

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th August

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)

SATURDAY 5th Aug 6.00pm Jim Lennon RIP anniv (Lechley)

**SUNDAY 6th 9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Sharon Palmer Birthday (Sr Susan)**

MONDAY 7th 9.00am Holy Souls RIP

**TUESDAY 8th St Dominic
9.00am Holy Souls RIP**

**WEDNESDAY 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
9.00am Intentions of Frances Sheehy (Clohessy)**

**THURSDAY 10th St Lawrence
9.00am Mary Cronin RIP (anon)**

**FRIDAY 11th St Clare
9.00am Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)**

SATURDAY 12th 6.00pm Anthony Burcham RIP recently (Benting)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

**SUNDAY 13th 9.00am Ints of the Sheehy & Clohessy Families (Clohessy)
11.00am People of the Parish**

**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, Stan Holder 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 £411.32, Loose £253.50, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £50.52, Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER AND ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 14th August and will then be resumed on Friday 1st September.

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THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 6th August 2017

Dear friends,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the high mountain where the glory of His destiny is revealed to them (Mark 9:2–10). This moment is given to them to help them realize the true identity of Jesus. They see Him in conversation with Elijah and Moses. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. His mission is not to destroy the ways in which the Father has already revealed Himself, but to bring this revelation to completion. Because they were ‘eyewitnesses of his majesty’ (2 Peter 1:16-19) they will be able, despite all of their limitations and weaknesses, to preach with such conviction and effectiveness the truth of the Risen Jesus.

The Transfiguration assures us that God gives to each of us, according to our need, our own mountaintop experiences of His love for us. Each of us has been given our own special moments and experiences of God’s grace. He has revealed His glory and goodness to us perhaps: 1) through the beauty of the natural world, or 2) through the faithful, unselfish love of our spouse, or 3) through the miracle of parenthood – of being co-creators with God of a new human life, or 4) through special miracles of grace where He has touched our hearts in unique and unmistakable ways. We must treasure these glimpses of His glory in our hearts so that they may give us strength in our trials and light in moments of darkness and hope when sin and death appear to be victors in our world.

May our celebration of the Transfiguration open our hearts more and more to the Beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ. May we listen to Him more attentively this week as He seeks to reveal His love and His glory to us. May the knowledge of our destiny to share in His glory dismiss all fears and anxieties from our hearts. May we treasure and never take for granted the unique and special manifestations of His love for us.

May God bless and protect you all.

Fr. Dariusz

BERNARDINE LEHY RIP. We pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadine, a parishioner from North Weald, who died this week. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 14th August (more details later). May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to and prayers for her family and for all who mourn for her at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: We welcome Fr Dariusz Dabek who will be here during Fr John's holidays. Fr Dariusz, is a Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University in Lublin, and he has supplied in parishes during Fr John's holidays for about 20 years.

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.

THE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: The SVP seeks to appoint a Data Protection Officer for its Brentwood Central Council to ensure full compliance with Data Protection legislation. This is an important new voluntary role for which all necessary training will be given. It will take up a few hours a month and require attendance at meetings (max 6 per year) in Brentwood. Applicants need not be full SVP members. Experience or knowledge of Data Protection or Compliance NOT necessary but would be helpful. Please call Paul Ives for more information on 01992 577104 or 07504923428.

RED MISSIO BOXES. Thanks to those who use the Red Missio Boxes to collect small change in their homes. What a fantastic help the collections will be for the Overseas Missions!! During the first half of this year a total of **£816.28** has been sent to the Mission organisers. Well done to all those involved!!! If you would like to have a box in your home to help collect for the overseas Missions, please get a Red Box from our parish organiser, Brendon Carden, (Tel 07983 947505) or just take one of the empty boxes from the bookcase in the Church porch.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding an exclusive **Ladies' Afternoon Tea** at The Rayleigh Club, Hulbridge on Thursday 21st September. Afternoon Tea will be served at 2pm and to add some extra sparkle to the occasion, ladies will be greeted with a glass of Bucks Fizz. You will then be treated to an assortment of finely cut finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones and clotted cream along with a selection of mouth-watering homemade cakes and sweet treats, all served with tea or coffee. Tickets cost £20 per person and as numbers are limited, we would recommend reserving your place as soon as possible. Contact Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE - World Youth Day, Panama, January 2019 If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and the Pope. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For more information, visit www.bcys.net or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017

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.

ANNUAL CHORAL FESTIVAL 2017: This year our Festival will be a very special occasion celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be held in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 21st October, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with the Festival Thanksgiving Service at 4 p.m. The service will be conducted by Andrew Wright, Master of Music at Brentwood Cathedral. We invite all singers to join us for a memorable and enjoyable day of singing finishing with our Thanksgiving Service. Individual singers are warmly welcomed, as are members of all choirs, robed or unrobed. The choirs of Chelmsford and Brentwood Cathedrals will be joining us for the Service. The music this year has been specially chosen and is included in a booklet which has been printed for us by the Royal School of Church Music. Copies of the booklet £5 and further information from shirleytimmins@btinternet.com.

CORRECTION TO THE UPCOMING MINISTER / READERS' ROTA: I apologise for inadvertently omitting the weekend of October 7/8 from the second page of the rota. The easiest way to correct this is to replace Oct.15/16 with Oct 7/8 then working downwards until the last weekend reads Nov 4/5. I apologise also to anyone whose request to be omitted from a particular date has been put in jeopardy. Hopefully this will not happen again. Davnet Barker.

THE SMALL LAUNDRY TEAM are invited to collect their rotas from the letter-rack in the porch. Many thanks to all who perform this important task throughout the year. Particular thanks to Peggy Clohessy who has had to retire due to family commitments.

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.