

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!

Saturday 17 Oct. 12 noon BAPTISM: CONSTANCE AMY NYHAN
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 18th October 2020

WORLD MISSION DAY: We pray for the spread of the Gospel & Missionaries

Saturday 17th 6.00pm John Patrick Willoughby RIP Recently (Sawyer)
Sunday 18th 9.00am Kieran Jolly RIP Anniv (Jolly)
October 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish
Monday 19th Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaach Jogues & Comps, Priests & Martyrs

9.15am Peg Crowley RIP Anniv.
Tuesday 20th 9.15am Mary & Francis Fletcher RIP (FM)
Wednesday 21st 12 noon Patrick Curtin RIP Anniv (Crouch)
Thursday 22nd **St John Paul II, Pope**
9.15am Francis O'Brien RIP Recently (Darcy)

Friday 23rd **St John of Capistrano, Priest**
9.15am Private intention

Saturday 24th **St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**
BAPTISM 12 noon IVY MAE PAPWORTH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 25th October 2020

Saturday 24th 6.00pm Bridie Nee RIP Recently (Christie)
Sunday 25th 9.00am Private intention
October 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish
Sung Latin Mass 3.00pm Traditional Rite: Celebrant Rev Dr Michael Cullinan

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & by request at any time

MASS READINGS: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 18 October 2020

ISAIAH 45:1-6 The Lord says: "Apart from me all is nothing"

PSALM 95 Give the Lord glory and power, worship the Lord in his temple.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5 "We always mention you in our prayers"

MATTHEW 22:15-21 Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's

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

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: £800 in Standing Orders and Offerings of £231.74 in church last weekend and £10 for Cafod's work in poor developing nations. You can make donations to our parish online, and to charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//

LONELINESS & ISOLATED AT HOME OR IN CARE HOME: BBC Radio 4's Today Programme covered the issues on Wednesday, 14th, at 8.08am: 2 hours and 08 minutes into the programme. You can hear it replayed on BBC Sounds at this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000nf2k>

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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove and Lebohanga Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 18 October 2020

Dear Friends,

"Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:15-21). The Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus when they asked his opinion if "it is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not". Jesus gave them an answer, they did not want, to respond responsibly to the authority of the state and to respond to the authority of God. As a prisoner, Jesus had his power and authority, but chose to sacrifice it at that time as he told Pontius Pilate, "You would have no authority over me, if it had not been given to you from above" (John 19:11).

Jesus commanded us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind ... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:36-40). There he tells us not to centre on our self, but to look upwards and outwards. That is symbolised in his own person on the cross, for the vertical beam of the cross points us upwards to God and God coming down to us through the crucified Christ. The horizontal beam of the cross with the hands of Christ extended, points us outwards to other people. When we look at the figure of Jesus on the Cross we can see him asking us to offer ourselves in ways that involve making sacrifices for the glory of God, and sacrifices for the good of other people.

Paying taxes in the time of Jesus was a big sacrifice for those who had little, as it is today. Jesus told Peter to go and cast a hook into the lake and take the shekel from the fish's mouth, and use it to pay the tax for you and me (Matthew 17:27). Some people who are seriously rich resent paying their fair share of tax and may even boast about not paying tax. Others spend large amounts getting advice on how to avoid paying tax. While some taxpayers monies may be wasted - it is our taxes that enables the state to provide health and essential services and support systems that our people need. So, we pay to the state what is due to it for the sake of others, and we offer to God what is due to him, since all we have and are, is gift from him to us.

The last seven months have been difficult for all of us, especially people who have been isolated or confined to their home or care home. Many have suffered loss of income or employment and businesses have suffered. **The Today programme on BBC Radio 4** on Wednesday, 14th, had a moving account by a daughter of her 99 year old mother who was cut off from her family, the church and it's ministry in a care home. Our hearts go out to people in these circumstances and while I am of the older generation, I deeply regret I have not been allowed to visit people in the usual way and minister to them at home or in care. *God bless and protect you. Fr John*

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL: FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP reflects on our time, as peoples and nations on become more insular and isolationist. 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/>

TRADITIONAL RITE SUNG LATIN MASS will be offered in our church next Sunday, 25th October at 3.00pm. Celebrant will be Rev Dr Michael Cullinan. Current regulations will be observed.

BOOK YOUR ATTENDANCE AT A WEEKEND MASSS:

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 now face problems of not being able to accommodate all who wish to come to weekend Masses. Numbers in our Church are limited to 55, due to the need to keep social distance. Please let us know by 12noon on Saturday, so that we can pick up messages and contact you if there is a numbers problem. Saturday 6pm and Sunday Mass at 11am are the most attended and 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 Church entrance and exit by Sacristy)

- 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
- On receiving Holy Communion, leave the church immediately by Sacristy
- Disperse quickly to enable cleaning and avoid breaching Social Distance
- 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>

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

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is celebrated today in every Catholic community in the world. It is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence, oppression or persecution. Every parish and community is invited to join prayerfully and supportively in this.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:

Hester Foster, Joviat Derbyshire (17th), Ted Flanagan, Eve Codling (18th), Annabel Goodchild, Richard Byrne (19th), Fr Bernard Clay (20th), Kathleen Asher (21st), Maria Welch, Canon William O'Neill (22nd), Gloria Gee (23rd), Jame Farrell, Thomas Bowden, Rita Gill (24th), Mary Cooney (25th). **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL: Albert Fuller, Ann Dowd, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Paula Hall, The Toohey Family, James Bullen, Fr John Taylor, Fr Michael Butler & Fr Kieran Dodd. **May the Lord touch them with the healing power of his Holy Spirit, working in and through all who care for them.**

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 be at Youth Gather on 24th/25th October. They had planned a virtual afternoon, but sadly one of the speakers has suffered a bereavement. They are supporting young people and those walking with them over the next six months with "BCYS Voices". Six speakers will offer insight discussion/reflection/questions. On 24 October this will start with prayer on Instagram by Harry & 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 we have, as young Catholics, to build the world in the image of Jesus Christ, where everyone is welcomed, valued and loved, in 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.*

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 Wards, from 2 to 4pm every day. More information available at paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net