

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th August 2017

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

SATURDAY 12th 6.00pm Anthony Burcham RIP recently (Benting)
SUNDAY 13th 9.00am Ints of the Sheehy & Clohessy Families (Clohessy)
11.00am People of the Parish

MONDAY 14th 1.00pm Requiem Mass Bernadine Leahy RIP

TUESDAY 15th FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

10.00am Dick Barry RIP
8.00pm People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY 16th 9.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

THURSDAY 17th 9.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

FRIDAY 18th 9.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

SATURDAY 19th 12 noon Blessing of Marriage on 10th Anniversary Siobhan & Patrick Coyne

6.00pm Mary Canny RIP (Canny)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY 20th 9.00am Pauric McPartlan RIP recently

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 recommences 1st September.

PRAYER & ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The Blessed Sacrament will next be exposed after morning Mass on Friday 1st September and thereafter on each weekday when there is a 9am Mass.

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WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL Mark Toohey, 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.

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £254.50, Loose £296.64, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £2.13, Thank you for your generosity.

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Dear friends,

God's voice is the quietest, gentlest voice of all because it is a voice of love. If we want to hear this voice we need to create some stillness and quietness. God did not make himself heard to Prophet Elijah in the sound of the mighty wind or the earthquake, but in the whisper of a gentle breeze (1Kings 19:11-13). He speaks to us in the most hidden parts of our being and in the promptings of our conscience. For those who know how to listen, His gentle voice can make itself heard even in the midst of a storm. Over the roar of wind and the waves, the apostles heard the gentle voice of Jesus saying to them, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid' (Matt 14:27).

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life. However, as soon as the wind of troubles rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to beat on us, we lose our vigor and begin to sink. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is addressed directly to us too. Like Peter, we often start out courageously only to lose heart when the going gets tough. Many times we find ourselves in situations that call out for faith. It is amazing how our faith can grow at such times. Peter's faith grew immensely when he was overwhelmed by doubts and cried out to Jesus. Then he experienced the Lord's power to save. As we call out to the Lord in our need we too will experience the growth of our faith.

Lord Jesus, you desire that I love and serve you with a strong faith. But you know that it is not easy. Teach me to turn to you in times of doubts and weakness, so that you yourself might hold me and strengthen my faith.

Today's Sunday is my last in your Parish. Thank you very much for your kindness and friendship. You will be kept in my prayers. May God's love gently and powerfully guide you through the waves of your lives.

Fr. Dariusz.

FEAST DAY OF THE ASSUMPTION On Tuesday 15th August, we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holyday of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 8pm. We welcome back Fr Bob White, a retired priest of our diocese and thank him for saying Mass for us on this important Solemnity..

THANKS TO Fr DARIUS. We express our warm thanks to Fr Darius for ministering to us for the last three weeks, in Fr John's absence on holiday. We enjoyed his good humour and the very helpful way in which he coped with 'life in the fast lane' here in Epping. We look forward to welcoming him back in 2018. God bless you, Father!!

BERNADINE LEAHY R.I.P. The Requiem Mass for Bernadine Leahy will be celebrated by Fr Darius at 1.00pm on Monday 14th August followed by cremation at Parndon Wood. Particularly as there will not be a 9.00am Mass on this day, it is hoped that parishioners may be able to attend this Requiem Mass.

BERNARD GEORGE R.I.P. The funeral service for Bernard George, who died on 4th August, will take place on Monday 11th September (more details later). Bernard had been a regular worshipper at 6pm Mass for over 15 years, until his illness last autumn. May he rest in peace.

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.

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

FAST DAY NOTICE: On Monday 14th August, Vigil of the Feast of The Assumption, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting; www.goodcounselnetwork.com

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.

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.

FUN RUN, WALK 5K OR 10K FOR BREAST CANCER: Sunday 24th September 2017. In aid of our local Breast Cancer Charity Clinical Trials at St Margaret's Hospital and The Princess Alexandra Hospital. Please see notice in church porch for more details.