

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 3rd June to Sunday 11th June 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY A	4th June 2017	Day of Prayer for the Church
Saturday, 3rd June	6.00pm	People of the Parish
PENTECOST	9.00am	Jim Sullivan RIP (Clayson)
SUNDAY 4 June 2017	11.00am	Mark Keeling RIP (Keeling)
BAPTISM	12.15pm	Angelica Joy Pamela Magri
MONDAY 5th June	Week 9 - Ordinary Time: Weekdays Year 1, Sundays Year A	
		St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr, Apostle of Germany
	9.00am	Deacon Duncan's intentions (Canny family)
TUESDAY 6th June	St Norbert, Bishop	
	9.00am	Matthias McGrath RIP
WEDNESDAY 7th	9.00am	Johnson family's intentions (LOS)
THURSDAY 8th June	9.00am	Private intention
FRIDAY 9th June	St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor	
	9.00am	Private intention
Saturday 10th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Trinity Sunday	9.00am	Maureen McGuinness RIP (Crehan)
Sunday 11th June 2017	11.00am	Michael Haugh RIP (recently) (Clohessy)
BAPTISM	12.15pm	Annabel Grace Barnes

SACRAMENT of PENANCE Saturdays 11.00am to 12 noon & 5.15 to 5.40pm
MORNING PRAYER is offered in the Church at 8.45am, before weekday Mass
DIVINE OFFICE: Psalms are from Week 1 in Breviary for Week 9 Ordinary Time
BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after 9am weekday Mass

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WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL Giovanni Borelli, Hilda Silver, Mark Toohey, Ann Dowd Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Paula Hall, Daphne McAdam, Roger Minnis, Sean Clohessy, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Rhoda Limbear and all who are ill at this time.

OFFERINGS: Offertories: £391, Standing Orders: £700. CAFOD £11.59 Thank you.

*PRAYER: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray. O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit
we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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THE SOLEMN FEAST OF PENTECOST Year A 4th June 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today, we can wish ourselves a Happy Birthday!! Pentecost is generally accepted as the birthday of Christianity as it started its long journey in the history of what we know today as 'The Christian Church'. And what a journey it has been!

The Christian Church has grown from just a few hundred souls at Pentecost to some 1.5 billion souls today, of whom an estimated 90% are Roman Catholic, The Roman Catholic journey has been a very hard one, what with schisms, the Crusades, the growth if Islam, several reforming 'Councils' two major world wars and almost continuous less extensive wars and campaigns. There have been dramatic changes in affluence and poverty throughout the world. Led by the Pope, as successor to Peter, and his 'management team' of bishops, priests and deacons, the Church continues to expand in numbers, but now mostly in lesser-developed countries. How can this growth happen?

Jesus said, just before he was crucified, that we would 'receive the Holy Spirit' to guide us, so that we could encourage everyone to follow him., **The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost and remains with us today, being a powerful influence in our lives whenever we turn to him to ask for help and guidance.** It is unfortunately true that we ask for his help and guidance too rarely; maybe we should involve him more often and so bring about an improvement in the quality of our lives in the sight of God, instead of 'doing our own thing' and so possibly displeasing God by making decisions about which he does not approve. **The Feast of Pentecost is a good time to review our lives, our practices and our true commitment to God's will.**

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed on Tuesday evening, on the Silver Jubilee of my Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, all 25 years (and 16 years before my ordination) having been spent in this parish.. The Mass, with a full church and led by Bishop Thomas, was inspirational and joyous, and the Reception was a lovely social occasion. So many parishioners had put so much into organising the occasion but particular thanks go to Melanie Hollinshead, who supervised the arrangements. The presentation from parishioners of a holiday for Dorothy and myself at Villa Palazzola, near Rome, a Papal Audience and a tour of the Vatican Gardens, is a very generous gift...thanks to all those who have contributed and those who sent presents and cards.

God Bless you all.

Deacon Duncan .

PRAYING FOR PENTECOST: The apostles spent the nine days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost Sunday with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, waiting and praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We need to pray for a outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts to empower and sanctify our community and our individual life. Let us pray asking the Holy Spirit to come and renew mankind and creation with the power of God's love. We can use hymns to the Holy Spirit like: "Come Holy Ghost, creator come", "Spirit of the living God", or "Come down, O Love Divine", or "Love Divine, all loves excelling" or the prayer to the Holy Spirit on the newsletter.

