

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - 18<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm Nancy Kelly RIP (Scannell)

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Tom Ryan RIP (Coyne/Ryan)

February 2017 11.00 am People of our Parish

MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Alan Bond RIP (recently) (Crehan)

TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> 9.00 am St. Peter Damien, Bishop & Doctor  
Matthias McGrath RIP(An.)

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00 am The Chair of St Peter the Apostle  
Peter & Marie Ollis' intentions

THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00 am St Polycarp, Bishop & Doctor  
Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)

FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)

### EIGHT SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME A Day of Prayer for all who are Unemployed

SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Canny family deceased RIP (Canny)

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Reg Clements RIP (An.) (Clements)

February 2017 11.00am The People of our Parish

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE** Saturdays 11am to 12 noon and 5.15pm in church -

NOT next Saturday morning (and by request to the priest).

MORNING PRAYER is offered at 8.45am in Church, before weekday Masses

DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS for Week 7 are from Week 3 in Breviary

ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY to FRIDAY after 9am weekday Mass, and Saturdays 11 to 12 noon

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL** James Bullen, Mark Toohey, Brenda Sebire, Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, Sean Clohessy, Ann Dowd, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Roger Minnis, Marcheta Swift-Daley,

**ST VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY RAFFLE** Every week, members of the St Vincent De Paul Society in our Parish, visit and support people in their various needs. Next weekend they will sell Raffle tickets at all Masses, to raise funds for their work, locally and nationally. Please be generous in supporting their good work.

**LENT MASSES** On the Fridays of Lent we will have evening Mass with Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm. Masses will be offered for various groups in our Parish. The first will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March and will be offered for our Ministers of the Eucharist.

**OFFERINGS:** Offertory Envelopes £202 Offertory Loose Plate £292.04, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £24.06, *Thank you for your generous offerings.*

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love, kindness and forgiveness shine out from this week's scripture readings... Despite assurances that friendly relations are valued between peoples and nations, the fighting and bigotry continue. Despite an abundance of resources, millions of people suffer from malnutrition and die of starvation. We have become accustomed to tragedy – sexual abuse of our children, the tyranny of drugs barons and abject poverty in our cities, to mention but three examples. People feel a sense of helplessness, trapped and imprisoned by their circumstances, enduring their pain with little hope of relief from an uncaring world..

But we can provide a glimmer of hope, a light shining through the gloom! Particularly if we take to heart God's message to us in today's readings.

- Do not retaliate if we are offended or hurt by someone.
- Forgive those who offend us...do not bear grievance.
- Go out of our way to be kind to those in need .
- Love those who hurt us and pray for them.
- Try to be perfect in the eyes of God, even as he is perfect.

In short: We must love our neighbour unconditionally.

What a wonderful world it would be if bitterness and ill-feeling were a thing of the past. A world in which we could all forgive and forget that which does not please us. As Christians, we are called to lead the way towards this way of life. We are called to do our bit in the name of Christ, who suffered far more than we will in trying to spread peace, tolerance and goodwill. Remember, in trying to establish peace and love wherever he went, he even gave his life for us...surely we should be committed to making our personal contribution to the greater well-being of those we meet.

God bless you.

*Deacon Duncan*

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** We invite anyone who wishes to understand our faith, wants to support the faith of a family member or become Catholic, to a course of talks on the Catholic Faith in the Priest's House on Tuesdays at 8pm. The next session will be on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 8.00pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** The next preparation session for the children will be in our Parish Hall on Tuesday next, the 28<sup>th</sup> February, at 5.45pm.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL** We thank everyone who completed the One Minute Survey Form in Church last weekend. If you did not have the opportunity to complete one last week, you can still do so using one of the forms in the Church and place it in the box. Next Saturday Bishop Alan, the Priests and Deacons and the Stewards of the Gospel in the Diocese will have a meeting at Brentwood from 10am to 3pm.

