

CHURCHES ARE CLOSED, but in Catholic tradition priests celebrate Mass daily. Due to the danger of the Coronavirus spreading, we are not allowed at this time, to celebrate Mass with a congregation, but Mass is offered daily in our church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY A God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit 7th June 2020

Saturday 6th 6.00pm Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 7th 11.00am Visita Mateos RIP Recently (Herrerso)
Monday 8th June 9.15am Hilda Silver RIP Anniv (Morris) Week 10 Year 2
Tuesday 9th St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church
9.15am The People of our Parish
Wednesday 10th 12 noon Keira Tubridy's intentions
Thursday 11th St Barnabas, Apostle
9.15am Sr Bernadette Salley OSF RIP (FM)
Friday 12th 9.15am Private intention

CORPUS CHRISTI - THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST: SOLEMNITY 14 June 20

Saturday 13 June 6.00pm Holy Souls

Sunday 14 June 11.00am The People of our Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: on request and by arrangement at this time

READINGS at MASS for FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY A 7 June 2020

READING: Exodus 34:4-9 The Lord is a God of tenderness and compassion

PSALM: Daniel 3:52-56 To you, Lord, glory and praise for evermore

READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18 God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders, and for offerings in envelopes given in by parishioners to the Priest's House. You can also make donations online for our Parish or to specific funds or charities (e.g. Cafod) at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//>

MASSES, SERVICES, RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING & ONLINE SERVICES

MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: www.churchservices.tv/westminster

DAILY MASS Leigh-on-Sea: Our Lady of Lourdes Church at <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

Bishops Stortford: St Joseph & English Martyrs: www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

DAILY SERVICE on BBC RADIO 4 (198 meters) at 9.45am & Sundays at 8.10am

BBC ESSEX at 95.3 and 103.5FM Sunday programme from 6.00am to 9.00am

DAILY PRAYER & MEDIATIONS at www.sacredspace.ie

UNIVERSALIS: www.universalis.com Daily Mass readings, Lectio Divina, Prayer of the Church in The Divine Office and Spiritual Reading for each day of Easter.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you or anyone you know wishes to have Mass offered for a particular intention for anyone living or dead, please contact Fr John at The Priest's House, by phone, letter or e-mail or stating the intention, and the Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible. Mass cards are available from the Priest's House.

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY A God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit 7.6.2020

Dear Friends,

Jesus told Nicodemus, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life" (John 3:16-18). St John told us "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him". The nature of God is love and in love he created the world and shared his life and nature with all creatures. In creating the world God revealed himself in the Holy Trinity as three persons in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each is equal and distinct in the Most Holy Trinity. God, the Father, created the world through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man, and by the creative power of his Holy Spirit (Genesis 1).

The revealing of the nature of God in the Holy Trinity is unique to the Christian faith. This mystery is not only the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in God, but also the relationship between God and creation, and between God and people. When we are born into the world, it is through the creative love of God working within people, which is why human life is so sacred and also tells us our life is not our own - we are gift of God not of own making. Being born into the human family, God wants us to be in relationship with him in the Christian family, through Baptism in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

Jesus told us, "Go and teach all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt.28:17-20) so that all people would share in the love and life of God. When we are born we take our name from our family, but through Baptism we get a Christian name as part of God's family which we are born into, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". When we bless ourselves with Holy Water and in prayer, we do so in the name of God our Father and creator, Jesus our brother and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier who lives in our hearts. We should begin and end each day by blessing ourselves, and with Holy Water, ask God for his protection and grace for our loved ones and ourselves. That tells us we are living not only in the context of our own family but also in communion with God's family.

We still do not know when we will be allowed to re-open our church but have now started planning for that - and hope it will be in early July - please God!
May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you. Fr John

PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish now has a Facebook Group on which we will post daily updates, and links to parishes and activities around our Diocese. James Ryan will manage it. If you would like to join, just click on the link below. All requests to join and all posts will go through James before they go into the group so that he can monitor it for security and relevance. We hope this will be a great way for our parishioners and people to connect with one another in our parish community:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

RECENTLY DECEASED: MRS MARGARET WHITE RIP, resident of Frank Foster House, Theydon Bois, who died on Monday 18th May. Her Funeral will be celebrated at Grange Hill Cemetery in June. **May she rest in peace.** We pray for the repose of her soul and that the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen her family and all who mourn for loved ones at this difficult time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We should be celebrating the Presentation Mass for our first Holy Communion children, this Sunday. We hope it will be possible to celebrate their First Holy Communions soon. We will inform parents of the dates to complete the preparation and celebrate the first Holy Communions as soon as possible. Please keep the children, their parents and their catechists in your prayers.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come into my heart spiritually.

I embrace you as if you have already come to me and unite myself wholly with you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:

Hilda Silver & Elaine Mannion (7/6), Ted Abbott & Fr Edmund Tyler (8/6), Fr Gerard Butcher (10/6), Ann Cleverley & Fr Thomas Crowe (11/6), Fr John Gallagher & Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson (12/6), Fr Thomas Carlin (13/6), Fr Gerard Hughes (14/6) **May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL: Please contact a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative, or a parishioner, is ill in hospital or at home so that they may receive ministry and/or the sacraments.

YOUR GIFT AID & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the new financial year from 6 April can be collected from the porch at the side of the Priest's House. If you do not have envelopes but would like to have them, please contact our Parish Office. We ask parishioners who have envelopes and do Gift Aid to **contact Michele Murphy, on 07973363577** if your circumstances or details have changed. We encourage all parishioners to use Offertory envelopes, and especially taxpayers to **Gift Aid** your donations to the church. This increases the value of your Offerings to the church by 25% and at no cost to yourself. If you require a letter advising how much Gift Aid you contributed in 2019.20 please contact Michele as above.



