing away on an idyllic holiday in the sun, or even enthusing about the attraction of attending some stupendous event? But then there are other sandwich boards carried by doleful individuals, which proclaim 'Repent - the end is nigh'. A very thought-provoking juxtaposition!!

As we approach the Advent season, the readings at Mass have been selected to remind us to focus our minds on what we expect to happen to us when 'we shuffle off this mortal coil', We shall all die in God's good time, and it is good occasionally to reflect on our mortality The reading from Malachi (which, incidentally is not a name, but translates as 'Messenger') in this weekend's readings at Mass is chosen to unsettle us from our romance with comfort and entertainment and to think more about what we should do, and should not do, to please God as we live out our earthly life...and pleasing God, when all is said and done, should be our first objective in our God-given Christian life.

It's worth reading again privately, the words of Malachi, which strongly suggest oblivion in some uncomfortable place for those who do not lead a life which is pleasing to God, compared with everlasting peace and joy for those who genuinely try to please him. Surely the choice is, in modern parlance, a no brainer!!

How fortunate we are to have the opportunity to choose where and how we might spend eternity, even though our 'end' may not yet be nigh...we think!

May God bless you as you mull over the choices and the rewards!

Deacon Duncan

DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the souls of:

MRS PATRICIA WORLEY RIP, who died on Wednesday, 23rd October. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated on **Tuesday 19 November at 10.45am** at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

PATRICK KELLY RIP, who died on Saturday, 2 November. His funeral arrangements are pending. **May he rest in peace.**

May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console their bereaved families and all who mourn for loved ones at this time.

THIS SUNDAY AT 3PM, we hold our **ANNUAL SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED** – those who have lost spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends, whether recently or some time ago. The service will include hymns, remembrance (by name) of the loved ones who have died, during which votive candles will be lit, a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Afterwards you are invited for tea/coffee/biscuits in the Church Hall. We do hope that you will join us, and will feel free to invite any grieving relatives or friends you know personally. Please contact Deacon Duncan with any queries.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next preparation session for the children will be on **Wednesday evening, 20th November at 5.45pm.**

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR is THIS Sunday: With strong words, Pope Francis encourages all of us to consider the poorest and most vulnerable. You will find the full text of his message on www.vatican.va. Our Diocese has a website full of charitable action projects that all need volunteers – have a look at www.caritasbrentwood.org. And we will be taking a collection next weekend/today for [XXX – local project] Caritas Anchor House, a Catholic charity based in Newham, working with over 140 homeless people every day. You can read more about their amazing work at www.caritasanchorhouse.org

GOD WHO SPEAKS: Pope Francis has inaugurated the “Year of God who Speaks”. This is intended to encourage us to grow in love and familiarity with the Word of God, who speaks to us in the Bible. We have copies of the NRSV Bibles for sale in the church at £10 each (normal price £20). They have a section of Catholic prayers and devotions, a theme index and references for all the Sundays of the 3 year cycle of readings and scripture readings in the Church.

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Loughton will hold visit days for prospective new parents: Monday 25th November at 2.00pm, Wednesday 4th December at 2.00pm & Thursday 9th January at 9.15am. Mr Michael Ross, the new Headteacher, will speak at all our Masses in our parish **THIS WEEKEND 16th/17th of November.** If you would like to visit on one of the dates please contact the school on **0208 508 6315** or email tmcgrenra@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Our next Holy Sacrifice according to the Tridentine Rite will be offered at our Church next Sunday the **24th November** at 3 p.m. Texts of readings, hymns and chants in English and Latin will be provided.

CHRISTMAS MARKET/BAZAAR 30th NOVEMBER: Hello again from Janet, Nina and the Christmas Market team. It's week five of our appeal for donations and this week's stall is the “**Tombola**”. This is one of our most successful stalls at the Christmas Market. Please donate bottles of wine, vodka, whisky, gin, port, brandy etc and soft drinks. Maybe you'd rather donate a gift voucher than a bottle. Boxes and tins of Chocolates would also be great.

Mary Morgan is still appealing for dishes suitable for her to sell in the café and helpers for the kitchen or waitresses or waiters for the table service. Please contact Mary on [01992 574719](tel:01992574719).

The Crafts and Gift Stall we be previewing some of the items that will be on sale at the Christmas Market after every Mass this weekend.

Grand prize draw tickets will be available at the back of the church after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please return completed tickets with the money in an envelope or just bring them on the day of the Market!

A big thank you from us all for the donations given so far and to those that have given their time to help set up and volunteer on the day.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MARKET: Thanks to those who have responded generously to the appeal for Patrons, which appeared in the recent Newsletter. It is not too late to send your donation, which apart from helping to make the Market/Bazaar a financial success, will particularly help to meet costs incurred in setting up the event. A form which was to be attached to your donation was included with the Newsletter on 3rd November, but additional copies are available this week in case you have mislaid the first one!! Thanks for your help.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH: Information on Safeguarding in our parish is on the church porch noticeboard. We ask all in a parish role, who are in contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, to give us their up-to- date contact details on a slip at the back church and return it to our Parish Office.

CTED CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: We are happy to invite once again anyone 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. Couples alone and carers are most welcome. Please contact Mary Morgan on [01992 574719](tel:01992574719) or give your contact details to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH MASS: **Sunday 24th November**, the Feast of Christ the King, at 6.00pm at St Edmund of Canterbury Parish, Traps Hill, Loughton. IG10 1SZ. All young people, and families are very welcome to this our second Partnership Youth Mass. Fr. Dominic Howarth, our Diocesan Youth Director will be the guest preacher. There will be Pizza & refreshments available after the mass in the parish hall. All welcome!

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK: Epping Forest Foodbank provides emergency food packs to those in urgent need. If you, or anyone you know, are in serious financial difficulty, vouchers for the Foodbank are available from our Parish Office, other Epping and Loughton churches, EFDC, CAB, schools and GP surgeries.