**FLAME CONGRESS, SSF WEMBLEY ARENA, SATURDAY 11 MARCH:** We will join 75 young people from Brentwood Diocese at this joyful occasion. We invite all aged between 15 & 23 to contact James Ryan (Tel. 07814 226468) to book a place. Our parish will pay for the travel costs. **Very few seats left.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 in which all parishes are to participate. There will be no evening Mass on that Saturday in any parish in our diocese so that all can be involved in the pilgrimage

**CHRISTINE QUINN RIP:** Christine, wife of John and mother of Alex and Fiona, of Theydon Bois, died on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. She will be received into Our Lady of Lourdes Church Wanstead E11 2PR, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am followed by committal at the City of London Crematorium. **May she rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**SALVINA MICALLEFF RIP** late of Frank Foster House, Theydon Bois, who died on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, at Queen's Hospital, Romford. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1.45pm. **May she rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**We offer our sympathy to all who mourn for their loved ones and pray that the Lord sends His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION BAGS** Our Parish Finance Committee met at the end of last year to consider guidance from the diocese on the handling and protection of the monies offered by parishioners to the church. In the interest of safety we will soon move to using collection bags rather than the open plates, which we presently use.

**CENTENARY MASS** There will be a Solemn Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at **Brentwood Cathedral**, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, on **Wednesday 22 March at 7 pm**. Complete the slip below and return it to the Priest's House to enter the draw for one of the 5 seats which are available for our parishioners.

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**CENTENARY MASS REPRESENTATIVE BALLOT**

**NAME:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

**e-mail address:**

**LENT LECTURES IN OUR PARISH HALL** on Mondays of Lent at 8.00 pm.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Dr Colin Harte** will speak on "The Privilege of Suffering", which we find very difficult to accept and cope with in our time. All suffering is in some way redemptive and can be associated with the sufferings of Christ.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Fr Alban McCoy OFM,** Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, will speak on **Pope Francis' exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love)**, reflection on the recent Synod of Bishops in Rome, that focuses on pastoral practice and moral issues relating to access to Holy Communion following divorce or relationship complications.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Dr Charlie O'Donnell FRCP,** Consultant on Emergency Medicine & Intensive Care, will speak on "**Being a Catholic Doctor in 21<sup>st</sup> Century England & staying true to the Catholic Faith - lessons for a lay Catholic**".

I hope many people will be interested in these contemporary issues and that our Lent Lectures will be well attended – all are welcome and admission is free.

**LENT LUNCHESES 2017** Every Saturday in Lent from 12.30 to 2.00pm, one of the churches in Epping will offer a light lunch of soup, cheese, bread, tea or coffee. **A donation of £3.00 is suggested for Christian Aid.** Please bring your friends. Everyone is very welcome. The first two dates are as follows (more next week):

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.** Life Church, The Box, St John's Road, Epping.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** URC, Lindsey Street.

**IMMINENT OPENING OF EPPING FOODBANK.** Volunteers will be needed to greet clients, provide refreshments and pack food parcels at The Box. A training session will be held at the Box on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you can please help, please contact Maggie Keeling (01992 573962 or [Maggie@keelingphysio.com](mailto:Maggie@keelingphysio.com)) or Heather ([info@loughton.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@loughton.foodbank.org.uk) or 07402 032313) to attend the training.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** offers charity places for Vitality London 10K Run on 29<sup>th</sup> May. This May Bank Holiday event takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. A registration fee of £30. A pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. Join our team if you have your own place in the race. Any funds you can raise for us will be greatly appreciated. Details from Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912 277413.

**VACANCY AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE:** Diocesan Property Consultant, working out of Cathedral House in Brentwood. Full-time role. A job description and person specification from: [property-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:property-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Send in your CV by 7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Interviews w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**VACANCY FOR A CATHOLIC QUALIFIED TEACHER.** See the notice in the Church Porch for an interesting vacancy at St Elizabeth's Centre in Much Hadham.

**NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** If you moved into our parish recently or changed address in the parish, please let our Parish Office know, by e-mail, or by completing or updating a Parish Registration Form. New parishioners, please introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan who will welcome you.