

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 15th July to Sunday 23rd July 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year A

SATURDAY 22 July 6.00pm The Diocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 23 July 2017 9.00am Mrs Colleen Mansfield RIP (recently)

11.00am Avis Milner RIP (recently)

MONDAY 24th St Charbel Maklouf, Priest

9.00am Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)

TUESDAY 25th St James, Apostle

9.00am Joan Scully RIP

WEDNESDAY 26th St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Holy Souls RIP

THURSDAY 27th 9.00am Intentions of the Houston Family (Houston)

FRIDAY 28th 9.00am Holy Souls RIP

SATURDAY 29th 6.00pm James Warnock RIP (Harold)

17th Sunday Year A 9.00am People of the Parish

Sunday 30 July 2017 11.00am Arthur Devereux RIP 7th anniversary (Devereux)

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

DIVINE OFFICE MORNING PRAYER at 8.45am before weekday Mass in Church

BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration after 9am weekday Mass for 1 hour

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

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

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £373.50, Loose £271.64, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £32.00, *Thank you for your generosity.*

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM We have our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, on this **Saturday 22 July**, to celebrate of the Centenary of the founding of our Diocese in 1917.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME A 23rd July 2017

My dear parishioners,

“Lord, you have taught a lesson to your people, how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the hope that after sin you will grant repentance” (Wisdom 12:13-19). Sometimes we find it difficult to forgive others and can be trapped in un-forgiveness. God wants us to show strength by being mild in judgement and lenient to others. He does not want people to be condemned for sins or failings, but to be saved and grow in love. We may judge others or ourselves harshly, but we all need to come to “The Lord who is good and forgiving, full of love to all who call on him. He is a God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love and truth” (Ps.85).

Jesus uses many images and parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven. Today we have the parable of the Good Seed and the weed sown in a field, that represents the world (Matt.13:24-43). The good seed represents the Word of God and is life-giving; it bears much fruit in the world and in people’s lives. The weed contaminates people and society, and sets back the growth of what is good and pure. Jesus shows that what God creates and nurtures is good, but growing alongside his goodness in creation is the destructive work of the devil. Jesus shows that what is good will be recognised and saved on judgement day, whilst what is evil or sinful will be condemned, cast out and destroyed.

Today’s readings are full of hope and show that God does not want to condemn or reject people but save them. When we are troubled by our failings and human weakness, “The Holy Spirit comes to help us in our weakness” and when we are unable to pray properly, the Spirit offers up our needs to God in a way that can never be put into words (Rom.8:26-27). Let us come to Christ, our Saviour with faith and hope, knowing that he is there to save and rescue us.

I welcome my friend, **Fr Dariusz Dabek**, from the Catholic University at Lublin, Poland, who will be in charge here until the middle of August. I will be away from Wednesday and will especially remember our sick parishioners in prayer. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday, at home or away.

May God bless you & protect you and yours in this holiday season. Fr John

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2017-18

APPLICATION FORMS: for parents who wish to prepare their children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion starting in September 2017 are at the back of our Church. Catholic parents who apply must constantly attend Sunday Mass with their children, and the parents' sessions. Children must attend all preparation sessions, which will be in the Sacristy, on Wednesday evenings at 5.45pm. The first parents' session will be held in our Church Hall on Tuesday, 12 September at 8.00pm. Completed Application Forms & enclosures must be returned to the Priest's House by Wednesday, 30th August.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS: We are most grateful to everyone who has offered to join a team for the weekly cleaning of our church, on a rota basis. If you have not put your name on the list but wish to help, please email, phone or write to our Parish Office.

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 & counted, boxes are labelled and left in the Church Porch to be collected by the owners. **This money helps the Mill Hill Missionaries to 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! A further payment has been made to the Director of Missio bringing our parish total to **£702.80**. Many thanks to all our donors. It is not too late to return your box if you have not already done so. Boxes are available for collection in the Church porch and there is a tray of unused boxes for anyone who would like to have one.

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

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: On Friday we welcome Fr Dariusz Dabek who will be here during my holidays. Fr Dariusz, is a Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University in Lublin, and he has supplied in parishes during my holidays for about 20 years. I am sure that you will give him a warm welcome and he will be open to hospitality.

ROTAS: Please can all Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers collect a copy of the new rotas, plus attachments, now available in the church porch.

ANTHONY LESLIE WILLIAMS RIP We pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony, one of our parishioners, who died on the 29th June. His Funeral Service was celebrated in our Church on Thursday, 20th July, followed by Committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to and prayers for his family and all who mourn for him at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them.**

LUNCHTIME MUSIC RECITAL AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: There will be a Vocal and Piano Recital on **Wednesday 2nd August** given by Johannes GERGES (bass) and Dominic BENTHAM (piano). Full details to follow nearer the time.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE JUMBLE IN OUR CHURCH PORCH

On Wednesday, 12 July, some large jumble was left in our church porch that was a very difficult to move and we had to pay the Council to dispose of it. Please only bring to the Church goods that can be moved easily and sold in a Jumble Sale or Bazaar. Electrical goods and large items are not suitable and are a problem and a cost for us.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: Fr Stephen Myers, of Holy Family Church, Dagenham, will lead a Pilgrimage to Poland from 28 May - 2 June 2018. Cost: £546 per person, Includes half-board and service of a guide. Visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Wadowice, Krakow, Zakopane, Entrance charge to Salt Mine. Documentary film in Auschwitz . Entrances to Wawel Cathedral & St Mary's Church Krakow. Contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 884444

The Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 29 July at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. All are welcome. It will include a talk from Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, an important organisation, under the patronage of St Thomas More, that is charged with keeping the Church's concerns before government and politicians at the national level.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: Most of the weekly Catholic newspapers and magazines on sale in the church are not purchased and wind up going in to recycle. Even if you have not bought one of the papers or magazines, please take some of the leftovers from a previous week which inform us of the life of the church nationally and internationally.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2018: Parents who want a priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2018 need to be attending Sunday Mass consistently. When they are not attending Mass regularly there is no point in asking for a Priest's reference.