

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 8th July to Sunday 16th July 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year A

SATURDAY 8th July 6.00pm People of our Parish SEA SUNDAY

Sunday 9th July 2017 9.00am Jim Sullivan RIP (Lynch)

11.00am Joseph Guiglielmi RIP (Anniv.)

Baptism 12.15pm Evelyn Rose Hales

MONDAY 10th 9.00am Private Intention

TUESDAY 11th St Benedict, Abbot Patron Saint of Europe

9.00am Malcolm Silver RIP (Anniv) (Silver)

WEDNESDAY 12th St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest

9.00am Private Intention

THURSDAY 13th St Henry, Holy Roman Emperor

9.00am Private Intention

FRIDAY 14th St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

9.00am Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)

SATURDAY 15th 6.00pm Lucia Maraldo RIP (Anniv) (Maraldo)

15th Sunday Year A 9.00am Michael Gallagher RIP (Holmes)

Sunday 16 July 2017 11.00am People of our Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE Saturdays 11.00am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm

MORNING PRAYER in the Church at 8.45am, before weekday Mass

DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS for Week 14 are from Week 2 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, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hilda Silver, Mark Toohey, Rhoda Limebear, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Hannah Robinson, Ann Dowd, Roger Minnis, Sean Clohessy, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Annie Cambell Tweedy and all who are ill at this time.

DISASTERS: We pray for the victims of terrorism at Westminster, Manchester, London Bridge and Finsbury Park, and all who suffer from the fire at Grenfell Tower. May they rest in peace and may the Lord send his Spirit to comfort all who suffer and mourn.

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £271.50, Loose £245.36, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £95. *Thank you for your generosity.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE MASS AT 6PM ON SATURDAY 22ND JULY DUE TO THE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM THAT DAY.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME A 9th July 2017

My dear parishioners,

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matt.11:25-30). Jesus shared people's joys, sorrows and burdens. Sometimes, when life is hardest and most burdensome we can feel most alone. At such times we most need and value the support the Lord's gives us through people. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel, that we should not withdraw into our shell trying to cope with the difficulties of life, but move towards him who will strengthen us in our weakness and bear our burdens with us. He tells us, "If anyone will come after me, let him take up his cross daily and follow me". Our responsibilities and duties are mostly welcome challenges and joys, but at times can be burdens or even a kind of crucifixion. Jesus lived in faithfulness to his Father's will and prayed, "Father, not my will but thine be done". He, who was gentle and humble shares our burdens and calls us to find rest for our souls in him.

This leads us to question how do we cope with the stresses and difficulties of life. Do we see Christ having a real part in our life and do we turn to him when we are in difficulty or in need of help? If we do not bring our problems to him with faith and believe he can help to change our situation, then we are not really recognising him as the Saviour. We see the constant example of Jesus turning in prayer to his Father before making big decisions, teaching or miracles. He needed the help and guidance of his Father at those important times in life. We, with our limitations and human weaknesses, we too need God's help even more if we are to live wisely and well. Let us turn to Christ each day, especially as we say the Lord's Prayer, and ask that his will may be done in us and for us, so that we share our Cross with him. By the power of his Cross, with which we are blessed, he will be our Lord and Saviour supporting and comforting us, especially in the most difficult times of life.

We are most grateful to our teams of Catechists who prepare children and young people for First Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. We urgently need some more and new Catechists for this important task in September.

May the Lord bless and help us in carrying our crosses through life. Fr John

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Bishop Alan asked 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 in 1917. He will preside at the Centenary Mass at Walsingham, with the priests and people. **There will be no Saturday evening Masses in parishes in the Diocese on that day.** Please can all those going on the Pilgrimage collect an Information Pack and a Payment Envelope from the back of the church this weekend.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Bishop Alan will celebrate a Mass for Marriage & Family Life at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday next, 15th July at 3.00pm. Couples who wish to celebrate their marriage, prepare for marriage or offer counselling or support for married couples are invited to the Mass. If you will be attending please let Fr John know.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS: We are most grateful to all parishioners who responded to a call join a team for a weekly cleaning of our church. In most parishes, the parishioners do the cleaning. Just as we clean our homes, so in a sense we would want to clean our church where we are at home with God. Another reason for this is that our parish expenditure exceeds income, There has been a trend of reduction in parish income for the past three years. For a start, by doing our own church cleaning we reduce our costs by £2,300 a year, which is a significant first step to improve our situation. If you can help, please email the parish office or put your name on the list in the church.

