

PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO ALL MASSES and our church will be open around the times of Mass for people to visit for private prayer. You will be most welcome!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 20th September 2020

Saturday 19th 6.00pm Jim Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley) Home Mission Sunday
Sunday 20th 9.00am Fr John Ryan RIP (McAdam)
September 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish
Monday 21st St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
50th Anniversary 9.15am Fr John Ryan RIP Parish Priest of Epping
Tuesday 22nd 9.15am For healing (RN)
Wednesday 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
12 noon Private intention
Thursday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham
9.15am Alan & Maureen Palmer – in thanksgiving
Friday 25th 9.15am Marian Ward RIP (FM)
Saturday 26th Saints Cosmas & Damien, Martyrs
11.00am First Holy Communion Mass

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 27th September 2020

Saturday 26th 6.00pm Andrew Gates (Bennett)
Sunday 27th 9.00am Mary Cooney RIP Anniv. (Keeling)
September 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish
3.00pm SUNG LATIN MASS in Traditional Tridentine Rite

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: on request at this time to Fr John

MASS READINGS: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 20 September 20

ISAIAH 55:6-9: " My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways".

PSALM 144 The Lord is close to all who call on him, call on him from their hearts

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-27 Christ will be glorified in my body, by my life or my death

MATTHEW 20:1-16 Why be envious when I am generous

GOSPEL ANIMATED FOR KIDS: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hY1x0ZpI_A

MASSES, SERVICES, RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING & ONLINE SERVICES

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

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/bishopstortford

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

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

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders, and £432 Offerings and £10 for Cafod in church last weekend. You can support the Yemen Disaster Appeal with Cafod donations to our parish or online donations to our parish and our charities: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/

POPE BENEDICT XVI It is ten years this week since we had the great joy of the Pastoral Visit by His Holiness Pope Benedict to our country from 16 – 19 September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021 Details will be published shortly.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE paper is available free in the porch, Please take one.

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

20th SEPTEMBER 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We strive for justice in our country and throughout the world, and rightly so. As Christians, and encouraged by today's Gospel reading, we are expected to ensure that all those in particular need receive priority to alleviate their difficulties. Generous selflessness is our watchword. We have an ever-loving God, whom we worship, and he expects of us a generous spirit in helping those in particular need, whatever our own circumstances.

Christian life is lived as a challenge between unflinching abundance of the free grace offered to us by God and the need for a whole-hearted response on our part. When we have difficulty in deciding whether or not we can help someone in need, we cannot do better than to have a quiet conversation with God. He always will listen to our problems. God's guidance is given to us through our conscience and, if we are prepared really to listen to him, he will help us to reach important decisions which are pleasing to him.

It is good that we now welcome an increasing number of parishioners to the weekend Masses (now over 100 each weekend). It is hoped that this trend will continue as we exercise great care and social distancing. In accordance with the latest governmental advice, those attending (except very young children) must wear a face covering, unless they are medically excused. Our very helpful Stewards continue to show you to your seats. **Our COVID-19 restricted seating allows 55 parishioners maximum to attend each of our three Masses (particularly 6pm on Saturday and 11am Mass on Sunday).** It is now essential that places are pre-booked (by Fridays, please), by phoning the Priest's House, or by emailing admin@eppingparish.plus.com or by phoning Deacon Duncan on 01992 577173.

May God bless you and keep you safe from the virus.

Deacon Duncan

Fr John Ryan RIP, Parish Priest of Epping: Monday, 21 September, is the 50th Anniversary of the death of Fr Ryan. Read the attachment to this newsletter of the obituary of this brave priest and Army Chaplain.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Santos Ruvalcaba RIP** who died recently in California, USA. **May she rest in peace and rise in glory.** We offer our sympathy to her daughter, Adriana Ruvalcaba, our parishioner, and to her family at this time. **May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console & strengthen them and all who mourn.**

FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes and activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages and monitors input for security and relevance. If you wish to join this group, just click on the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS and we are most grateful to the **Stewards/ Ushers** who manage arrangements for the Masses in church over the past weeks.

