

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
28th and 29th May 2016

Saturday 28th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Intentions of Tom Steele
Sunday 29th	9 a.m.	Barbara Vitoria RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 30th May 2016

Monday 30th Bank Holiday	10 a.m.	Ciaran Freeman
Tuesday 31st	9 a.m.	Nancy Allen RIP
Wednesday 1st June	9 a.m.	Michael Walsh RIP
Thursday 2nd	9 a.m.	Betty Bere RIP
Friday 3rd Feast of the Sacred Heart	9 a.m.	Jim Sullivan RIP
Saturday 4th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Mary Hayter RIP
Sunday 5th	9 a.m.	Tullia Borelli RIP
	11 a.m.	People of Parish

Morning Prayer will be said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy, Daphne McAdam, Catherine Steel, Ann Dowd, Veronica Beard, Ann Davis, Malcolm Silver and Roger Minnis.

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	293.50
	Offertory Loose Change	300.32
	CAFOD	40.07
	Standing Orders April/May	2832.34



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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

29th May 2016

Dear friends,

two great feasts of our Lord occur this week. Today we observe the feast of his Body and Blood or Corpus Christi: on Friday next we celebrate the Sacred Heart. Today's celebration expresses our Catholic belief in the real presence of our Lord's Body and Blood in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist. A light burns constantly next to the tabernacle to signify that the Lord dwells within and we genuflect in reverence before the tabernacle to give bodily expression to our belief. I have always tried to ensure that our church here in Epping is kept open daily from dawn to dusk to enable people to pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament whenever they wish to. We read in St John's gospel that: the Lord is here and he is calling you. Time spent quietly in his presence is time well spent.

The cataract procedure on my left eye was very successful last week. The other eye will be treated on June 9th. Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. Sight is a precious gift and we must never take it for granted.

Last weekend, on the occasion of her 80th birthday celebration, the papal award of the Bene Merenti medal was presented to Dorothy Whitehouse, much to her great surprise. It is due acknowledgement of her untiring good work in the service of the Church.

God bless you always,

Fr James

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HALL MANAGEMENT MEETING will take place in the Cry Chapel on Thursday 9th June at 8pm. Anyone interested may just turn up and will be assured of a warm welcome.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN HISTORY SOCIETY LIBRARY: The Brentwood Diocesan History Society (Essex Recusant Society) has a well-stocked library situated at Cathedral House, Brentwood. However, gifts of books are always welcome in the following areas: (1) English Catholic History (national and local, including church guides, parish histories, biographies, religious orders, schools); (2) Essex and East London (history, geography, economy, the arts etc.). If you would like to donate any books to the library please contact Father Stewart Foster, Diocesan Archivist, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT. Tel. 01277 265238; email

MISSIO RED COLLECTING BOXES FOR APE

Regrettably, Moira Vallance has indicated that she cannot continue as our Parish Organiser for Missio Red Collecting Boxes (for the Catholic Missions). We thank her for her time and effort in carrying out this task during the last year. We are grateful to Brendan Carden, who has agreed to take on the role. We need to count the money collected during the last six months and box-holders are asked now please to bring their boxes to the sacristy or presbytery for counting. Please do not leave them in the porch. If you are already a new box-holder, please make sure that your name and address are shown on the box label When the money has been counted, the boxes will be placed in the church porch for collection by the box-holders. If there are other parishioners who would like to join the team in this valuable Christian charity, please contact Deacon Duncan , who will explain the simplicity of what is involved. **Thanks to the 15 current box-holders for their continued support,**

NAME BADGE WEEKEND: Whether you are new to the parish or were born in Epping, it is difficult to know everyone you meet at Mass (though Fr James seems to manage it!)

If you would like to be able to greet more people by name, there will be an opportunity to wear a name badge at Mass on the weekend of 11 and 12 June. Labels and pens will be provided.

Coffee will be served in the hall after 9am Mass, as well as 11am, and, if you want to meet more fellow parishioners in the hall after 6pm Saturday Mass, a glass of wine!

GIFT AID END YEAR TAX LETTERS: End year letters have been posted out, to those who have requested one, detailing the amount gift aided for the year 2015/16. Please inform Margaret Lechley if you still require one.

ASCOT DAY LUNCHEON: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and HCPT are hosting a Ladies' Ascot Day Luncheon on Friday 17th June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot week. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £23.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee, served in our own private dining room. Places are limited so in order to avoid disappointment we would encourage you to book early. Please contact Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

ST MARK'S 50 YEARS REUNION : Former pupils and staff of St Mark's are warmly invited to the school on Friday 1 July to celebrate it's 50th anniversary. 5.30pm: Mass. 6.30pm-8pm: Light refreshments and tours of the school. To help with planning of seating and catering, please let us know of your intention to attend via (01279) 421267 OR emailing Admin@st-marks.essex.sch.uk For the attention of Mel Gunn.

QUIZ NIGHT PRESENTED BY GIRL GUIDING: On Saturday, 25th June at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start in Stonards Hill Scout Hut - £5. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Further information and tickets contact Teresa - telgirl@gmail.com or text on 07973336037.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - Prudential Ride London 100 Sunday 31st July 2016 : The closing date for entries for this Olympic legacy 100 mile cycling event is **Wednesday 25th May 2016.** If you would like to be considered for one of our places, can commit to raising a minimum of £600 (excluding Gift Aid) and are willing to pay a £50 registration fee, please contact Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk for an information pack.

CARITAS ANCHOR HOUSE: Caritas Anchor House, an East London-based homeless and social action charity who offer a residential and life-skills centre for single homeless adults and act as a community empowerment hub in the local area. They currently have exciting opportunities for compassionate, enthusiastic and hard-working individuals to come and work as part time **Receptionists** in their Customer Services Team. As a member of the team, you will be making sure that every resident, staff member and visitor has a great experience whilst at Caritas Anchor House.

Closing date: 12 noon on Monday, 13th June 2016

To apply: Please send your **CV and a supporting statement outlining your suitability for the role addressing the criteria in the job description** to Viki Dobos, Organisational Architect at v.dobos@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Fr James or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.