

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**2nd and 3rd July 2016**

Saturday 2nd (Vigil Mass) 6 p.m. Margaret O'Regan RIP  
 Sunday 3rd 9 a.m. Tullia Borelli RIP  
 11 a.m. People of Parish

**Week Commencing 4th July 2016**

Monday 4th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.  
 Tuesday 5th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.  
 Wednesday 6th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.  
 Thursday 7th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.  
 Friday 8th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.  
 Saturday 8th (Vigil Mass) 6 p.m. Holy Souls  
 Sunday 9th 9 a.m. Tullia Borelli RIP  
 11 a.m. People of Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 a.m. Service.

**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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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd July 2016**

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Fr James on the evening of 29th June 2016. After his wonderful life of service to so many, (celebrated in style by our parish on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of his ordination in December 2014), he will be greatly missed by so many clergy and laity alike. We will particularly miss his helpful, scintillating homilies and his loving care for those in special difficulty.

Our prayers go out for John Hawes, Fr James' brother, to his close priest-friends Canon John McGrath and Fr Michael Butler, and his fellow-priests in Australia, Mgr Michael Keating and Mgr Peter Kenny. Also, we grieve with his past parishioners of the last 50 years, all of whom will doubtless hold him in great affection.

We thank Bishop Alan for coming to celebrate all three Masses with us this weekend and express our love for him and offer our best wishes for his future leadership in our diocese.

As we all know, Fr James was to have retired to Leigh-on-Sea after Mass on 24th July 2016. Unfortunately, his plans have taken an unexpected course, but we were delighted to receive the news on Friday that Canon John McGrath, or Fr John as he prefers to be called, will be joining us as Parish Priest on the first week of September 2016.

Fr John, a native of County Clare, has been a close friend of Fr James for over 40 years. He comes to us from Billericay parish, where he has been Parish Priest for 12 years, following 10 years at Leigh-on-Sea. He brings with him a wealth of pastoral experience and a wry sense of humour (Fr James' words!). We will welcome him with enthusiasm, as he leads us at his first Masses in the parish on the weekend of 3rd/4th September.

Please pray for the repose of Fr James' soul.

Please pray for Canon John McGrath, as he prepares to join us in Epping.

God bless you all. ***Deacon Duncan***

**Parish Priest:** Vacant until 1st September **Tel: 01992 572516**  
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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17:** Application forms are now available and should be returned by 31st July 2016.

**ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING:** A course of three sessions for new altar servers will be held in church 5pm to 6pm began on Friday 1st July. Boys and girls who made their first Holy Communion recently are encouraged to come along. It's not too late to join the group if you missed last Friday's session.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS:**

Please will the above collect their new rotas from the post box in the church porch – thank you.

**ECCA SUMMER CONCERT:** Epping Church Choirs Association is holding its Summer Concert on 9th July at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Epping. The 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.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** We are now inviting anyone who would like to know more about our wonderful Catholic Faith, with a view to possibly joining our community at Easter 2017, to give their name to Deacon Duncan. A series of meetings is proposed, starting in September/October, under the banner of ‘JOURNEY IN FAITH’, which will interest existing Christians, those from other faiths, or those who have no previous faith-experience. **AN INFORMATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERY ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 8.00pm**, at which dates and times of future meetings will be agreed. Everyone will be most welcome.

**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.

**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.

**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 Missio 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?**

**NOTICE of MARRIAGE.** Attention is drawn to the notice of a proposed Marriage in Columbia, which is displayed on the noticeboard in the Church Porch.

**FOOD CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA** Facing its worse drought in 30 years, Ethiopia has 10 million people, including more than 400,000 children who are suffering malnutrition, who urgently need food and water. There has not been a harvest for two years. Parishioners will be pleased to know that we have sent £1500 from the parish Charity Fund to help these poor people in their time of need. Please pray for them.

**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 Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.