

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-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
Monday 28th St Wenceslaus, Martyr
9.15am The Slattery Family deceased RIP
Tuesday 29th Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
9.15am Mary Cawood's intentions
Wednesday 30th St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
12 noon Special intention
Thursday 1st St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)
October 9.15am Private intention
Friday 2nd Our Holy Guardian Angels CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
9.15am Cynthia Waters' intentions
Saturday 3rd 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 4th October 2020

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm Our sick & infirm at home, in hospital & care homes
Sunday 4th 9.00am The People of our Parish
October 2020 11.00am Jemima Keyser RIP & Family (Garwood)

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

MASS READINGS: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 27 September 20

EZEKIEL 18:25-28 When the sinner renounces sin he will live

PSALM 24 "Remember your mercy, O Lord, and the love have shown from of old"

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus"

MATTHEW 21:28-32 Sinners & rejects are making their way in the kingdom of God

TWO SONS animated for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tRAOZGACa8>

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/bishopsstortford

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 in church last weekend £298 Offerings, £25 for the poor and £10 for Cafod. You can support the Yemen Disaster Appeal & Cafod donations to our parish or online donations to our parish and our charities: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is next Friday: CAFOD envelopes will be given out as you leave Mass this weekend. Next weekend our retiring collection will be for CAFOD.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE paper is available free in the porch - do take one!

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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Friends,

St Paul asks us to consider that: "If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit we have in common, or any tenderness or sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind"(Phil. 2:1-11). In Baptism, we welcome a person into God's family, the Christian community, the corporate Body of Christ. That means we enter a spiritual relationship with the other members of God's family. We express that in the many forms of address we use in the Christian family. We call a priest, father, as a spiritual father in the community. We call men and women in religious communities, mother, sister and brother. The priest addresses people at Mass saying; "My brothers and sisters, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, our almighty Father". In good family life the bonds of love and affection unite and keep us together. In families where love and a shared life and purpose is lost, often the relationships breakdown and there can be an unhappy splitting up of the family.

Jesus at the end of his life ordered his followers to "love one another" and he prayed "That they may be one". St Paul saw divisions arise amongst the first Christians, and wrote, instructing them to focus on love, tenderness and compassion and to have a common mind and heart. When we lack love or commitment to a person or family, our interest can wane and relationships be diminished or broken. The same applies to our relationship with God and his family in the Church. We need to protect our relationships in family and the church to sustain them. That may require sacrificing ourselves for the sake of others. Jesus sacrificed the "glory and equality he had with God to assume the condition of a slave, and become like us in all things, but sin". He did this in order to be a brother and Saviour to us and for all. He did not focus on himself and did not allow people to set him up on a worldly throne.

It was "God who raised Jesus high and gave him the name above all other names, so that all should bend the knee at the name of Jesus, and every tongue acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father". We bow our heads on using or hearing the Holy Name of Jesus, and bend our knee before him who is present in Holy Communion, and when two or three are gathered in his name and when his Word is proclaimed. Jesus is Lord and the Saviour of the world. Only through him can people go to God, and it is through him God comes to people with love.

May the Lord help us grow in a union of mind and heart. Fr John

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/>

THANK YOU to our **Stewards/ Ushers** who manage Mass arrangements in church.

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 face covering or mask 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(s) at the Mass you will attend. 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 where you sit.**
- Each family will have a pew for 4/5 people. Single people from different houses can 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.
- Avoid breaching social distance by dispersing and not mingling. After each Mass, the Church must close for cleaning, to prepare 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 at home, safe.**

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**.

VOLUNTARY ACTION RELIEF BOXES EPPING: See appeal on noticeboard.

CLEANING & SANITISING CHURCH: We are most grateful to everyone who did cleaning after Masses the last two weekends and to Nina Perry for cleaning during the weekdays. We welcome the return of Sandra, who has worked tirelessly and so many times to keep our church clean and Covid safe, who has now resumed this role.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Congratulations to the children & parents who are celebrating first Holy Communion in our parish on the Saturdays of September & 3 October. They now have the privilege of receiving Christ with us **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** for 2021 Details of plans will be published shortly.

TRADITIONAL LATIN SUNG MASS according to the Traditional Rite will be offered in our Church this Sunday **27 September** at 3pm. Safety regulations on Covid 19 will be observed. The celebrant will be Mgr. Gordon Read.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR: Kathleen McKenna, Mary Cooney (25/9), John Saville (26/9), Fredrick DeBoise, Kathleen Russell, Donald White, Fr Gordon Godfrey (27/9), Pope John Paul I, Helen Taylor (28/9), Joseph O'Dea, James Georghion (29/9), Doris Scott, Fr Bernard Wakeling (30/9), Richard Peck, Betty Tedder (1/10), Frank Swan (2/10), Reginald Ivey, Fr Michael Hopkins (3/10), John Hurley (4/10). **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 in and 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 run by the Catholic Biblical Association. 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

PROVIDENCE ROW HOMELESS CENTRE invites community support to mark **Homeless Action Week** (5th-11th October). The week encompasses World Homeless Day, World Mental Health Day & Providence Row's 160th anniversary. They invite churches to take part in a week of activities to raise funds and awareness and to act against homelessness. The main event is a Virtual Sleep Out, on **Friday 9th October**, as they encourage people to sleep away from the comfort of their bed for one night and raise sponsorship to support our frontline work with rough sleepers in Tower Hamlets. An activity pack with more information about the event can be found on the website: www.providencerow.org.uk/HAW2020.