

Times OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th June 2022		
PENTECOST SUNDAY C DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH 5th June 2022		
Saturday 4 th	9.30am	Private intention
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Matthias McGrath RIP
Sunday 5 th	9.00am	Private Intention
June 2022	11.00am	People of our Parish
Ordinary Time Week 10 - Lectionary Readings: Weekdays Year 2 - Sundays Year C		
Monday 6 th	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
	9.15am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 7 th	11.00am	Michael (Tommy) Holmes RIP - Requiem Mass
Wednesday 8 th	12 noon	Holy Souls
Thursday 9 th	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	
	9.15am	Holy Souls
Friday 10 th	12 noon	Grace Angela Kelly RIP - Requiem Mass
Saturday 11 th	St Barnabas, Apostle	
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 12th June 2022		
Saturday 11 th	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 12 th	9.00am	The People of our Parish
June 2022	11.00am	Private intention in Thanksgiving

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

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/

PENTECOST SUNDAY C READINGS MASS BOOK PAGE 294 5th June 2022

ACTS 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit began to speak foreign languages

PSALM 103 Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

1CORINTHIANS 12:3-13 In the one Spirit we were all baptized, the one Spirit was given

SEQUENCE: Holy Spirit, Lord of light, Thy pure beaming radiance give

JOHN 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

OFFERINGS: Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and in envelopes on Sunday 29th May, £82, loose £139.43, for CAFOD £10. You can give in donations to the Priest's House and for charities our parish supports at:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

COVID REGULATIONS: Please sanitise your hands as you enter & leave church. Wearing a face covering in church helps prevent the spread of Covid and keep safe.

EASTER DUTIES: In Catholic tradition we have the privilege and duty to receive Holy Communion, and if necessary, have our sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance to receive Holy Communion, between Ash Wednesday & Trinity Sunday.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY C 5th June 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth”, we often say in response to Psalm 103. The Book of Genesis (Ch.1v2) tells us “There was darkness over the deep and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters”. When God spoke, the power of his Spirit worked and there was a new creation. When mankind sinned after being tempted by an evil spirit, people rejected the Spirit of God and cast him out of their lives. Through Christ, the Word of God who speaks to us, the Holy Spirit comes to people and there is a new creation as mankind’s relationship with God is purified, restored and sanctified.

A consequence of sin in the Old Testament was a break in people’s relationship with God, and one another. Because of a break in relationship with God, Adam and Eve and their offspring could no longer be at home with God in the Garden of Eden. Having sinned and rebelled against God, personal relationships between people were also fragmented and they could no longer understand each other or work together in building the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9).

Jesus, the Saviour of the world, by sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, brings about restoration of relationship between people and God, and heals divisions between peoples of different nations, races and languages. The coming of the Holy Spirit, which touched the lives of so many in Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday, enabled them to understand each other and overcome their differences through the language of love, reconciliation and forgiveness (Acts 2:1-11).

Jesus breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain they are retained’ (Jn.20:19-23). Jesus gives us his Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation, but through the power of his Spirit we are able to repent of our sins and receive God’s forgiveness. Through the ministry of bishops and priests, the Spirit of God brings people forgiveness from sin and reconciliation with God and one another. That is why it is so important for people to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Penance or Reconciliation. The Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, makes us holy and offers up to God the prayer we need to offer, but feel incapable of making (Romans 8:22-27). The Holy Spirit, lives in our heart, forgives us, heals us and sustains our relationship with God and one another.

May the Holy Spirit of wisdom and love be with you today and always. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

MICHAEL (TOMMY) HOLMES RIP who died on Thursday 5th May, will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass on **Tuesday, 7 June at 11am**, followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May he rest in peace.**

GRACE KELLY RIP who died on 5th May, will be received into our church at **4.30pm** on Thursday, **9 June**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **12noon** on **Friday**, followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

ELIZABETH O'CONNOR RIP who died on Thursday 19th May, will be received into our church for the celebration of her Funeral Service on **Tuesday 14th June at 1pm** followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to all their families and all who mourn at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and fill them with the hope and joy of new life through his resurrection.

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion children:- Jack, Enda, Luca, James, Aoife, Molly, Oliver, Christopher, Blaise, Frederick, Grace, Stefan, Gabriella, Aine, Ronan, Evelyn, Heidi, Diego, Ronnie, Mia, Isla, Thomas, Elizabeth, Victor, Brayden, Cristian, Isabella, Tallulah & Teddy and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time. **Their Presentation Mass and presenting of First Holy Communion Certificates will be on Sunday next, 12th June at 11am. Please attend another Mass next weekend if your child is not involved in this Mass.**

FACEBOOK GROUP: James Ryan manages and monitors our parish Facebook Group., posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. To join go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

ALTAR SERVERS: We invite adults, young people or children to serve Mass. We ask children who received first Holy Communion in recent times to consider serving the Lord at Mass. Please contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to serve

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:
Lord, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit down upon all who are ill at home, in hospital or care homes. Free them from every ill of mind, body and spirit. Let them know your presence and be touched by your healing power, working in and through all who care for them. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Hayward, Theresa Knott (4/6), John Harris (5/6), Frederick Halford, Elaine Mannion, Amy O'Day (7/6), Hilda Silver, Roger Hayward, Edward Abbott, Fr Edmund Tyler (8/6), Joanna Curell, Henry Gallagher, Penelope North, (9/6), Fr Gerard Butcher (10/6), Anne Cleverly, Margaret Stubbs, Fr Thomas Crowe (11/6), Fr John Gallagher, Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson (12/6). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

REPOSITORY – RELIGIOUS GOODS stall in our church porch is open after the Masses and has suitable gifts for first Holy Communion children, like rosaries, icons, cards and mementos. Goods can also be obtained on request at other times.

CHURCH ORGAN: Our church organ has now been repaired with a lot of renewal work done and is now fully working, at an overall cost of around £2,000.

PRAYER FOR THE COMING THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN ON HER PLATINUM JUBILEE

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, and that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil, and being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS to DEACON DUNCAN who celebrated the 30th anniversary of his Ordination as a Permanent Deacon on Monday, 30th May. Our thanks for all his work and service in our Parish over the past 30 years.

CONGRATULATIONS to ELAINA CREHAN & FU-WAH KWON who married in in our church on Thursday, 2nd June. We wish them a greatly blessed, long and very happy marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS to MARY VINE-MORRIS, our parishioner, on being awarded an MBE by the Queen in the honours list for her services to education.

CONGRATULATIONS to DEREK WHITBREAD on being awarded the BEM medal for services to the community and manager of Epping Fire & Rescue Station.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: The Bishops of England & Wales ask Catholics to return to Sunday Mass from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June. Many have already done so, but we miss some who were active in our community, prior to the lockdowns. We hope and invite them to return to Mass on Sundays with us, to receive the Lord's Word in the Scriptures and the Bread of Life in Holy Communion. As a general rule, if we are able to go shopping or socialising, we should be able to go to Mass.

GIFT AID: Please let Michele Murphy know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2021/22. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK:

On **Saturday 18 June** from **11 am** Fr Gerard Bradley, a parish priest in Southwark, who taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will lead a study day entitled '*Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace*'. This free live streamed talk will be on www.whatgoodnews.org Recording will be made available subsequently at www.whatgoodnews.org

EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK – the foodbank still requires the usual goods.

FLOWER ARRANGERS: we are appealing for flower arrangers for our church.