

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES FROM Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th March 2022		
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C		13th March 2022
Saturday 12 th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 13 th	9.00am	Private Intention (McAdam)
February 2022	11.00am	Roger Allardyce RIP Anniv (Allardyce) Live streamed
	12.30pm	Mass for first Holy Communion Children & their families
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross in Church
Monday 14 th	9.15am	Peggy McCabe's Intentions (Morris)
Tuesday 15 th	9.15am	Eileen Lennon RIP (Anniv)
Wed 16 th	12.30pm	Kathleen Pomeroy RIP REQUIEM MASS
Thursday 17 th		St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
	10.00am	Private Intention
	7.30pm	Deceased Parish Priests of Epping (McAdam)
Friday 18 th	12 noon	Ida Morris' Intentions (Morris)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross & Mass for Confirmation & Communion Catechists
Saturday 19 th		St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C		20th March 2022
Saturday 19 th	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 20 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
March 2022	11.00am	John Denis Keane RIP (Clohessy) Live streamed
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross in Church

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon and on request.

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GENESIS 15:5-18 God makes a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith

PSALM 26 The Lord is my light and my help, whom shall I fear

ROMANS 3:17-41 Christ will transfigure our wretched bodies into copies of his body

LUKE 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed - transfigured

DIocese of Brentwood WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net//>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster/

Daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea: <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

St Joseph English Martyrs Bishops Stortford www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford/

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, £165.50 in envelopes, £240.20 in loose plate and £10 for CAFOD on Sunday 6th March. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House and for charities our Parish supports via www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY was last Friday. We identify with peoples in the developing nations and have our retiring collection at all Masses for CAFOD THIS weekend.

PASTORAL VISIT & CONFIRMATION: Bishop Alan will make a Pastoral Visit to our Parish on Wednesday, 23rd March, and celebrate Confirmation at Mass at 7.30pm.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

13th March 2022

Dear friends and Parishioners,

A voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him' (Luke 9:28-36). Jesus took Peter, James and John to the mountain to pray. When he was in prayer to God his Father, his face was changed and he was transfigured before them. Moses the lawgiver, and Elijah the prophet who was to return again, appeared to him and spoke with him. His Transfiguration in glory on that mountain was to strengthen him to climb the other mountain of Calvary, on which he would be glorified on the Cross. There, in sacrificing his life on the Cross, he would give himself up in love for sinful men and women and be glorified. Jesus experience and vision of God's glory, with the two great personalities of the Old Testament was also to strengthen his apostles and show them that he was the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets and was to help them prepare for his suffering and death, about which he spoke to them.

Lent is the season in which we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, by sharing with Christ in his temptations and fasting in the desert, and to be ready to enter into his sufferings and death on the Cross. By going into the desert with him we are purified and graced for our mission in life – a unique mission that God gives to each one of us. By going up to his Father in prayer we are changed and the circumstances in which we live and labour are changed. By listening to and being led by his Word as "The Beloved Son" we are strengthened in facing the difficulties and sufferings of life. It is by going through these steps, we come to share in the glory of his resurrection and new life at Easter. What we intended to do for Lent and what we may be doing now could be quite different. If we have slipped up already in our Lent resolutions, we should not give up. Let us start again and not let our failures, big or small, decide how we go on.

We will welcome Bishop Alan, our Bishop on a Pastoral Visit to our parish on Wednesday, 23rd March, when he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young parishioners at evening Mass. We pray for all who have been preparing for Confirmation and the Sacraments in our Parish at this time. May the Lord strengthen them, and all of us, with his Spirit and lead us in our faith journey with a stronger a faith, greater hope and deeper love.

May Christ bless and strengthen you in your Lent journey with him. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR MRS KATHLEEN POMEROY RIP who died on Tuesday, 15th February. She will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass on **Wednesday 16th March at 12.30pm**, followed by a committal at Forest Park Crematorium. *May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to her family and all who mourn at this time, that the Lord may send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.*

UKRAINE APPEAL: We thank everyone for the £700, you gave so generous for the Ukraine appeal last weekend and in the week. We are still open to receive donations of money for Ukraine, which will be sent to CAFOD for the Disasters Emergency Committee. Donations of goods can be made at the Hub in the Epping Forest Council Offices in the High Street until this Sunday.

