

YOU ARE WELCOME TO MASS ON SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS: If you will be attending a weekend Mass, please inform our Parish Office or Deacon Duncan by 12 noon on Saturday. Our church is open around the times of Mass for private prayer.

Saturday 24 Oct. 12 noon BAPTISM: 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
LATIN MASS 3.00pm Traditional Rite: Celebrant Rev Dr Michael Cullinan
Monday 26th St Cedd, Secondary Co-Patron Saint of Brentwood Diocese
9.15am Sylvia Foster RIP (Toohey)
Tuesday 27th 9.15am Des Toohey RIP (Toohey)
Wednesday 28th St Simon & St Jude, Apostles
12 noon Ken Hall RIP Recently (Sr Susan)
Thursday 29th 9.15am Intentions of Toohey-Burke Family (Toohey)
Friday 30th 9.15am Intentions of Burke Family (Toohey)

Saturday 31-12 noon BAPTISM: Laurie Ophelie & Miguel Blu Saint-Auret Nougher
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS A Sunday 1st November 2020

Saturday 31st 6.00pm Roger Crampin RIP (Crampin)
Sunday 1st 9.00am Fr Stewart Foster's intentions
November 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish
BAPTISM 2.30pm Nelly Catherine Millward
Monday 2nd ALL SOULS DAY: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 2020 MASSES in our church at 9.15am and 7.30pm

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

MASS READINGS: THIRTIETH SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 25 October 2020

EXODUS 22:20-26 You must not be harsh with the widow and the orphan

PSALM 17 I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my Saviour

1THESSALONIANS 1:5-10 You became servants of God and spread the Good News

MATTHEW 22:34-40 You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour

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/bishopstortford

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

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings: £800 in Standing Orders and Offerings of £249 in church last weekend and £16 for Cafod's work in developing nations. You can make online donations to our parish and to charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/

STEWARDS & USHERS NEEDED: We need more stewards/ushers for all Masses. This is a necessary role, important but simple, to ensure we comply with regulations to keep people safe in church, in these difficult times. If you can help, please contact our Parish Office at admin@eppingparish.plus.com or phone 01992 572516.

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 25 October 2020

Dear Friends,

A Pharisee asked Jesus, "Master. Which is the greatest commandment of the Law" and Jesus replied "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your willand you must love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:34-40). Many years ago I remember a married couple saying, "Love is a decision" and when I have subsequently said that to many people they generally responded by saying "That sounds rather cold". Nowadays we often associate love with good feelings and do not necessarily think of it as a decision to go beyond self love and to commit ourselves to love God and love people.

We can also say love is sacrifice. We honour countless people because they did not put themselves or their own life first, but spontaneously sacrificed themselves for the sake of others. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than to lay down their life for their friend", which he did at the end of his life (John 15:13). St Paul tells us "God loved us while we were still sinners and enemies of God" (Romans 5:8). God's love for us is total, unconditional and all embracing, and it is shown most powerfully in the person of Jesus, our Master and Teacher, our older brother and Saviour who laid down his life for us.

Love can and needs to be expressed in words, and the words have to be confirmed by the actions that follow. Where is the love when a person or nation oppresses or rejects another or others? Where is the love when a person inflicts suffering or pain on another? Where is the love when someone is unfaithful to another or to their word, or when they exploit or takes advantage of others in time of need?

St Paul gave us the great Christian Hymn to Love saying, "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong but rejoices in right. It bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things. Love never ends" (1Corinthians 13:4-8). He wrote I On Colossians 3:14, "Above all, clothe yourself with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony". Many couples choose these beautiful hymns to love for their wedding, but I still remember a preacher saying that we should use these words to examine our conscience and ask myself, "Am I patient and kind, jealous or boastful etc"? Then we may get the measure of love in our life and perhaps recognise our need to be more altruistic and sacrificial in our love. *May God bless and keep you safe in his love. 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 on **this Sunday, the 25th October at 3.00pm**. Celebrant will be Rev Dr Michael Cullinan. Current regulations will be observed.

PLEASE BOOK 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 now face problems of not being able to accommodate all who wish to attend weekend Masses. Our Church is limited to 55 people, 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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:

Jame Farrell, Thomas Bowden, Rita Gill (24th), Mary Cooney (25th), George Rimmer, Fr George Steadman, Fr Stephen Wyatt, Fr William Loveland (29/10), Canon Thomas Bishop, Marie Smallwood (30/10), Canon Richard Gay, Terence Flood, John Morrall, Marie Flood (31/10), Thecla Floor, Denise Collett (1/11). **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.

RETOUVAILLE: 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

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 the 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

BRIGHT AND LIGHT PARTY “AT HOME”:

This annual party organised by Churches Together in Epping District (CTED) cannot go ahead this year but children can still celebrate all things bright and light. Pick up your free party bag from St John’s Church, Epping. **Thurs 29th October from 9am-5pm, Fri 30th October from 9am-5pm and Sat 31st October from 9am-4pm. Bags will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Suitable for ages 5-11.**