

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
18th and 19th June 2016

Saturday 18th (Vigil Mass) 6 p.m. Canny Family deceased
Sunday 19th 9 a.m. Mary Artemis RIP
11 a.m. People of Parish

Week Commencing 20th June 2016

Monday 20th 9 a.m. Betty Bere RIP
Tuesday 21st 9 a.m. Jim Sullivan RIP
Wednesday 22nd 9 a.m. Frederick Dowson RIP
Thursday 23rd 9 a.m. Special Intention (M.C.)
Friday 24th 9 a.m. Intentions of Donor
St John the Baptist
Saturday 25th (Vigil Mass) 6 p.m. Derek Wells RIP
Sunday 26th 9 a.m. People of parish
11 a.m. Kitty Edwards RIP

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	198.00
	Offertory Loose Change	244.93
	CAFOD	60.09

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th June 2016

Dear friends

the opening prayer of today's Mass is a petition that we may always revere and love God's holy name. More than ever there is an urgency about its plea since profanation of the divine name is all too common. The names of God the Father and of Christ his Son are used as sacrilegious expletives on a daily basis in the media. In the gospel Jesus asks: *who do the people say that I am?* Then he goes on to ask: *who do you say that I am?* That is a very personal question and we must take great care to answer it with faith and love. Jesus is for us both Lord and Saviour and his name should not simply remain on our lips but be deeply embedded in our hearts and minds. We should use frequently the simple but lovely invocation known as the **Jesus Prayer: Lord Jesus have mercy on me.**

My recent cataract procedures have been very successful. I have now dispensed with glasses and am able to read even very small print with ease. Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes.

Do take the trouble to vote in next Thursday's referendum. The democratic process is a precious gift in our society and should not be taken for granted. I shall be voting to remain within the E.U.

God bless you always

Fr James

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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.

ECCA SUMMER CONCERT: Eccla are holding their Summer Concert on 9th July at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Epping. Programme includes "Captain Noah and his floating zoo" by Flanders/Horvitz, Mass in C by Schubert, and pieces by Rutter, Vaughan Williams, Stanford and Quilter. Admission is free but there is a programme charge of £2.50 to offset expenses. Interval refreshments. Please support us. Fr. James, who has been our president many times, has always supported us and it will be our last concert that he is able to attend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mrs Pam Rooney. May she rest in peace.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 14 to Friday 19 August. It is not too late to join us. From £639 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £419 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. For more information or for a brochure, please phone Cathy O'Connor: (01206) 501146.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX will take place this month on Sunday 26th June 2016, 7.30pm to 9.00pm. This month we will have with us the young people's music group from Brentwood Cathedral to lead us. They are a very gifted group so do try and join us that evening. Everyone is welcome.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a full time Teacher MPS/UPS and Class Assistants from September to work with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email us at office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. Applications close 5pm on Friday 1st July. St John's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Reuben Murphy-Zaleski.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: Application forms are now available and should be returned by 31st July 2016

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REVIEW 2016: We were delighted with the positive response to Deacon Duncan's recent talk on the Offertory and, in particular, the Gift Aid Scheme. A gentle reminder to those of you who indicated that you would like to join the Scheme but have not yet done so: ***please can you complete and return your Gift Aid Declaration and/or your Standing Order form as soon as possible.*** If you would like to know more about the Gift Aid Scheme then please contact Mrs Margaret Lechley on telephone 01992 812935. Many thanks again for your generosity.

MISSIO – A.P.F. Boxes. Would all **box-holders please return their boxes for counting** by 8th July. When emptied, the boxes will be left in the church porch for collection, with labels showing to whom they belong and recording the cash collected in each box. **This is a good time to thank all those (15 parishioners) who have Missio Red Boxes in their homes...** what you collect over the months helps to train and feed Mill Hill Missionaries for work in the deprived parts of the world. **IT'S A VERY GOOD CAUSE!!** If there are other parishioners who would like a Red Box (**No door-to-door collections involved. Just put your small change in the box when the Holy Spirit nudges you!!**), please give our Parish Organiser, Brendan Carden a ring on 0798 3947505 and he will be delighted to allocate a box for you; these are usually handed-in during January and June each year for counting. **Why not join this friendly and very worthwhile team?**

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who entered so enthusiastically into our NAME BADGE DAY last weekend. About 90 parishioners from the three Masses went to the Church Hall for refreshments and a chat and many made some new friends. We will do it again next year!!

MARTYRS' WALK: Sunday 26th June 2016. Meet at 1.30pm for 2pm start at St Sepulchre's Churchyard (opposite the Old Bailey). Nearest tube station is St Paul's. From there the route will be along the Tyburn Way to St Anslem's & St Cecilia's Church, St Giles-in-the-Fields, St Patrick's Soho Square and then on to Tyburn Convent for Confession, Benediction and a reception given by the Tyburn Nuns. The walk will last approximately two and a half hours. Some historical talks will be given along the way. Please wear comfortable shoes and suitable clothes for whatever the weather! Fr Nicoletti Miles Jesu will lead the prayers.

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.