

## **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS – Saturday 29 April - Sunday 7 May 2017**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER A**

<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b> Baptism of Sebastiano Surace <b>6.00pm</b> James Sullivan RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv (Sullivan)
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b> Frank Fernandes RIP (Murray) <b>11.00am</b> People of our Parish
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker : Day of Prayer for Human Work</b> <b>10.00am</b> Hilda Silver's intentions (Clohessy)
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> <b>9.00am</b> Francis Daly RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saints Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b> <b>9.00am</b> Cleonagh Jolly RIP (Jolly)
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b> <b>9.00am</b> Vince Lundy RIP (anniversary) <b>9.00am</b> Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)
<b>FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b> Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)
<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St John Payne, Priest &amp; Martyr – Diocesan Feast</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER A 7 May 2017: World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	
<b>SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b> Intentions of Sr Bridget Scannell (Scannell)
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b> Maryanne Friel RIP recently (McBrearty) <b>11.00am</b> People of our Parish <b>12.15pm</b> Baptisms of Tabitha Rose Payne & Archie Joseph Dodwell

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE** Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm and by request  
**MORNING PRAYER** is offered at 8.45am, before weekday Mass in the Church  
**DIVINE OFFICE:** Psalms for Week 3 of Easter are from Week 3 in The Breviary  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT** Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after 9am weekday Mass

### **PARISH MASS BOOK: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER A Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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

**OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £312, Loose Plate £263.06, Standing Orders £700. CAFOD £45.11. Thank you for your generous offerings.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer intention** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS:** Please note that due to a Hall booking there will not be coffee after the 11am Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

*My dear People,*

Jesus came up and walked by the side of the disciples but something prevented them from recognising him. He asked, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" (Luke 24:13-35). Luke's account of the Easter Sunday events shows the disciples mourning as they walk to Emmaus, and Jesus accompanying them on their journey. Like a good counsellor, he asked them to say what had happened to him and them over the last few days. Their expectation that he would found the kingdom of Israel had been shattered by his crucifixion and death. They were confused by the women telling them, "They had seen a vision of angels who declared that he was alive". Jesus let them express their pain as he listened, to them and asked them questions. He helped them understand God's plan by explaining the scriptures to them, and after recognising him in the "Breaking of the Bread" they said, "did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road".

This Gospel gives a model that can help us, our family and friends at certain times or occasions. We need friends to listen to us and our problems, and walk with us at painful times on life's journey, and help us to understand God's will and purpose in sad situations. The "Footsteps" meditation speaks of the Lord accompanying us on our journey through life as a friend, whom we may not recognise, for he is always with us never leaves us even in the most difficult times. The Word of God, which a person may share with us at troublesome times, can be like a beam of sunlight that pierces the clouds or mists of sadness, when we feel downcast or oppressed. When we share that Word of God with others, or they share his Word with us, it can be like Christ being present and offering his Word to interpret, guide or comfort us. That is why it is important for us to listen to, to read and to share the Word of God.

Next Sunday, we think of Christ the Good Shepherd, leading his people and calling them to follow him. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, so that people may hear the Lord calling them to serve God and others, by sharing in his ministry and work as Good Shepherd. We pray for vocations, so that the Lord's Word may be proclaimed and the Eucharist celebrated to give us the Bread of Life. *May Jesus, the Risen Lord, accompany us and give us joy & consolation. Fr John*

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** The next course will start in September, on Tuesdays at 8.00pm. Anyone interested is most welcome and is invited to contact Fr John to discern the way forward in their faith journey.

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION** at Cathedral House Conference Room, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT: April-June 2017. Opening Times: Saturday 10am-5pm. Sundays 9am-1pm & 3pm-8pm. Other times by arrangement with: [archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265238.

**This is an excellent and fascinating exhibition and well worth visiting.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Bishop Alan's desire for the celebration of the Centenary of the establishment of the Diocese of Brentwood, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1917, is that we have a Brentwood Centenary Pilgrimage, to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. He asks each parish to have at least one coach. He will preside at the Centenary Pilgrimage Mass at Walsingham on that day. There will be no Masses in parishes in the Diocese on that Saturday evening. Details of the coach travel arrangements for our parish will be announced.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next preparation session for the children will be a rehearsal on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.00pm in the Church. **The Going Forth Party will be held after the 11am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We need volunteers from the parish to assist the parents. Please let Fr John know.**

**PARISH REPRESENTATIVE to Churches Together in Epping & District:** We still need a parish representative(s) to Churches Together in Epping & District. The commitment is to participate in up to 4 meetings per year and report to Parish Council on what is planned and happening with and between churches in the town and district. You need to be a practising Catholic, a regular Mass attender in our parish and have a positive ecumenical outlook. If you are interested, please contact Fr John, Deacon Duncan or Parish Council Chairman Melanie Hollinshead at our Parish Office.

**JAMES ANTHONY PARELLO RIP** Jim died on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, at Frank Foster House, Theydon Bois. He will be received into our Church on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 4.30pm. **Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **May he rest in peace.** We pray for all who have died, and ask the Lord to send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all who mourn.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to the family of Rose Beverley Mary Abel who was Baptised in our Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. May the Lord bless them and help to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.

**JUMBLE SALE:** We will have parish Jumble Sale in our Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you have a large number of items please contact Janet on 01992 571128 so that they can be stored in the shed.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of **Ingatestone Hall next Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm**. Tickets £25. Call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk) for information.

**WINTERSHALL "LIFE OF CHRIST" VISIT:** The proposed parish outing to Wintershall has been cancelled due to lack of support (only 7 applications for tickets). Maybe next year? .....

**FOODBANK OPENING IN EPPING.** **Epping Forest Foodbank** (an extension to the Loughton Foodbank) will be **opening at The Box, St John's Road, Epping on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 3.30-5.00pm** and will be open each subsequent Monday at the same time. **Additional helpers are still required, to work on a rota basis** (after training); please give your name to John McCredie (one of Epping Foodbank co-ordinators – Tel. 01992 577943; email: [johnmccredie92@gmail.com](mailto:johnmccredie92@gmail.com)), Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to join the enthusiastic team to help in this very charitable work. If you know anyone in serious need of short-term help from the Foodbank, then ask them to contact Paul Ives (01992 577104) or the SVP.

**PARISH WHIST GROUP:** Our friendly Whist Group meets once a month and the next dates for the diary are Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm start. Non parishioners are welcome. Entry fee a mere £2. Splendid prizes to be won. Please ring Arnold Verrall for more details (contact details on cover page).

**Meeting the "Living God" Seminars 2017- Cathedral House, BRENTWOOD.**

**Seminar 4: "The Beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope emeritus Benedict XVI."**

**Speaker:** Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral

**Date:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

**Seminar 5: "God has a dream for each one of us."**

**Speaker:** Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon

**Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

**Seminar 6: "Contemplative Prayer – is it for me?"**

**Speaker:** Bishop Alan Williams, sm

**Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

For further information contact: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tel.01277265285

**Vacancy Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant required to support the Finance Office & parishes at Cathedral House, Brentwood.** The part-time role is for 28 hours four days a week. If you, a family member or friend is interested, please e-mail: [finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) to ask for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description & person specification. Apply only if you can provide evidence of bookkeeping experience. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017; interviews will be on Thursday 25 May 2017.

Please see church noticeboard for details of other current vacancies.

**MONSIGNOR GEORGE STOKES RIP,** priest of our Diocese and Director of Education for Brentwood Diocese for many years, died at Nazareth House, Westcliff, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April. May he rest in peace.