PENTECOST GAMES & PARTY To celebrate the 'Birthday' of the Christian Church, Churches Together in Epping & District has organised a **Pentecost Event on Pentecost Sunday starting at Lower Swaines Recreation Park, Epping. From 2.30pm – 4.30pm there will be Games for most who are 'able', & drinks available. From 4.30pm – 5.30pm, the fun moves to Costa Coffee in the High Street, where there will be Table Games and Children's Activities** (The first 40 to arrive get a free muffin!!!!). Everyone welcome at both celebrations....please come and bring your friends (Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult). Details are displayed on the noticeboard in the Church porch.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURE: "The Development of Brentwood Diocese" "Bishop Beck, Bishop Bernard Wall and Bishop Patrick Casey, Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm. Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Rd, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Speaker: Canon Brian O'Shea, Parish Priest of Grays. Admission is free.

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Bishop Alan asks that we have a great Brentwood Pilgrimage, to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, on **Saturday 22nd July**, to celebrate of the Centenary of the founding of our Diocese of Brentwood, on 20th July 1917. He asks each parish to have at least one coach. He will preside at the Centenary Pilgrimage Mass at Walsingham, with the priests and people on that day. There will be no Saturday evening Masses in parishes in the Diocese on that day. **Details of the coach travel from our parish will be announced.**

MEETING THE LIVING GOD SEMINAR SERIES 2017

Seminar 4: Saturday 17th June: "The Beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope Benedict XVI" speaker Fr Martin Boland Dean of Brentwood Cathedral.

Seminar 5: Saturday 24th June: 'God has a dream for each one of us.' speaker Bishop Thomas McMahon, Former Bishop of Brentwood

Seminar 6: Saturday 15th July; 'Contemplative Prayer—is it for me?' speaker Bishop Alan Williams, SM, Bishop of Brentwood.

Venue for all seminars: Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT.

Time for all seminars: 10.30 am—12.00 pm. **For further information please contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone: 01277 265285**

QUIZ NIGHT: Eccla is having a **Quiz Night** in our church hall on Saturday 10th June, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets at £7.50 each, but please bring own nibbles, drinks and food. Tables of 8 max. **To book a table ring Janet on 01992 578262.**

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Our gift to Deacon Duncan & Dorothy Whitehouse For those not able to attend the reception for Deacon Duncan's Silver Anniversary of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, last Tuesday evening, our gift to him and Dorothy is a well-deserved holiday at Villa Palaozzola in Rome, including a visit to the Vatican Gardens and Papal Audience. They will take this holiday in September.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you! A huge Thank You from Chair of Parish Council, Melanie Hollinshead, to the large team that enabled Tuesday evening's celebrations to run so smoothly.

Parish Council Meeting on 21 June at 8pm in the Priest's House. If you have any item you would like discussed, please contact Melanie Hollinshead, via the porch letter rack, or parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk. Parishioners are welcome

GOD AND THE COSMOS: Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory and a 'Tablet' columnist, will lead a free study day on 'God & the Cosmos', on Saturday, 10 June, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (coffee 10.30 am) at Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Tea & coffee available, but bring packed lunch. Free parking at church, three minutes walk from Gidea Park Station. Book a place by email: GPstudydays@gmail.com or phone 01708 449914

QUIZ NIGHT: ECCA is holding a quiz night on Saturday 10th June, at 7pm for 7.30pm start, in our church hall. Tickets £7.50 each but please bring own nibbles, drinks and food. Tables of 8 max. To book a table ring Janet on 578262.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK at The Box, St John's Road, Epping, is open on Mondays from **3.30-5.00pm**. **Helpers will be trained for work on a rota.** Contact John McCredie, Epping Foodbank co-ordinator, Tel. 01992 5779430 or email: johnmccredie92@gmail.com. Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to join this team and help this charitable work. If you know anyone in need of short-term help from the Foodbank, ask them to contact Paul Ives (01992 577104) or the SVP.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP, Aldham, Essex CO6 3PH

An SVP summer camp for boys aged 8 to 13 years from 22 July to 5 August, and girls aged 9 to 12 years from 5 to 12 of August. Children are accepted for one week only. A poster giving details is in the porch or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk Application forms from the Priest's House and help may be given to meet the costs.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, Ireland, 24 July 2017 – see church noticeboard.

VACANCIES (Details of positions below are on the noticeboard in the porch)

PARISH CATECHETICAL CO-ORDINATOR, paid full time for 35 hours a week, at Brentwood Cathedral Parish. See noticeboard or Cathedral website.

COVER SUPERVISOR at Trinity High School, Woodford Green.

GENERAL ELECTION 2017 Copies of the Bishops' statement on issues we should consider when voting are available in church – please take one.