

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**27th and 28th August 2016**

Saturday 27th <i>Vigil Mass 22nd Sunday</i>	6 p.m.	Geoffrey Joel RIP
Sunday 28th <i>22nd Sunday of Year</i>	9 a.m.	Fr Patrick Shanahan RIP
	11 a.m.	Deceased members of the Whitehouse & Smith families RIP

**Week Commencing 29th August 2016**

Monday 29th Aug <b>Bank Holiday</b> <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	10 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Tuesday 30th		Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 31st	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Thursday 1st Sept <i>St Sebboi</i> <i>King of the East Saxons</i>	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Friday 2nd Sept	9 a.m.	.Sr Marie Scannell RIP
Saturday 3rd Sept <i>Vigil Mass 23rd Sunday</i>	6 p.m.	Bill McEvoy RIP
Sunday 4th Sept <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	Fr James Hawes RIP

**Morning Prayer** is said on weekdays, 15 minutes before the 9 a.m. Mass.  
 (No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week)

**Confessions:** 11am—12 Noon and after 6pm Mass on Saturday.

**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.

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	Offertory Loose Change	189.43
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**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**28th AUGUST 2016**

**FAREWELL TO FR JOSEPH FARRELL!!**

This weekend, we say farewell to Fr Joseph after his five weeks of supply, which we have appreciated enormously. We have been stimulated by his homilies and his special brand of humour. We wish him good health and every comfort and enjoyment as he continues his retirement in Elm Park.

**WELCOME TO FR JOHN McGRATH!!**

Rev Canon John, or Fr John as he prefers to be called, arrives on Wednesday afternoon and, as can be seen on the back page of the Newsletter, will be saying Mass at 9am on Thursday and Friday this week. We shall all have an opportunity to meet him at all the Masses over next weekend and I'm sure that we shall all give him a typical enthusiastic Epping welcome!

**OUR THANKS FOR THE RIO OLYMPICS!!**

We have surely all been exhilarated by the incredible performance of Team GB in the Rio Olympics. Apart from the exceptional crop of medals which were won by our team members, there were several 'near-misses' which were also great performances. The whole event was infectious to us who watched with eager anticipation! Our fervour and sheer enjoyment was a tribute to all those who were involved and we thank them for their weeks and years of dedicated training, which was an essential ingredient in achieving the successes. But let's not forget those many thousands of athletes, trainers and supporters who also trained so hard but did not go to Rio; without their persistent endeavour, the Team GB members would not have achieved such wonderful results. One of our own parishioners is one such dedicated enthusiast and she is striving to improve her performance all the time (200 metres). She now has her eye on qualifying for the World Championships in London in 2017 and we wish her every success!! We thank them all and pray for their continued success.

God bless you all.

***Deacon Duncan***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17:** Applications have now been received on behalf of 15 of our young parishioners:

Isabelle and Oliver Byatt  
Patrick Coyne  
Thomas Duffy  
Nia Garwood  
Callum Goswell  
Eugene Hines  
Victoria Lagodka  
Rory Manning  
Louis Matthias  
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.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Fr Patrick Shanahan, a White Father, who has visited us several times to say Mass at weekends when Fr James was away. Fr Patrick had been having trouble with a recurring cancer for some years, and for some months had been unable to speak. He died recently. We shall remember his engaging talks about the Street Children in Africa, to whose welfare he devoted his ministry. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. In his memory, we have sent a donation to the White Fathers to help with their work with Street Children in Africa.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** would welcome you on **September 17<sup>th</sup> at Ingatestone Hall** for a fundraising **'Tour and Tea'**. The tour of this beautiful Tudor mansion will start promptly at 2pm, taking in the Avenue with its Clock Tower and moving 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](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF MERCY MASS** on this Sunday 28th August at 6.30pm. Do you live with the pain and sorrow of having had an abortion? Do you deeply regret encouraging or assisting in an abortion? Have you been affected by the after-effects of an abortion? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. The preacher will be Canon Martin O'Connor, parish priest of St Bede's, Chadwell Heath.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Simon Day and Barbara Antonowicz, who were married in our church on 20th August. We wish them every joy and success in their future life together.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** As Monday 29th August is a Bank Holiday the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service will be at the later time of 10 am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Please note that from 3rd September, Fr John will hear confessions from **11.00 am—12 Noon and after 6.00 pm Mass**

**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.

**THE 'RECLINING CHAIR' SAGA** The chair now has a good home.

**DO YOU KNOW** about the morning worship of God in our parish? Would you like to take part in some or all of it? A small, dedicated group meets each weekday at 8.45am to join with Catholics over the whole world in praying the Morning Prayer of the Church. Not only do we all benefit from each other's presence, but it is most uplifting to know that we are part of the worldwide Church which is praising God in its local languages. Prayer is usually led by the Parish Priest or the Deacon and prayer books are provided. Morning Prayer is followed by Holy Mass at 9am, after which, (except in August), the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for silent Adoration until 10.30am.

If you are able to join us, **coming to all or part of the celebrations is a most uplifting way to start the day and to focus quietly on God and how he wants us to lead our life.** You are able to choose on which days you would like to praise the Lord in this way. Please ask Deacon Duncan if you have any queries.

**BRENTWOOD CHILDREN'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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) 01268 784 544/ 07912 277413 for more information and to register.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Fr John (from 1st September), or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.