RED MISSIO BOXES - APF We are asked to send money from Missio red collecting boxes in June & December each year. Please hand boxes in to the Sacristy or Priest's House ASAP. Please do NOT leave boxes containing money in the Church Porch. When emptied and counted, the boxes are labelled and left in the Church Porch to be collected by the owners. **The money helps Mill Hill Missionaries support poor communities overseas.** If you wish to have a Red Box to give small change to this charity, contact Brendan Carden, our Parish Missio Organiser, on 07983 947505. Every little helps! The first batch of 'red boxes' have been counted and the money, which amounted to over £600 has been sent off. It is not too late if you have not returned your box if you have not already done so. Boxes are available for collection in the Church porch and there is a separate tray of unused boxes for any one who would like to take one.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD SEMINAR SERIES 2017 at Brentwood Cathedral

Seminar 6: “Contemplative Prayer – is it for me?” Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams SM
Date: Saturday 15th July 2017, 10.30am -12.00noon. For further information contact:
jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel.01277265285

ST JOHN VIANNEY Solemn Pontifical Mass at 10am, Sunday 30 July to celebrate of the 50th anniversary of the opening of St John Vianney Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0JB. **Celebrant: Rt Rev Alan Williams SM Bishop of Brentwood.** Followed by BBQ, Tickets (£5/3.50). Buy on the door or in advance (for a group). For details phone 020 8550 4540 or email vianney.clayhall@btinternet.com.

GIFT AID: If you need a letter, for tax purposes, showing the amount you donated to the parish in 2016/17 please contact Margaret Lechley in the Parish Office.

SEA SUNDAY: Each year Sea Sunday is remembered and we pray for those who live and work at sea. Nowadays their life and family relationships can be extremely difficult. Many sailors come from poorer countries and are exploited and do not have the ability to spend time with their families. The Apostleship of the Sea offers support to sailors when in port and to help keep in contact with their families. There are envelopes to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea at the back of the church if you would like to make a donation and there are Flag Day stickers there.

YEAR 8 WORSHIP EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERS Each year, the Chaplaincy Team at St John's School organises a very vibrant and successful opportunity for 160 Year 8 students (aged 12-13) from St John's to visit St John's Church, Epping to experience various aspects of Prayer & Worship. The format comprises 20 'Activity Stations' and requires adult supervisors for each 'station' (must be DBS checked) from **8.30am – 11.00 am on Friday 14th July** and a small team of helpers to move furniture etc (DBS check NOT required) on the afternoon of Thursday 13th July. Full instructions are provided for those taking part. If you can help **telephone Alison Dolan on 07855 958 653, or email. adolan@openboxeducation.org.uk**

DIARY DATE: A Parish fundraising Quiz Night will take place here on **Saturday 30th September 2017** in our Church Hall. Please keep the date free in your diaries. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: Most of the Catholic newspapers and magazines on sale in the church are not purchased weekly and wind up going in to recycling. It is a pity that people do not take advantage of the opportunity to become more informed on the life and thinking of the Church nationally and internationally. Even if you have not bought one of the papers or magazines, please try taking some of the leftovers from the previous week (which are free) and may prove to be interesting.

Calling all JAZZ Lovers.....Please join us for an INFORMAL hour of JAZZ with the MICHAEL HORNER STANDARDS TRIO on Monday 10th July at 6.30pm in the Cathedral SONG SCHOOL. These informal jazz sessions in our Song School have proved so popular, that Michael will perform another Recital for those who were not able to come a month ago and for those who wish to hear him again!!!

2018 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: Fr Stephen Myers, Parish Priest at Holy Family Church, Dagenham, will lead a Pilgrimage to Poland from Monday 28 May to Saturday 2 June 2018. Cost of £546:00 per person includes: Half Board. Full services of a guide Coach visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Krakow, Wadowice, Zakopane Entrance charge to Salt Mine Documentary film in Auschwitz Entrances to Wawel Cathedral and St Mary's Church Krakow. Plus Flight charge of approximately £170:00 insurance is £32:00 if required. Please contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 884444.