

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
6th and 7th August 2016

Saturday 6th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jeremiah Kingston RIP
Sunday 7th	9 a.m.	Patrick McAnisky RIP
	11 a.m.	Young Married Couple

Week Commencing 8th August 2016

Monday 8th Aug <i>St Dominic</i>	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Tuesday 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)</i>	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th <i>St Laurence</i>	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Thursday 11th <i>St Clare</i>	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Friday 12th	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Saturday 13th <i>Vigil Mass of the Assumption.</i>	6 p.m.	Special Intention (MC)
Sunday 14th <u>Solemn Feast of</u> <u>the Assumption</u>	9 a.m.	Jim Sullivan RIP
	11 a.m.	Holy Souls

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 a.m. Service.
Please note: No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during August

Confessions: After 6pm Mass on Saturday. **Please note:** NO Saturday morning confessions until 3rd September .

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 and Roger Minnis.

OFFERINGS (£): Offertory Envelopes 258.00
 Offertory Loose Change 257.05

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th August 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some people are always on the move, but do they appreciate and savour their journey? Or are they focussed rather on getting their journey over so that they can get on with something else?

For good travellers, a journey is not just getting from Point A to Point B. It is a valuable life-experience and, just like a good meal, it is to be savoured and shared. The image of a journey has often been used as a reflection of human life and especially for life as lived in the light of the Christian faith.

Life can be seen as a journey without maps. God has not mapped out our lives in advance. He does not have our route carefully filed away in the memory of some giant computer. We have to work out our own route through life from the day of our First Holy Communion, using the precious gift of free will. We cannot delegate that responsibility to anyone. Every person's journey is unique. God is calling us into a very special journey and our life and his gift of faith provide our motivation. We have to trust in God's care and live our Christian lives as fully as we can. For all of us this will be a rich experience.

Today, we can ask ourselves "am I a good traveller with Christ?" Do I start and finish each day with a prayerful conversation with God? Do I tell him my plans, my successes and my shortcomings? We never need to travel alone!

God bless you all.

Deacon Duncan

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: Applications for a place on the First Holy Communion Group should have been returned by 31st July. There will be a meeting for the parents of the 14 First Holy Communion children on **Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.** If there are any late applications, please give these personally to Deacon Duncan.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Daisy Eva O'Reilly, baptised in our church last Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Simon Naphthine and Belle Young, married in our church this weekend. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their marriage.

IS THIS WORSE THAN THE LUNATICS IN CHARGE OF AN ASYLUM?

Cathy Warwick, the head of the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) is also the Chairman of Britain's biggest commercial abortion company BPAS (British Pregnancy Advisory Service). She has signed up the RCM to support a law aiming to allow many more abortions. If you believe that the RCM should support midwives and **not** abortion please take a postcard (available at the back of the church or being handed out after Mass), complete it and post it. Remember, there are already some 200,000 abortions a year in the UK of which some 90% are **funded by us** the taxpayers via the NHS.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Davis who has been received into the Church and Confirmed by Fr Michael Butler this week. We welcome her with great joy.

SINGLE DIVAN BED: Fr John is bringing his own bed to the parish, so we need to dispose of Fr James' bed. **FREE OF CHARGE.** Any offers? Please speak to Deacon Duncan.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting a **Finance Officer.** Sage and payroll experience essential, term time only, full or part time considered.

For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email us at office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk

RETIREMENT FUND DONATIONS: The response, so far, of those choosing where we should allocate donations to the Retirement Fund indicates that a large proportion will be equally divided between St Clare Hospice, and a memorial to Fr James, with a smaller amount going to the Heart of Epping Appeal.

If you donated to the fund, but have not yet made your choice, please do so by Monday 8 August, using the forms you will find at the back of the church, or by emailing Melanie Hollinshead at parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk. Thank you

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!**

PARISH HALL: Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573 633 or mobile 0776 4404813.

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

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.