

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 11 to Sunday 19 November 2017

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time A REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SATURDAY 11th	6.00pm Fr Kevin Lowry RIP Recently (Lechley)
SUNDAY 12th	9.00am People of our Parish
November 2017	11.00am Deceased of Two Great Wars & subsequent conflicts
Monday 13th	9.00am Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 14th	9.00am Holy Souls RIP -
Wednesday 15th	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor 9.00am Holy Souls RIP (McInerney)
Thursday 16th	St Edmund of Abingdon Bp, Secondary Co-Patron of Diocese 9.00am Holy Souls (Silver)
St Edmund's College, Ware: Final Mass of the Brentwood Diocese Centenary Year	
Friday 17th	St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop 9.00am Veronica Beard RIP (Beard)
Saturday, 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Apostles Saints Peter & Paul in Rome	
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in Ordinary Time A	
SATURDAY 18th	6.00pm People of our Parish
SUNDAY 19th	9.00am George Rimmer RIP Anniv (Rimmer)
November 2017	11.00am Frances Sheehy RIP (Clohessy)
	3.00pm Parish Bereavement Service

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am – 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm
MORNING PRAYER OF THE DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before weekday Mass
BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass

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

OFFERINGS: Offertories: Envelopes £410.30, Loose £360.45, Standing Orders £700, CAFOD £18.16 *Thank you for your generous offerings.*

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Edward Thomas Archer who has been Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS: Please take a copy of the new rotas which are in the post box in the church porch.

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD: O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants who have departed this life the remission of all sin, that through our prayer and supplication they may obtain that pardon and peace which they have always desired. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME A 12 November 2017

Dear friends,

“We want you to be quite certain about those who have died, to make sure you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope”(1Thess.4:13-18). November is a time of remembrance when we pray for the dead. In this month we offer prayers and the Mass for those who have died and gone before us to our Lord. We mourn in remembering loved ones who have died, but there is consolation and hope for all who have faith in Christ, and his resurrection from the dead. We believe that those who lived lives of faith, loving God and neighbour, are now safe in God's loving care. St Paul tells the first Christians and ourselves, to be certain in faith “about those who have died, and to make sure we do not grieve about them like the people who have no hope” of a glorious future life with God.

The second part of St Paul's letter today looks to the second coming of Christ at the end of time and the end of our own life. Paul expected this to happen in his lifetime, but later changed his view on the timing of the Lord's return. He wanted people to prepare to meet the Lord by carrying out their responsibilities and duties each day, and not to waste the time, talents or opportunities they have, to serve God and each other in love. We can all be challenged on how we use our opportunities, time and talents to give glory of God by serving other people! In that sense, we need to be like the wise virgins, who were watchful and ready to help those in need. That was shown in a quiet but powerful way by our Lady, at the wedding feast in Cana; as she sees that “they have no wine”, she brings the people's needs to her son. We can bring people's needs to our Lord in our prayer, as we ask him to help the living with their various needs, and to bring those who have died to share his glory in heaven.

The reading from the Book of Wisdom (6:12-16) speaks of wisdom of God, which should be our guide. Our decisions should be shaped by God's wisdom, which gives us a better understanding of God and human nature. It helps us live in a ways which give glory to God, brings happiness to others and fulfilment to ourselves.