CORPUS CHRISTI Mass for First Holy Communion children & their families NEXT Sunday 14 June, 10.30am. With a special message from Bishop Alan and music recorded before lockdown from children's choirs across the Diocese. The Mass will be celebrated as a Children's Mass, with simplified readings and intercessions recorded by first Holy Communion children and will be offered for the children and their families. On both YouTube and Instagram we are BrentwoodCYS, and more details of the Mass are available at <https://bcys.net/events/corpuschristi/>

CLOSURE OF CHURCHES since the 20th March it has been a difficult experience for all of us unable to go into church to pray privately or go to Mass and receive Christ in Holy Communion. It has disrupted the normal growth of life and faith for many and especially the children and families preparing for First Holy Communion. But it need not be wasted if we turn to the Lord in our home or room and pray in that "secret place" (Matthew 6:6) and the Lord will be there for us. We reflect on the image Jesus gave us of "the grain of seed in the ground" (John 12:24) lying there silent and unseen, but growing in a hidden place. So we turn to the Lord in our home and family and relate to him as our friend, brother and Saviour who is always there for us and with us, and giving us hope and confidence to go forward.

CHURCH HALL Our church hall will re-open for pre-school this week. We are most grateful to Paul Harwood and the Hall Committee, and Zoe & Barry Hersom and Emma Armstrong who have done so much work to facilitate this happening.

WE PRAY FOR for doctors, nurses, all working in hospitals, care homes, the NHS & Emergency Services: For all who are ill at home or in hospital, for carers looking after those who are elderly or vulnerable in care homes or at home. For all who feel stressed on being isolated, alone or dependent on others. We can ask Jesus, the Light of the World to be a light and Saviour for God's people in this time of need, and ask Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church to pray for us

IN NEED OF URGENT HELP: If you or someone you know urgently needs help in this time, please contact the Priest's House. We will endeavour to assist through parishioners who have volunteered to help, the church, Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like a phone call or e-mail can be a real comfort to many at this time.

DOMESTIC CHURCH PARENT RESOURCES: The Diocesan news page has a link for articles useful to parents of school-aged children to enable them continue worship at home during Easter with their family while unable to gather for Mass. www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/domestic-church-resources-parents-covid-19/

ST PAUL IN ACTS During the Easter period we have been hearing excerpts from the Acts of the Apostles in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can reinvigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and for the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and parish priest of Gidea Park, has prepared a new talk 'Paul in Acts' which can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks

CATHOLIC PAPERS, MAGAZINES & MAGNIFICAT are on the table by the side door of the Priest's House & Church Sacristy. It is open all day every day you can pick up a Magnificat, Newsletter, magazine or paper. The Catholic Herald is now being published only once a month.

CHRISTIAN KITCHEN VAN APPEAL: Every night for nearly thirty years the Christian Kitchen has served hot meals to rough sleepers and people who are homeless in Walthamstow. It is an amazing project – along with meals the volunteers offer practical help and support wherever they can. They currently serve as many as 60 people per night. To serve hot food on such a scale from a mobile location takes a lot of work and over 100 volunteers, including from Our Lady & St George, Shernhall Street, and Our Lady of the Rosary & St Patrick, Blackhorse Road. Their van is old and new emissions charges scheduled for next year will make it impossible to run; so they are hunting for a new van and need to raise £60,000 to get one that is fully kitted out and able to sustain the project for many years to come.

Please help the Christian Kitchen, Walthamstow. They serve hot meals to 60 people a night, and are in serious need of a new van. Full details: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/christiankitchen/>

RELATIONSHIP DIFFICULTIES: If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage, whether due to the additional stresses caused by the Coronavirus crisis or other reasons help is available. Marriage Care offers remote counselling or you may find Smart Loving Breakthrough <https://smartloving.org/breakthrough/> helpful. Visit <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> Please don't leave it too late to contact us for help on **0800 389 3801** email appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL: Message to a Loved One in hospital. Family members & friends of PAH inpatients can send personal messages or collate messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net. There is a dedicated phone line 01279 868128, available between 10am and 12noon each weekday when a member of staff or volunteer will write down a message and get it to the patient. Video calls are available for patients on Kingsmoor Ward, John Snow Ward, Lister Ward, Locke Ward and Harold Ward between 2-4pm, seven days a week. Family & friends of inpatients can email paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net to arrange a 10 minute video call and find out how to join their call that to be hosted on secure video line

CHURCH UPDATES Re CORONAVIRUS: For the latest updates please visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/ and also go to www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) is unable to host its popular **Ascot Ladies' Lunch** this year but is asking for people to get involved in their 'Hats On for bccs' event in their homes or gardens at some point on **Friday 19th June** or over that weekend. We are asking for families to have a little get-together at home or via an on-line medium, put on their hat or fascinator, raise a glass to absent friends and make a small donation to our fundraising page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Hatsonforbccs> Everyone is welcome to get involved – read more on our website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/hats-bccs> Thank you for your support at this difficult time

KID'S CORNER

Holy Trinity Sunday Year A

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Saved	Eternal	Lost
Life	God	World
Condemned	Holy	Kiss
Peace	Greet	United
Perfect	Grow	Saints
Fellowship	Help	Live

Humour: What happened to the cat who ate a ball of wool?
She had mittens!