

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**25th and 26th June 2016**

Saturday 25th                    6 p.m.    Derek Wells RIP  
(Vigil Mass)

Sunday 26th                    9 a.m.    People of parish  
   11 a.m.    Kitty Edwards RIP

**Week Commencing 27th June 2016**

Monday 27th                    9 a.m.    Rita Crehan RIP

Tuesday 28th                   9 a.m.    Sr Marie Scannell RIP

Wednesday 29th              10 a.m.   People of Parish  
**Saints Peter & Paul**        8 p.m.    Thanksgiving (M.B)

Thursday 30th                 9 a.m.    Jim Sullivan RIP

Friday 1st July                9 a.m.    Betty Bere RIP

Saturday 2nd                    6 p.m.    Margaret O'Regan RIP  
(Vigil Mass)

Sunday 3rd                     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.

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**OFFERINGS (£):**    Offertory Envelopes            235.50  
                                 Offertory Loose Change        301.61  
                                 CAFOD                                40.40  
                                 Standing Orders May/June    2804.14



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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    26th June 2016**

Dear friends,

Earlier this month the nation came together to give thanks for the Queen's 90th birthday. Last week the country was shocked by the brutal murder of the M.P. Jo Cox. In these two very different women we see fine examples of what it is to be committed. The Queen, during a reign of sixty four years, has been unswerving in the duties of her high office. Mrs Cox crammed into her all too brief life a passion for social justice as well as dedication to her own family. Commitment in whatever walk of life demands **perseverance** and **sacrifice**. Those who show commitment to their calling do not give up when the going gets tough.

Today's gospel is all about commitment. Jesus reminds us that the cost of discipleship is very high and he does not water down the demands on those who would follow his example. Those without a sense of commitment have no scruple about flitting from one thing to another, changing jobs at a whim. The committed can be relied on to stay the course. Marriage requires commitment: so does priesthood. The vocations of nursing and teaching are at their best when those involved think not in terms of a career but rather in service to the common good.

Wednesday next is the solemn feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It is a holy day of obligation and we don't have very many of those these days. The Masses here will be at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

God bless you all

**Fr James**

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

**WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE SOLEMN HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:**  
Mass at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

**ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING:** A course of three sessions for new altar servers will be held in church 5pm to 6pm beginning on Friday 1st July. Boys and girls who made their first Holy Communion recently are encouraged to come along.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

**Course for young Roman Catholic Choristers at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**  
Booking deadline 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Price £75 (non residential). Bursaries are available. This three day course is designed especially for Roman Catholic children and is ideal for serving parish choir members as well as for young singers who might be preparing to join a cathedral choir. The course covers Choir-training, formation, vocal techniques, musical literacy and contextual understanding which will be achieved through preparing the music for the cathedral liturgy which closes each day of the course.  
Book on line [www.rscm.com/courses](http://www.rscm.com/courses).

**PARISH HALL HIRE:** Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573 633 or mobile 0776 440 4813 for more information.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the presbytery at 8pm this coming Tuesday 28th 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 the chairman at [parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk).

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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?**

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stanford-le-Hope, has a vacancy for a Headteacher, January 2017. Our recent Ofsted Inspection report states 'Children's attitudes to learning are very good. They arrive each day full of curiosity to see what interesting activities staff have ready for them.' Our aspiration is to be an outstanding school with an outstanding Headteacher. Applications from a practising Catholic welcome, please contact Karen Mount, KJM Governor Services, Tel: 07718 478306 or Email: [kjmgovservices@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kjmgovservices@hotmail.co.uk) for more information. *We are committed to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and enhanced DBS checks.*

**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.