

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- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 11th October 2020

Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their dependants - Prisoners week 11 – 17 October

Saturday 10th 6.00pm Iza Holmes & Ray Patterson RIP Aniv (Holmes & Dark)

Sunday 12th 9.00am Santos & Julian Ruvalcaba RIP Recently (Cullen)

October 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish

Baptism 2.30pm George Leon Tattersall-Barnes

Monday 12th St Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthburga, Religious

9.15am Private intention

Tuesday 13th St Edward the Confessor, King

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Wednesday 14th St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

12 noon Sir Evelyn Russell RIP Anniv (Hoare)

Thursday 15th St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin, Religious & Doctor

9.15am Francis O'Brien RIP Recently (Darcy)

Friday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9.15am Johnny Duignan RIP Recently (Darcy)

Saturday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Baptism 12 noon Constance Amy Nyhann

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 11th October 2020

Saturday 17th 6.00pm The People of our Parish WORLD MISSION DAY

Sunday 18th 9.00am Kieran Jolly RIP Anniv (Jolly)

October 2020 11.00am John Patrick Willoughby RIP Recently (Sawyer)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: available on request at any time to Fr John

MASS READINGS: TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 11 October 20

ISAIAH 25:6-10 "The Lord will wipe away all tears from every cheek"

PSALM 22 "In the Lord's own shall I dwell forever and ever"

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-20 There is nothing I cannot master with the Lord's help

MATTHEW 22:1-14 Invite everyone to the wedding feast (of the Lamb of God)

CAFOD CHILDREN'S LITURGY <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

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: £800 in Standing Orders and Offerings of £217.39 in church last weekend and £617.50 for Cafod Harvest Fast Day to help with Aid Work in developing nations and poor countries. You can make offerings to our parish online, and make specific donations to charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS for 2021 Details of plans will be published shortly.

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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang

Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890), the most recent English saint. He was first an Anglican priest and later became a Catholic priest and Cardinal. He was an important figure in the history of England in the 19th century. Following the authentication of two miracles, he was declared a saint on 13th October 2019. Last weekend, Fr John circulated copies of a card which contained some of St John Henry's thoughts on 'My Vocation'. The text is food for thought and can be seen as encouraging for each of us today, whatever our walk of life. John Henry Newman wrote:

'God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission – I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connexion between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what he is about. He may take away my friends; He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me – still, He knows what He is about'.

St John Henry Newman

God Bless you and keep you safe.

Deacon Duncan

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

was published last week and is well worth reading and reflecting on in view of the circumstance we are going through at this time. It addresses issues of peoples and nations on becoming more isolated, insular and cut off from each other.

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages and monitors the 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/>

BOOKING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT A WEEKEND MASS:

Please let our Parish Office or Deacon Duncan know by email, telephone or a note of your intention to come to a particular weekend Mass. We are facing problems of not being able to accommodate all who wish to come to weekend Masses, as numbers in our Church are limited to 55, due to the need to keep social distance. Saturday at 12noon is the last time to let us know, so that we can deal with messages, especially if we need to contact you due to numbers. The Sunday Mass at 11am is the most attended and most problematic.

WE MUST FOLLOW these actions to protect each other from Covid 19:

Use your mobile to scan the NHS Covid 19 Track and Trace App (please see the Posters in Car Park)

- Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave Church
- Wear a face covering unless you are exempt
- Stay at least a metre apart in Church
- Follow the one way system to enter and leave the church
- When invited by Ushers, leave your seat for Holy Communion
- Once you receive Holy Communion, leave the church immediately via the Sacristy
- Disperse quickly to enable cleaning and avoid breaches in Social Distancing.
- The Hall toilets cannot be used at this time.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or live with someone who has the symptoms, please do not come to church but stay safe.

We must comply with all statutory & diocesan regulations and precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus and to enable us to remain open.

VOLUNTARY ACTION EPPING FOREST is a registered charity giving relief boxes to individuals and households who struggle financially, partly due to Covid 19. They have a base in Thornwood. See the poster in the church or contact Nick on **07967726851**. It runs a befriending service that people can contact on **07708171116** for assistance Visit their website at:<https://vaef.org.uk/covidresponse@vaef.org.uk>

RETRouvaille: a programme for couples struggling in their marriages

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriage by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It has saved many hurting marriages, bringing reconciliation to couples who had already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **12th -15th Nov 2020**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 – or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

LAUNCH OF BCYS VOICES, INSTAGRAM: Brentwood Youth Society would normally be at Youth Gather on **24th/25th October**. They had planned a virtual afternoon, but sadly one of the speakers has suffered a serious family bereavement. They have reconsidered the best way to support young people and those walking with them. Over the next six months will offer “BCYS Voices” – six speakers, offering insight and discussion/reflection questions. On **24th October** this will be launched with prayer on Instagram by Harry and Georgia from Walsingham House.

BCYS VOICES, INSTAGRAM – FR PASCHAL UCHE 7th November, 10am

– Fr Paschal will reflect on the pain and problem of racism, and the potential that we have, as young Catholics, to build the world in the image of Jesus Christ – where everyone is welcomed, valued and loved, in all the beautiful diversity of every race. *The “BCYS voices” episodes will continue with a fresh speaker on YouTube on the first Saturday of each month, through until March 2021.*

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:

Sybil Mullen (11th), Thomas P Ryan (Fr John Dempsey, Fr Patrick Malin (12th), Sir Evelyn Russell, Jim Welch, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Mgr Michael McKenna (14th), Geoffrey Thompstone, Canon Roderick Grant (15th), Catherine O’Reilly, Bernadette Jeffries, Kieran Jolly, Mgr Christopher Creed (16th), Hester Foster, Joviat Derbyshire (17th), Ted Flanagan and Eve Codling (18th). **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.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL Messages to Loved Ones in hospital.

Family members & friends of inpatients can send or collate personal messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net A dedicated phone, **01279 868128** is available from 10am to 12noon on weekdays. Video calls can be made to patients on John Snow & Locke Wards, Kingsmoor and Harold, Lister, from 2 to 4pm every day. More information available at paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net

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