We must comply with statutory and diocesan regulations and precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus and remain open. The most important principles are:

- **Face coverings are obligatory in the church unless you are exempt.**
- **In wearing a mask or face covering maintain social distance of 1 metre from the people not living in your household. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering you must maintain a distance of 2 metres.**
- **Enter by the Church door & leave by the Sacristy, in a one way system**
- **Please book your place at the Mass you will attend and arrive in good time for the Ushers to direct you to your seat. Special arrangements are made for people with a disability**
- **Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.**
- **Do not touch things in the church other than at the place you sit.**
- Each family will have a pew for 4/5 people. Single people from different houses will share a pew to keep social distance or a couple and one other person from a different household can share a pew.
- The Offertory collection is taken as you enter the church, or donate online at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//>
- To receive Holy Communion or a blessing, do not leave your seat until guided by an usher. **On Sundays**, please take your belongings with you, as you will not return to your seat, but leave by the Sacristy.
- **Communicants should unloop their face coverings and consume the Sacred Host and then replace their face covering.**
- **Holy Communion will be given to you only from the host into the flat of your outstretched hand, as you stand at a distance from the priest.**
- On Sundays when you have received Holy Communion, leave the church immediately by the Sacristy & sanitise your hands in the Sacristy porch.
- Please avoid breaching social distancing by dispersing. The Church has to close for cleaning after each Mass, in preparation for the next Mass.
- The Hall toilets cannot be used at this time.
- **If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or live with someone who has the symptoms, please do not come to church but stay safe at home.**

CLEANING & SANTISING CHURCH: Our church needs cleaning & sanitising after each Mass and usage. We are most grateful to everyone who did the cleaning after Masses last weekend, which took about 20 minutes. We have been able to arrange weekday cleaning, we still need cleaners after each weekend Mass. We would be really grateful for parishioners help to clean after the weekend Masses, so that the church will be ready for the next Mass and people will be allowed to enter.

WE NEED MORE USHERS/ STEWARDS IN CHURCH FOR MASSES: We thank all who help as Ushers/Stewards at the Masses but we need many more. Please help with this important role in keeping our church safe. Drop a note to the Priest's House, or email admin@eppingparish.plus.com or phone **01992 572516**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS We congratulate the children & parents who are celebrating **first Holy Communion in our parish on the Saturdays of September & 3rd October. They now have the privilege of receiving Christ.**

TRADITIONAL LATIN SUNG MASS Mass according to the Traditional Rite will be offered at our Church next Sunday **27th September** at 3 pm. Regulations will be observed. The celebrant will be Mgr. Gordon Read.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR: Marian Ward, Canon Fredrick Gahagan (19/9), William Morgan, Rosemarie Stein, Douglas Wilding, (20/9), Fr John Ryan (21/9), Dora DeBoise, William Shannon (22/9), Jhe Galing (23/9), Denise Kembry (24/9), Kathleen McKenna, Mary Cooney(25/9), John Saville (26/9), Fredrick DeBoise, Kathleen Russell, Fr Gordon Godfrey (27/9). **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL: May the Lord touch them with the healing power of his Holy Spirit, working through all who care for them.

LIVE STREAM STUDY DAY: Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP will speak on the 'joy of the gospel'. The live stream event can be followed www.sppilford.org.uk and clicking on live stream remote events. This is the first of a series organised by the CBA. Contact CBA at catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL. Messages to Loved Ones in hospital. Family members & friends of inpatients can send personal messages or collate messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net A dedicated phone **01279 868128** is available from 10am to 12noon each weekday Video calls can be made to patients on Kingsmoor, Harold, Lister, John Snow & Locke Wards from 2 to 4pm every day. More info at paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Co-ordinator: If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and experienced in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! Details at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentcoordinator/ **Closing 2 October 2020.**