

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

13th and 14th August 2016

Saturday 13th 6 p.m. Special Intention (MC)
Vigil Mass of The Assumption of Our Lady

Sunday 14th 9 a.m. Jim Sullivan RIP

The Assumption of Our Lady 11 a.m. Holy Souls

Week Commencing 15th August 2016

Monday 15th Aug 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Tuesday 16th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Thursday 18th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Friday 19th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Saturday 20th 6 p.m. Holy Souls
Vigil Mass

Sunday 21st 9 a.m. Malcolm Silver RIP
11 a.m. Victor Martin RIP

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, Ann Dowd, Veronica Beard, and Roger Minnis.

OFFERINGS (£): Offertory Envelopes 252.00
Offertory Loose Change 175.57
CAFOD 50.00
Standing Orders June/July 2924.14

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SOLEMN FEAST OF
THE ASSUMPTION of OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN
14th August 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As Catholics, we know well of our love for The Blessed Virgin Mary. Our sources of devotion include the Rosary, the Magnificat, Pilgrimages and Statues, to name but a few.

Though there is no direct biblical evidence for The Assumption in Holy Scripture, the Catholic Church has long held, on the basis of reasoning and tradition, the implicit belief in Our Lord's taking his Mother to himself in heaven from the moment of her passage from earthly life.

This belief become established during the 4th Century and there has been a growing understanding, at which time it was claimed that the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven, to be with her Son for eternity.

From 6th century, the devotion became a growing world-wide phenomenon and in 1950, Pope Pius XII, after consultation with all the bishops of the Catholic Church, made the only infallible pronouncement ever made in his declaration that The Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven, after the completion of her earthly life. **This is now Catholic dogma and is something which Catholics are all committed to believe.**

Hail Mary, full of grace!! The Lord is with you!! Pray for us sinners!

God bless you all.

Deacon Duncan

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: Applications have been received on behalf of

Isabelle and Oliver Byatt
Patrick Coyne
Thomas Duffy
Nia Garwood
Callum Goswell
Eugene Hines
Victoria Lagodka
Rory Manning
Cerys and Fynn O'Donnell
Arthur Smith
Usiade Korede
Charlotte Willis

Please pray for them all and their families. 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.**

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.

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

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites you to join us on September 17th at Ingatestone Hall for a fundraising '**Tour and Tea**'. The tour of this beautiful Tudor mansion will start promptly at 2pm at the gates, taking in the avenue with its Clock Tower and moving on into the house where you will learn of its rich history and see many original features. The tour will end in the Summer Parlour at 3.30pm where you will enjoy a traditional cream tea. Tickets are £25 and as tours are limited to parties of 25, we would advise booking early to secure your place. For tickets & information please contact Libby on 01268 784544/ lphillips@bccs.org.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 15th 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

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.

BRENTWOOD CHILDRN'S SOCIETY: Enthusiastic, amateur singers needed to 'Come-And-Sing-Messiah'! Join the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society for an opportunity to perform Handel's masterpiece with professional soloists in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral. The specially formed choir will be conducted by Andrew Wright and rehearse for the first time in the afternoon, performing the complete Messiah to an audience in the evening. Date: December 3rd at Brentwood Cathedral - Rehearsal: 2 - 5 pm - Performance: 7 pm. Cost is £12 to register to sing and £4 for score hire. Contact Julie Abbott – jabbott@bccs.org.uk 01268 784 544/ 07912277413 for more information and to register.

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-12.00 noon.

'**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.