

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING Year C Youth Sunday**

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Martin Curtin RIP Anniv (Crouch)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Doug & Bobby Dew RIP (Heughan)
November 2019	11.00am	Mary Perry RIP Recently (Darcy)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Sienna Clarke
BAPTISM	1.30pm	Arthur Thomas Johns & Charlotte Elizabeth Johns
LATIN MASS	3.00pm	Traditional Latin Mass in Tridentine Rite
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>	
	9.00am	People of our Parish
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Deceased members of Day & Crowley Family (Day)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Peg Crowley RIP (Day)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Pamela Magri RIP Anniv (Magri/Thomas)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Lady Joan Russell RIP Anniv (Hoare)
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feast of Saint Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland</b>	
<b><u>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A) 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019</u></b>		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Crouch Family RIP (Crouch)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.00am	Keane Family's intentions (Clohessy)
November 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.**

**PARISH MASS BOOK C: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 24 November 2019**

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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: £254.50; Loose: £339.52; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £51. 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 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**

**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***

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING C 24.11.2019**

***Dear Friends,***

St Paul says, "We give thanks to God the Father who has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, for in him we gain our freedom and the forgiveness of our sins" (Col. 1:12-20). Kings were often more concerned about their own good than that of their subjects. Christ was not a self-centred worldly King, for he "came not to be served but to serve" and to offer up his life as a sacrifice to save many from sin and death. He proclaimed that the kingdom of God was at hand and he called people to obey God's law. That law he summed up in the command: "love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and will, and love your neighbour as yourself". He came to establish the Kingdom of God by calling people to conversion by repenting of their sins and seeking God's forgiveness. He wants people to share in the glorious freedom of the Kingdom of God and inherit eternal life. We do this by coming to know him and enthroning him in their hearts with love, as our Lord and Saviour.

Many aspects of this feast are expressed in hymns such as: "The King of love my shepherd is", "This is our God, the Servant King" or "Crown Him with many Crowns, the Lamb upon his throne". This feast is also observed as Youth Sunday. In the hymn, "Hail Redeemer King Divine" we express our prayer and hope that he the: "King most holy, King of truth, guide the lowly, guide the youth". It is difficult for young people, drawn by so many attractions and the secular nature of our world, to see the need for Christ in their lives. There is so much hostility to religion and the teachings and values of the Gospel, in a counter culture that conditions peoples ways of thinking and acting. Christ calls each of us to be a witness to his teachings in the Gospel. We can do that by living our Christian faith simply, and so encourage one another and the young whose lives and attitudes are now being formed, to grow in love for Jesus and what is right and true.

Many people choose to live according to their way and do not accept the authority of truth that comes from Christ. To save our lives and society from ruin, we need to follow Christ as our Light and King, by loving him and our neighbour through obeying his law and obeying the truth. When he will come again as King at the end of time to judge all mankind, we will have to face his judgement and be judged on love, and not just love for God but also love for our neighbour

***May Christ, the King and Saviour of the world, bless and save you. Fr John***

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

**PATRICK KELLY RIP, who died on Saturday, 2 November.** His Funeral Service will be celebrated on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm** at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May he rest in peace.** May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console his bereaved family and all who mourn at this time.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next preparation session for the children will be First Reconciliations on **Wednesday evening, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm. Parents are invited to attend.**

**GOD WHO SPEAKS:** Pope Francis has given us the “Year of God who Speaks”. 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 (normal price £20). It has a section of Catholic prayers and devotions, a theme index and references for all the Sundays of the 3 year cycle of scripture readings.

**ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Loughton** will hold visit days for prospective new parents: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am. We thank Mr Michael Ross, Headteacher, for visiting us last weekend to speak at our Masses. We encourage parents to consider sending their child to the school for a Catholic Primary education. 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](mailto:tmcgrenra@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk).

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

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH MASS:** **THIS Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**, the Feast of Christ the King, 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!

**PARISH COOKBOOK:** Thank you to all the parishioners who submitted their favourite recipes for inclusion in our fundraising Parish Cookbook. Copies will be on sale at next week’s Christmas Market and at all Masses from next weekend. The price is £6 per copy or two for £10. It is wonderful how parishioners have embraced this fundraising idea with many recipes included from around the world. It would make a great Christmas present so please consider not only purchasing a copy for yourself but also for your friends and family. You won’t be disappointed!

**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 or give your contact details to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** Hello again from Janet, Nina and the Christmas Market team.

It’s the final week before the Christmas Market and our last appeal is for cakes and homemade preserves. **Please drop anything for the cakes and homemade stall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 2:30pm and 6:30pm or on Saturday before the market starts by 10:30am.**

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

Grand prize draw tickets are available after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please return tickets filled out with the money in envelopes or bring them on the day!

If you can’t make it to the Christmas market why not be a patron?

**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.**

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH:** Information on Safeguarding in our parish is on the church porch noticeboard. Many thanks to those who have submitted their completed slips. Please can **ALL** in a parish role, who are in contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults, provide their up-to- date contact details on a slip at the back church and return it to our Parish Office.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT IN THE BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:** Join us on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 6pm for a reflective time of Advent and Christmas music, interspersed with scripture readings, poems and inspiring words about Christmas. We will then move from the chapel to the main house for mince pies, mulled wine and luxurious hot chocolate. Tickets are just £10, and there are a maximum of 60 tickets available. All money raised will support young adults travelling to Lourdes next Easter with HCPT – The Pilgrimage Trust – helping children with additional needs. Email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or phone 01277373959 and ask for Joe.

**‘CALAIS LIGHT** are taking volunteer bookings now for our next Convoy - **January 31st-2nd February 2020. We plan a long way ahead so don’t delay.** We’re the car-sharing Refugee action convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work for the weekend with refugee charities! Make it your New Year's Resolution to volunteer! Come with us! Sign up now at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com) or on our Facebook Page. Choose Love!’

**LOST PROPERTY:** Following the Confirmation Mass last February we reported that a “bum bag” had been left behind. Unfortunately this has still not been claimed. From the contents of the bag we think that it probably belongs to a child. Please can you check with your friends and relatives who attended on that Sunday.