

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: Application forms are now available and should be returned by NEXT WEEKEND—31st July—at the latest. There will be a meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion children on **Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall**

MALCOLM SILVER RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Malcolm Silver, who died last week after a protracted illness, and for Hilda his wife and their family. The Funeral Communion Service will be held on Tuesday 26th July at 11am with burial at Greenacres, North Weald.

THANK YOU FROM JOHN HAWES (Fr James' brother)

John Hawes has expressed sincere thanks to all parishioners for the Mass cards, good wishes, kind words and condolences following Fr James' death. He has arranged for a Holy Mass to be said, in Epping, for the people of the parish on Sunday 31st July, which would have been the first Sunday of Fr James' retirement.

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 6th SEPTEMBER AT 8.00pm,** at which dates and times of future meetings will be agreed. Everyone will be most welcome.

NOTICES AND ITEMS ON PARISH WEBSITE:

www.eppingcatholicchurch.org.uk

On the website, you will find in the Notices section on the News page an *In Memoriam* by Fr Stewart Foster, and a copy of the speech given by the Parish Council chairman on the occasion of Fr James' Jubilee celebration in December 2014.

CANCELLED RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR JAMES.

Just for the avoidance of doubt, the party planned for this weekend after the 11am Mass will not now take place. Many thanks for those who kindly offered to help with sandwiches etc. There are 30 bottles of Prosecco sparkling wine which are surplus to requirements from the Brentwood Reception on Tuesday. These are being sold @ £5 per bottle; cases of 6 bottles available. Contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173)..... First come, first served!!

JIM SULLIVAN (RIP): Betty, wife of the late Jim Sullivan RIP, would like to sincerely thank all those who have had Masses offered for her late husband.

WHEELCHAIR: We now have a wheelchair for use during services by parishioners and visitors. The wheelchair will be stored under the stairs to the choir loft.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS:

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

ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION OF FR JAMES' RETIREMENT FUND: If you have already responded to the letter enclosed in last week's newsletter regarding the re-allocation of the Retirement Fund, thank you! If you have yet to do that, you may now reply online - please see the link in Notices on the News page of the parish website. Or you may print a copy, and return it to Melanie Hollinshead by post or via the presbytery. A few additional paper copies are also available at the back of the church. For those donors who do not indicate their preference, we will feel futhorised to allocate their donation appropriately on their behalf. Thank you.

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF THE COACH TO BRENTWOOD FOR FR JAMES' REQUIEM MASS: Whilst there was no charge for passengers who took the coach, donations were greatly accepted from some parishioners who offered them. However, there was still a big shortfall on the cost, so if any other parishioners feel inclined to make a donation please just put it in an envelope addressed to Deacon Duncan through the presbytery letter box.

YEAR OF MERCY Autumn Talks - Cathedral House Conference Centre,

Brentwood: '*Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age*' Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, **Saturday 1st October 2016**, 10.30am-12.00noon.

'*The Four Last Things*' Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, **Saturday 15th October 2016**, 10:30 – 12:00noon.

'*Transformed by Mercy*' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, **Saturday 5th November 2016**, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

To book a place, please contact the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) Office on **01277 265285** or email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MISSIO – A.P.F. Boxes. If you do not have a Missio Red Box at home (or in the office!), would you like one? What you would 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 you would like a box (**No door-to-door collections involved. Just put your small change in the box when the Holy Spirit nudges you!!**), please take an un-named box from the Church Porch and put your own name on it, so that we can identify your personal contribution.. Our Parish Missio Organiser, Brendan Carden will be delighted and can be contacted with any queries on 0798 3947505. You will be joining a **friendly and very worthwhile team!**

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

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.