

## **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - 11<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Year A 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Nancy Bixby's intentions (Bixby)
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	People of our Parish
<b>March 2017</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Fr James Hawes RIP (Palmer)
	<b>12.15</b>	Baptism of George Luis Gamwells
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Fr James Hawes RIP (Anon)
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Eileen Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley)
<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Mary Kelly RIP (Canny)
<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St Patrick, Bishop &amp; Apostle of Ireland</b>
	<b>9.00 am</b>	John O'Donnell RIP (Browne)
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mass: offered for our Ushers & Counters

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year A 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<b>SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Timothy White RIP Anniv (Lechley)
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Terry Crehan RIP (Crehan)
<b>March 2017</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of our Parish

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE** Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm and on request  
**MORNING PRAYER** is offered at 8.45am in Church, before weekday Masses  
**DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS** for Lent Week 1 are from Week 1 in The Breviary  
**ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**MONDAY to FRIDAY after 9am weekday Mass for one hour**

### **PARISH MASS BOOK: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

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

**LENT MASSES:** On the Fridays of Lent we have evening Mass with Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm. Masses will be offered for various groups in our Parish.

**OFFERINGS:** Offertory Envelopes £187.50, Offertory Loose Plate £346.87, CAFOD £72.36, Standing Orders £700. *Thank you for your generous offerings.*

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** was on Friday last. We were asked to make a sacrifice to support the poor in developing nations. CAFOD envelopes will be collected at today's retiring collection. Taxpayers can use CAFOD or their own Gift Aid envelope.

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS:** Due to a booking in our Parish Hall there will not be coffee after the 11am Mass this Sunday.

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### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

**12th March 2017**

*My Dear Friends,*

"In their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as light" (Matt.17:1-9). When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the Spirit came down on him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22). This grace and affirmation of the Father's love was given to Jesus at the beginning of his public life, to strengthen him for his time in the desert, where he would be tempted and tested, in preparation for his mission and ministry. Now, nearing the end of his public ministry, he goes up the mountain to pray as he prepared for his passion and the Way of the Cross, which would lead him to sufferings and death, to save people from sin. The Father in heaven again affirms his beloved Son with his love, and strengthens him in preparation for his agony, scourging and crucifixion.

We see the completion of God's plan for mankind, revealed in the Old Testament, being fulfilled in the person of Jesus. Moses the Lawgiver, with whom established a Covenant with his people, is there to witness the Anointing of Jesus as the "beloved Son of God, who would fulfil God's plan for people. Elijah the Prophet in the Old Testament, who was to return at the coming of the Messiah, was there to show that God was fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament, in the person of Jesus. Jesus took with him, up the mountain, his three special disciples, Peter, James and John, who would be with him in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he prayed and was in agony before his passion and death. Though the disciples shared in that wonderful experience of the Lord's transfiguration, they could not accept his imminent suffering and death on the Cross, and so Peter becomes a source of weakness and temptation to the Lord.

Fr James Hawes Memorial Window panel is due to be installed in the sacristy this Saturday. It will be dedicated at the beginning of 11am Mass, on Fr James' date of birth, 12 March 1939. The shell at the base shows the pilgrim on the Camino to the shrine of St James, at Santiago in Spain. He follows the Word of God in the Bible and comes to Jesus, symbolised by his Holy Name, IHS, at the top of the window.

*May God bless and strengthen you on your faith journey. Fr John*

**BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP** are visiting weekend talk about the Holy Land, and sell religious articles made of olive wood in the Holy Land, to help support poor Christian families in Bethlehem. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next preparation session for the children will be in our Parish Hall on Tuesday next, 14<sup>th</sup> March, at 5.45pm.

**EASTER LILIES:** In memory of a loved one. Please make an offering of £2 per bloom and mark the envelope "Easter Lily".

**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council will be in the Priest's House at 8pm this coming Wednesday 15 March. Parishioners are welcome at all PPC meetings. If you would like an item discussed, but are not able to attend, contact Melanie Hollinshead at [parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk)

**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** to celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese of Brentwood, founded in 1917.

**AN OPPORTUNITY IN LENT TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR:** On Saturday morning why not come to Cavalry ..... spend some time at the peaceful, prayerful vigil at Marie Stopes clinic at the top of Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, where every week hundreds of innocent lives are snuffed out without ceremony or anaesthetic. The Helpers of God's Precious Infants are there to pray for all concerned, the mothers, fathers, doctors, nurses and other staff, and to offer practical help and counselling. Practical help for mothers to have their babies and counselling and healing retreats after abortion. 8.30am to 11.30am just quietly join the vigil for as short or long a time as you wish. For information please call Rose on 079606 50517 or Paul 0808 252 9459

**THE BOX CLEARANCE DAY on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am:** This is in preparation for two exciting additions this spring: Epping Foodbank Outlet and The Box Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Area. We will be clearing a rear room for Foodbank storage and the outside area in preparation for landscaping. We need people who are prepared to either get dirty, lift heavy items or drive loads to the Harlow Recycling Centre. If you would like to volunteer to help on this day, please call Alison or Tim Dolan at The Box on 01992 577 300.

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Annie Ellen Gysbers who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord bless them and help to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

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

**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 the family, 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"**.

We have excellent speakers for this Lent course and there will be opportunities for questions. We hope many will be interested in these issues. **All are welcome.**

**LENT LUNCHES 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. This week's dates are as follows:

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Methodist Church, Epping.**

**Every Tuesday in Lent.** St Mary's Church, Theydon Bois.

**ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION** on Saturday 18 March at 7.30pm at Pelly Court. Tickets £5 from Tom on 01992 279577. Baked potatoes with various fillings are included in the price. Bring your own drinks.

**ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY:** The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. Janet Cosgrove will speak on 'Anti-Catholic Feeling in Brentwood, 1851-1861.'

**WEEKDAY MASS TIME** Bishop Alan asked priests to consider an evening Mass regularly on weekdays, for people not be able to attend morning Mass due to work or other commitments. Our weekday Masses at 9am are too early for some retired people and parents on the school run etc. I would like to know what people think on the times of weekday Mass, possibly later than 9am on some or all weekdays. Please indicate on this tear off slip the times that you would actually attend Mass on weekday, on Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri. and return it to the Parish Office. Fr John

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P.M.				