

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
11th and 12th June 2016

Saturday 11th 6 p.m. Mary Artemis RIP
(Vigil Mass)
Sunday 12th 9 a.m. Tullia Borelli RIP
 11 a.m. People of Parish

Week Commencing 13th June 2016

Monday 13th 9 a.m. David Clancy RIP
Tuesday 14th 9 a.m. Clare Steel's Intentions
Wednesday 15th 9 a.m. Diane Harrington RIP
Thursday 16th 9 a.m. Mary Keating RIP
Friday 17th 9 a.m. Special Intention (M.C)
Saturday 18th 6 p.m. Canny Family deceased
(Vigil Mass)
Sunday 19th 9 a.m. Mary Artemis 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.

OFFERINGS (£): Offertory Envelopes 329.00
 Offertory Loose Change 300.46
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th June 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At his best, King David (1st Reading) was generous and devoted, loving and warm-hearted, but his whole reign was tarnished by his adultery and the murder he arranged to hide it...but when he was finally found out, he repented. This theme of sin and forgiveness connects the 1st Reading with today's Gospel. The woman described in the Gospel as 'having a bad name in the town' came to Jesus and displayed her sorrow for her sins in the dramatic way of washing his feet with her tears.

King David had repented because he was found out, whereas the woman with a bad name made a conscious and free decision to admit her guilt and ask for forgiveness. Both were forgiven by God.

How often do we stop to think of the ways in which we offend God by sinning? Do we travel our road of life with frequent reflection on the sins we commit before God (large and small) and ask God's help to correct them? Or do we fall into the trap of thinking that the way in which we lead our lives is absolutely normal in today's world and acceptable to God and that we are 'doing our best to lead good lives in the circumstances'?

Whether we sin in a major way (mortal sin) or in a minor way (venial sin), we can be sure that our loving and merciful God is ready and eager to help us to 'break the habit'. But this will require a major commitment on our part.

May God bless us all as we struggle to please him at all times and in all ways.

We wish Fr James a speedy recovery to good health after his recent surgery.

God bless

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TODAY IS NAME BADGE DAY!!

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 Masses this weekend.

Labels and pens are in the benches.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Clark, who was baptised last weekend.

REFERENDUM MEETING. There will be a 'hustings' meeting to hear views about the upcoming Referendum in St John's Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th June. Details are on the new Notice Board. Everyone welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the presbytery at 8pm next Wednesday 28 June. Our meetings are open to all parishioners and you will be made very welcome if you wish to attend. If you have an item that you would like us to discuss, please send it to the chairman at parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk.

Spirituality of Walsingham Weekend for Young Women Fri 17th – Sun 19th June 2016 :

Young women wanting to deepen their faith and learn more about the spirituality of Walsingham are invited to join the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at our main base at Abbotswick, Brentwood, for a retreat weekend.

Join the community for Mass, the Divine Office, Eucharistic Adoration and talks over the course of the weekend. Possibility of a day trip to Walsingham on the Saturday.

Cost : £20 per day depending on means.

For more information please visit our website www.walsinghamcommunity.org or phone Sr Theresa on tel. 01277 373848.

'Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd June 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Epping St John's School Year 8 Worship Experience – Friday 17th June – volunteers needed 9am-11am

The annual Year 8 Worship Experience will be taking place this year on Friday 17th June in St John's Church. During this event, arranged by the Chaplaincy Team at Epping St John's School, 180 students aged 12-13 years will be visiting St John's Church for the morning to take part in the 'Worship Labyrinth', a series of approx 20 stations with interactive activities lasting 3 mins each that encourages them to think about the world, their place in it, God's promises in the Bible and what they believe. They will then take part in a short time of collective worship.

We need approx 30 adult volunteers from across the churches to help us run this event. We need people who are prepared to follow simple instructions to facilitate groups of 7-8 students to take part in one of the 3 min interactive activities. This will need to be repeated for each group of students over about 1 hour 15 mins. You will need to be able to arrive in church by 9am on the Friday and be able to stay until 11am (or maybe 11:15 if things overrun slightly).

Please contact **Alison Dolan on 07855 958 653** or email at alisonandtim@theboxepping.org.uk if you can help.

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.

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.