

YOU ARE WELCOME TO MASS & OUR CHURCH: If you are to attend Mass at a weekend, please inform Deacon Duncan or our Parish Office by 12 noon Saturday.

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
Monday 2nd ALL SOULS DAY: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
The Holy Souls 10.00am The Faithful Departed that they may see God face to face.

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Tullia Borelli RIP
St Martin de Pores, Religious
9.15am Holy Souls

Wednesday 4th 7.30pm St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
McGrath Family deceased RIP

Thursday 5th 9.15am Holy Souls

Friday 6th 9.15am Holy Souls

Saturday 7th 12 noon BAPTISM: Eloise Lee Meng Annabelle Porcher
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A **8th NOVEMBER 2020**

REMEMBRANCE DAY: We pray for all who died in the Great Wars & conflicts

Saturday 7th 6.00pm The People of our Parish

Sunday 8th 9.00am Ritchie Roche RIP Recently (Roche)

November 2020 11.00am Deceased of Two Great Wars & subsequent conflicts

BAPTISM 2.00pm Noel Brendan Whittaker

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

MASS READINGS: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS A **1st November 2020**

APOCALYPSE 7:2-14 I saw a huge number dressed in white robes, before the Lamb.

PSALM 23 Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1 JOHN 3:1-3 We shall be like him for we shall see God as he really is.

MATTHEW 5:1-12 Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.

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 £195.60 in church last weekend and £10 for Cafod. You can make online donations to our parish and to charities that our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER: During November, we remember and pray for our dead, especially those of our own family. We place the Register of our Dead at the Altar, and invite you to place the names of your dead at our Altar. Please use the form and envelopes provided in church. They will then be remembered and prayed for at all Masses in our Church during the month of November. **May they rest in peace.**

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS A

Sunday 1st November 2020

Dear Friends,

“We are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed. All we know is that when it is revealed we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is” (1 John 3:1-3). This part of St John’s letter is full of hope and often read at Baptism, for it expresses our relationship with God as his beloved children in this life, and our hope to be with him in eternal life. During the month of November, we remember, celebrate and pray for those who have gone before us from this life into eternal life and are now in the hands of God.

In the Creed, at Mass or in private, we say, “I believe in the communion of saints”. This expresses the fact that we, the members of the church on earth, are united and in communion with the church in heaven and the souls who are being purged on their way to God. This comforting aspect of our Christian faith tells us that death is not the end, but a new beginning in our relationship with God and with our loved ones to whom we have been close in this life. It is also central to what we celebrate and remember as we pray for those who have died in this month.

On the 1st November we celebrate the feast of All the Saints, who see God face to face in glory in heaven and have become like him. Some of the saints are members of our own family and community – good people who have lived their life in right relationship with God and others. Some saints were serious sinners, but with the help of God’s grace they repented and received the Lord’s forgiveness. They were not perfect people, as none of us are, but were “poor in spirit” for they knew their need of God and their dependence on him to be saved (Matthew 5:1-12). By grace, they humbled themselves as sinners before him, and by his grace they were saved.

On the 2nd November, All Souls Day, we pray for the “Souls in Purgatory”. Souls who are on their way into the presence of God. They still need to be cleansed or purged from the contamination of sin and the world, by being washed clean and clothed in with white, through the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Apocalypse 7). In Catholic tradition, we constantly pray for the dead. We pray at Mass: “Lord, remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face”(EP2). One day, on passing from this life, we may need the prayers of others, and so we pray for those who have gone before us that they may share in the glory of God. *May God bless & protect you. Fr John*

WE NEED MORE STEWARDS & USHERS IN OUR CHURCH for all Masses. This is a simple but necessary role to ensure we comply with regulations to keep people safe in church. If you can help on a rota basis, please contact our Parish Office at admin@eppingparish.plus.com or phone 01992 572516 or a note.

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/>

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 have problems in not being able to accommodate all who wish to attend weekend Masses. For social distance, our Church is limited to 55 people. Please let us know by 12 noon on Saturday, so that we can pick up messages and contact you if we have a numbers problem. Saturday 6pm & Sunday Mass at 11am are the most attended.

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 for yourself & others.

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>

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

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: May they rest in peace and rise in glory:
RECENTLY: MRS SHIRLEY STAUNTON RIP who died Tuesday, 27th October. Her funeral will be celebrated at Forest Park Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Terence Flood, John Morrall, Marie Flood, Canon Richard Gay, (31/10), Denise Collett, Thecla Floor(1/11), Dr Dermot Healy (2/11), Mary Darwin (5/11), Veronica Munday (6/11), Cardinal John Heenan (7/11), Gladys Saunders, Frances Richards, Fr William Philpott & Deacon Norman Wiseman (8/11).
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to and prayers for all who mourn at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to strengthen and console them.

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 and may they be supported by the prayers of God's people.

CHURCH HEATING: On Monday we gave a contract to a heating company in Bishop's Stortford to install a new heating system in our church. The present system was installed 18 years ago and now has problems. Some units are obsolete and not repairable, as parts are no longer available. The installation of a new system should be done at the end of November and may mean some inconvenience in the church.

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL, LOUGHTON: We urge parents whose children will start in Reception Class in Primary School in September 2021 to consider sending their child to St John Fisher School for a very good education in a Catholic school.

RETRouvaille: a programme for couples struggling in their marriages
Rediscover Your Marriage: Retrouvaille offers a chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and loving relationship in marriage. Tens of thousands of couples about to divorce have saved their marriage by joining and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover and re-awaken the love, commitment and trust that brought them together. It has saved many hurting marriages, with couples who had separated or divorced even reconciling. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for a 'Retrouvaille' programme starting with a Virtual weekend on **12 -15 Nov**, 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 on 7th November, 10am will reflect on the pain and problems of racism, and our potential 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. *“BCYS voices” will continue with a fresh speaker on YouTube on the first Saturday of each month 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