

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
WEEK BEGINNING 5th NOVEMBER 2016

Saturday 5th Vigil Mass for Sunday		Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C
	6 p.m.	Liz Raymond & Family's intentions
Sunday 6th	9 a.m.	Fr James Hawes RIP (Mansell)
	11 a.m.	People of our Parish
	12.15 p.m.	Baptism - Joshua James Barrett
Monday 7th		Saint Willbrord, Bishop
	9 a.m.	Rose and Geoffrey Potter RIP (Murray)
Tuesday 8th	9 a.m.	Geraldine Godfrey RIP - recently deceased (Poole)
Wednesday 9th	9 a.m.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Private Intention
Thursday 10th	9 a.m.	Saint Leo the Great, Pope George Rimmer RIP- Anniv (Rimmer)
Friday 11th	9 a.m.	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Holy Souls RIP (Flanagan)
Saturday 12th Vigil Mass		Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	6 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th November	9 a.m.	The dead of the Two Great and other Wars
	11 a.m.	Jeanette Mulligan RIP - Anniv - (Mulligan)

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 a.m. Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9am weekday Mass.
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 11.30am - 12 noon & 6pm Mass.

MEETING WITH FR JOHN: If you need to discuss any matter with Fr John please phone or email the church office to arrange an appointment. Mentioning matters in the church porch is not a good idea for a person who does not have a memory stick!

Please pray for the sick at home and in hospital:
Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy,
Mark Toohey, Daphne McAdam, Ann Dowd and Roger Minnis.

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Dear Friends,

“I shall be filled when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord” we respond to Psalm 16 today. During November our thoughts turn to remember those who have died, and in both the church and civil society we engage in a solemn Remembrance. Next Sunday we have public remembrance of those who died in wars and conflicts. who have now gone before us. Every time we come to Mass we obey the command of our Lord to his disciples, when he told them and us, at the Last Supper, “Do this in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:25 RSV). In the Mass we are present and engaged in the greatest act of Remembrance in celebrating the Lord’s Supper, his passion, death and resurrection. We do not just think of past events, which are made present to us in the here and now, but we also remember the needs of the living and the dead and offer them to the Lord who saves all people and gives them a share in his glory in the presence of his Father in heaven.

The reading from 2 Maccabees 7:1-14 speaks of the torture and terrible sufferings of the young men from the same family. But it also shows their courageous, faithful and loving mother supporting, encouraging and standing by them in the cause of right. In many ways that mother has a likeness to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who accompanied him on his last journey and stood by him as he suffered and died on the cross, out of love for his Father and mankind.

The Sadducees were unable to grasp the meaning of resurrection and life after death, and they ask our Lord materialistic and worldly centred questions (Luke 20:27-38). Without the gift of faith, they are unable, to grasp the meaning of eternal life and to understand how the needs and limitations of the body no longer rule a person’s life, and obscuring the love and fulfilment we receive from being with God.

The Mass is the most powerful form of prayer in Catholic tradition. We have Christ who intercedes for us with God our Father, present to us at Mass. Through him, and with the prayerful support of the community, we offer the needs of the living and dead to God our Father. People who wish to have a Mass offered for a person or intention can ask a priest, deacon or parish office. We need the name of the person and preferred date and time. Envelopes for Mass intentions are now in the church.
May the Lord bless and protect you and your families. Fr John

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: The next session for the children will be held at 5.45pm next Tuesday 8th November in the Church Hall.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: We invite anyone interested in finding out about our faith, wishing to understand our faith, support the faith of family members, or become Catholic to a course of talks on the Catholic Faith in the Priest's House on Tuesdays at 8pm. It is suitable for people wishing to return to the practice of their faith or who are not Catholic but come to Mass regularly. The next session will be this Tuesday 8th November.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: November is the month of the Holy Souls. You are invited to list the names of your departed relatives and friends and place it in the envelope beneath the altar, for prayer at every Mass during November.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Following the laying of wreaths at Epping War Memorial at 2.15pm on Sunday 13th November, the annual Service of Remembrance will take place in St John's Church commencing at 3pm, at which Fr John and Deacon Duncan will take part. Everyone is invited to attend to represent the Catholic Community, as we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: You are warmly invited to this service at **3pm Sunday 20th November 2016**, which is arranged specifically for those who have lost loved ones - spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends - recently or some time ago. The Service will include some hymns, remembrance (by name) of the loved ones who have died (during which candles will be lit). All are welcome to tea / coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall afterwards. We do hope that you will join us, together with any friends you would like to bring with you. If you have any queries, contact Deacon Duncan, telephone 01992 577173.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD: Streets 2 Homes, homeless centre in Harlow, have written to thank the parish for our generous donation of much needed provisions for the homeless and vulnerably housed.

USHERS NEEDED: We urgently need more parishioners and families to volunteer for the rota to be ushers and welcome people to Mass. If you or your family and children are interested then please complete and return the tear off slip below or email the parish office.

REQUEST FOR USHERS

NAME:

CONTACT DETAILS:

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar date this year is December 3rd. Four weeks to go. We appeal this week for Toiletries. Now is your chance to get rid of unwanted gifts. Please make a special effort as this stall never has enough stock. There is a list in the church porch for helps to man stalls etc.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be on sale from this weekend.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON 12.30pm for 1pm: All who may be alone on Christmas Day are invited to join us for Lunch in our hall; Couples & carers who would like company are most welcome. We need drivers to bring and take our guests home. Donations of food and table decorations are required. Your help and generosity is always deeply appreciated. Please give your name & contact number to Fr. John, Deacon Duncan or Mary Morgan on 01992 574719.

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 - DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS: Parents and carers who are **practising Catholics** and wish to apply for a place for their child in a Catholic school for September 2017 should hand in their form to the Priest's House, where it will be attended to by Fr John & Deacon Duncan. Some may be contacted to discuss the reference for their child. Families where parents and children are not practising their faith and do not attend Sunday Mass consistently, should make their application directly to the school but not request a priest's reference unless there are extraordinary circumstance in their situation. It is essential that integrity and truth are fully respected in in this process.

COLLECTION APPEAL. Thanks to those who have completed their responses to Deacon Duncan's April appeal for increased Offertory giving. However, a number of the forms filled in after the appeal have not yet been followed-up. In the hope that they have simply been overlooked, this is a gentle reminder! You may remember that there were three alternative suggestions: Enrol for a supply of Planned Offertory Giving envelopes. Switch your giving from cash or envelopes to Standing Order. Gift Aid your offering, if you pay Income Tax. (worth +25% of your donation – at no cost to you). For your convenience, a further copy of the form we used to gather your responses is attached to this Newsletter (This can be used by anyone who missed the appeal in April and would agree to help us to increase our Offertory collections in one or more of the above ways. Deacon Duncan 01992 577173) or Margaret Lechley (01992 572516 on Thursdays or Fridays) would be pleased to explain if you have doubts.

BRENTWOOD YEAR OF MERCY MASS: next Sunday 13th November at 6.30 pm. Have you lost a baby during pregnancy or after birth, an infant or a child? Are you or others living with the wound of this grief? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr Jeff Woolnough.