

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 17th June to Sunday 25th June 2017

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saturday 17th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
DAY FOR LIFE	9.00am	Martina O'Brien RIP (Sullivan)
Sunday 18th June	11.00am	Mary Cooney RIP (Keeling)
BAPTISM	12.15pm	Sammy-Joe Docherty
MONDAY 19th	St Romauld, Abbot	
Week 11 Year 1	9.00am	Private Intention
TUESDAY 20th	St Alban, First Martyr of Britain	
	9.00am	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 21st	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
	9.00am	Private Intention
THURSDAY 22nd	St John Fisher, Bishop and St Thomas More, Martyrs	
We pray for those who suffer persecution, oppression & denial of human rights		
	9.00am	Private Intention
FRIDAY 23rd	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	9.00am	Private Intention
SATURDAY 24th	Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist	
	10.00am	Private Intention
SATURDAY 24th	6.00pm	Derek Wells RIP (Wells)
12th Sunday Year A	9.00am	Private Intention
25th June 2017	11.00am	People of the Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE Saturdays 11.00am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm
MORNING PRAYER is offered in the Church at 8.45am, before weekday Mass
DIVINE OFFICE: PSALMS for Week 11 are from Week 3 in the Breviary
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, Rhoda Limbear, James Bullen, and all who are ill at this time.

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £168.50, Loose Plate £397.01 Standing Orders £700. CAFOD £71.32. Thank you for your generosity.

DAY FOR LIFE Day for Life calls us to reflect on the dignity of the person, both young and old, and to pray for and support all life from conception until natural death. Day for Life this year is a time to pray for and offer practical and emotional support, especially to those who have lost a child and women who are anxious about their pregnancy. "Life is beauty, admire it. Life is life, fight for it. Each life is sacred" (Pope Francis)

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THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (A) 18th June 2017

My dear People,

"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes" (1Cor.11:23-26). St Paul was not at the Last Supper with Christ and the apostles, nor was he a follower of Jesus until his conversion. Yet, he gives the most detailed account of what happened at the Passover Meal when Christ offered up his life as a sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. At the time of the Reformation, and even today, there is a controversy between Christians about the nature of the Last Supper and the Mass. In the Mass, the Last Supper - Christ's last meal at which he sacrificed his life – is made present to us here and now.

Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper commemorated the Passover Meal when God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt to freedom and a new life in the Promised Land. He transformed an Old Testament meal, which had a spotless lamb at its centre, whose blood was shed to save the people from death, by offering his life as the Lamb of God in the New Testament. His blood was shed to take away the sins of the world and he offered his life as a sacrifice to give us the new life of grace and eternal life with God. The unleavened bread of Exodus, he changed into his body, the bread of life, as he gives himself to us as Holy Communion. He took the cup of wine and blessed it and gave it to us as his blood, through which our sins are forgiven. What Jesus did at the Last Supper enables us to pass-over the obstacles of life and enter into a Holy Communion with him, in the new life of grace. The Body of Christ is given to us as food for eternal life, and his Blood washes away our sins.

Friday next is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose human heart showed the love and compassion of God for people. He gives us an example of the humble and gentle heart of God, inviting us to come close to him. In times past people had their homes blessed or dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Priests still bless people's homes when requested, and I always pray in a home when visiting. In asking God to bless a house, person or family we seek his love and protection for people and pray that his spirit of love will live and be truly present in their homes and their hearts.

May God bless and protect you and yours. Fr John

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Bishop Alan asks that we have a great Diocesan 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 in 1917. He asks each parish to have at least one coach. He will preside at the Centenary 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. **Please put your name on the lists or on the sheet in our Church if you intend going on the pilgrimage.**

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS In Lent and on the first Friday of the month we offer Mass for various groups in our parish. On Friday, 7 July, at 7.30pm Mass will be offered for our Altar Servers, who will be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers and given their medal. After Mass there will be a party for the Servers in the Parish Hall. We need to know the names of the Servers who will be at the Mass and going to the party. Servers, please put your name on the list in the Sacristy.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES (3rd of 4) at Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, on Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm. Fr Martin Boland, Dean of the Cathedral will speak on ‘**The Diocese Today – A Reflection**’ Admission Free. Bookstall available.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD SEMINAR SERIES 2017

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**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 21 June at 8pm in the Priest’s House. If you have items you would like discussed, contact Melanie Hollinshead, via the letter rack in the porch, or parishcouncil@eppingcatholicchurch.co.uk Parishioners welcome.

ONE MINUTE SURVEY – The results of the One Minute Survey, which we had in our Parish for the Diocesan Stewards of the Gospel Programme is available in the Church.

RED MISSIO BOXES - APF We are asked to send money from Missio red collecting boxes in June & December each year. Would all who have boxes please hand them in to the Sacristy or the Presbytery ASAP. Please do NOT leave the boxes containing money in the Church Porch. When the boxes have been emptied and counted, they are labelled and left in the Church Porch for collection by their owners. **This money supports Mill Hill Missionaries and deprived communities overseas.** If you would like to have a Red Box at home to give small change to this worthwhile charity, please contact Brendan Carden, our Parish Missio Organiser, on 07983 94755. Every little helps!

CHRISTIAN AID: The total amount raised came to **£570.55** (plus Gift Aid). Thank you to all the collectors and parishioners who contributed or helped in any way.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION BAGS In compliance with guidance from the diocese, the Parish Finance Committee has decided that we follow their procedures on the handling of the monies given as offering to the church. In view of this we will be using locked collection bags, instead of the open plates, from this Sunday. Blue bags will be used for the Offertory Collection and red bags will be used for retiring collections for appeals and charities. The use of bags is now the norm in most churches, and also gives greater privacy to people in making their offerings.

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.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK at The Box, St John’s Road, Epping, is open on

Mondays from **3.30-5.00pm. Helpers will be trained to work on a rota.** Contact John McCredie, Epping Foodbank co-ordinator, Tel. 01992 5779430 on email: johnmccredie92@gmail.com, Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to join the team and help this good 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.

PRIESTS REFERENCES FOR SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2018:

Parents & carers who want a Priest’s reference to support an application for a school place for a child in September 2018 must be attending Sunday Mass regularly. When people are not attending Mass regularly there is no point in asking for a Priest’s Rference.

PARISH HALL: Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please telephone Arnold Verrall on 0776 4404813 or 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping area).

VACANCIES Details of vacancies and positions available in schools and offices in the Diocese are placed on the noticeboard in the church porch for people’s attention

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE A Mass to celebrate Marriage & Family Life will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral at 3.00pm, on Saturday, 15th July. Couples preparing for marriage, or counselling and the support of marriage are invited. Couples wishing to attend are asked to let Fr John know.

Number of preferences expressed by parishioners for weekday Mass times			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 before 9am	1 before 9am	1 before 9am	1 before 9am
2 for 9.00am	2 for 9.00am	2 for 9.00am	2 for 9.00am
4 for 9.30am	4 for 9.30am	4 for 9.30am	4 for 9.30am
3 for 10.00am	4 for 10.00am	4 for 10.00am	3 for 10.00am
2 for 11.00am	2 for 11.00am	2 for 11.00am	2 for 11.00am
1 for 8.00pm	3 for 8.00pm	1 for 8.00pm	1 for 8.00pm