CHOIR & MUSIC: We restart our choir, initially on a once a month basis at 11am Mass **THIS Sunday, 13th March**. If you would like to join, and we would love you to join, please contact Michele Garwood or Fr John at the Priest's House.

JOURNEY IN FAITH TALKS for adults who wish to understand our faith, or who are not Catholic but come to Mass, or want to support the faith of family members, or become Catholic to talks on the Catholic Faith or wish to return to the practice of their faith, or receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. Our next session will be on **Wednesday from 8 to 9pm in the Priest's House**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Meeting for Parents on **Wednesday 16th March** at 8pm. No meeting for children this Wednesday.

COVID REGULATIONS: To keep safe **we wear face coverings in church, but it is individual choice.** If you display any symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:
May Lord heal & comfort them with power of his Spirit.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Conlan, Margaret Cannon (12/3), Millicent Wood, David Marlin (12/3), Fr William Luby (13/3), Vera Docherty, Muriel Mulligan (16/3), Edward Palmer, Hannah Smith (17/3), Elizabeth O'Halloran, Fr Donal Donegan (18/3), June Fitzpatrick (19/3), Fredrick Fenton, Patricia Scull, Fr Jim Jones, Fr Sidney Williams (20/3). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

EASTER LILIES: As in previous years, we offer parishioners the opportunity to remember deceased relatives and friends at Easter by displaying lilies in the church flower arrangements. It is suggested a donation of £3 is made for each lily. Please put your donation into an envelope, clearly marked 'Easter Lily in memory of "....."' and either put it in the Offertory collection or through the Presbytery letter box. If you are a tax payer you can Gift Aid your donation by using the red Special Donations envelope in the Church, or use one of the special envelopes in your box.

LENT MASSES: On the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm we offer Mass for:
18th March: Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist
25th March: Parish Council and Finance Committee

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT on **Saturday 26th March** at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Six people per table maximum. £5 for adults, under 18's free (pay on the night). Please contact Emma on 07791 235929 to book your place.

LENT LUNCHES: A chance to meet friends and support local charities. Each Saturday in Lent one of the Churches in Epping offers a simple lunch **from 12.30pm to 2pm**. Everyone is welcome! The next Lent Lunch will be held at **12.30pm on Saturday 19th March at Epping Green Chapel, Epping Green**.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT: Peter Arthy, our parishioner, will sleepout on the night of **8th to the morning of 9th April**. He will raise money for Epping Foodbank, our local charity. He needs sponsors and would greatly appreciate parishioners' support of. If you wish to donate, please speak directly to Peter or our Parish Office

REPOSITORY: Janet Abbot has kindly managed our Repository, religious goods and card stall, in the church porch, for very many years. There are cards for every occasion and some lovely religious goods. We now need some more helpers to open it after weekend Masses. Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office if you can help.

LENT READINGS: The Scripture readings for Lent are rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

EPHING FOREST FOODBANK urgently needs: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned instant mash potatoes, long life milk, small jars of coffee, chocolate spread, snack bars, chocolate bars, small/medium bags of rice, savoury crackers, sponge puddings, shampoo, soap, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), deodorant, reusable face masks, laundry tablets. **If you know of any people or families in need of help at this time, please contact Fr John or our Parish SVP.**

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Alan will lead the Brentwood pilgrimage to Lourdes from **24th - 29th July**. A time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and share this religious experience. Phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623 for details. You can book at: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood

HARLOW SINGERS: Pies, Peas & Pancakes Concert THIS Sunday, 13 March March 3.30pm at Potter Street Baptist Church, 98 Potter Street, Harlow CM17 9AW. Free Admission - retiring collection. For more information please contact the Harlow Singers on telephone 07870 882934.

Our church is open daily from 8am to 7pm for people to visit & pray.