May the Holy Spirit and his wisdom be with you always to guide you. Fr John

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: You can place the names of deceased relatives, friends and parishioners at the Altar in our Church for prayer at daily Mass during November.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SERVICE You are warmly invited to this service at **3pm Sunday 19 November 2017**, that is arranged for all who have lost loved ones - spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends - whether recently or some time ago. The Service will include some hymns, remembrance (by name) of the loved ones who have died (during which candles will be lit), followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall. We do hope you will join us, together with any friends you would like to bring with you. If you have any queries, contact Deacon Duncan, telephone 01992 577173.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE After the laying of wreaths at Epping War Memorial at 2.15pm on **Sunday 12 November**, the annual Service of Remembrance will be held in St John's Church commencing at 3pm, at which Fr John & Deacon Duncan will take part. Everyone is invited to attend to represent the Catholic Community, as we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH: If you are interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wish to understand our faith or support the faith or practice of family members you are welcome to a series of talks at the **Priest's House on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm**. These are suitable for Catholics who have not been Confirmed or who have not been practising their faith or wish to renew and rethink their faith. Please contact Fr John if you are interested.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNIONS The **children's** next session will be on **Wednesday 15 November at 5.45pm in the Church Hall**. Children must attend all preparation sessions & parents must bring their children to Sunday Mass at weekends. A few of parents have not yet paid the £25 towards the books and materials.

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday 8 December. Mass for our Feast Day will be celebrated in Church at 10am and 7.30pm. After the evening Mass we will have a Parish Party in our Hall, to which all parishioners are invited. We ask parishioners to bring the food for the party - drinks will be provided by our Parish. Please let Fr John know if you are able to help.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held in The Priest's House at **8pm on Wednesday 22 November**. All parishioners are welcome. If you have any item you would like discussed please contact our Parish Office.

ABBOTSWICK MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS In remembrance of all whose ashes are interred there and those remembered with plaques & memorials at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered there at **2.30pm on Sunday 19 November**, in our "building works chapel" in the coach house at Abbotswick (Wheelers Lane, Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome. If you would like to walk the grounds before Mass, please arrive at any time from 1.00pm. For details please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WHIST EVENING: The next Whist Evening will be at 2 Spriggs Oak, Epping on **Monday 20 November at 7pm**. Entry fee £2 with prizes galore. Please contact Arnold Verrall for further information.

THE ART OF DYING WELL: There is a Prayer Card in the church: *Prayer for the Dying*. The Art of Dying Well is a website launched by the Bishops of England & Wales last year which offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. The names that people post on the Instagram or Twitter will be prayed for by monks and nuns in five convents and abbeys. <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishops-launch-art-dying-well-website/>

WINE TASTING & CHEESE EVENING - SOLD OUT: Thank you very much to all who will attend on **Saturday, 18 November**. As an added little bonus, Junior will delve into his personal wine collection and provide a few bottles for auction on the night; this should provide a bit of fun, friendly competition and further funds for our church. If you have any queries in the run up to the tasting, evening please feel free to contact Adriana Ruvalcaba on 07828 118 909.

OUR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is on **Saturday 2 December**. The next week's appeal is for toiletries. We have all been given gifts which we do not use or are not to our taste. Now is the chance to off-load them with a clear conscience.

PARISH BAZAAR PATRONS Many thanks to all who responded to the appeal to be Patrons of our **Bazaar on 3 December**. This has funded initial setting-up costs. You can still become a Bazaar Patron funding pre-event costs or sending a donation if you are unable to attend the Bazaar! Please send a cheque (Catholic Church Epping) or cash in an envelope with your name & marked 'Bazaar Patron' to Fr John. This year we especially thank a number of businesses in Epping who have made donations and have offered prizes and gifts for our Bazaar. Special thanks to **Stevenette Estate Agents in Epping** who have made a very generous donation and are advertising our Bazaar in their sign boards around the Epping area.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: We are pleased to invite everyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to a traditional luncheon in our Hall. Couples and carers are also welcome. Please call **Mary Morgan on 01992 574719** or give your details to Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

EPPING FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL Epping Foodbank hopes to add some Christmas treats to the regular food parcels for its clients & would appreciate donations of packaged mince pies, Christmas puddings & cakes (any size), biscuits, chocolate, nuts etc. There is a box in the porch for the purpose. Thank you so much.

CLEARING UNWANTED ITEMS FROM CHURCH HALL. A collection of rubbish and unwanted items has accumulated in our Church Hall. Please look at the list which is displayed on the Church and Church Hall notice boards to **check whether or not there are items which you recognise as needing to be retained**; if an item needs to be kept, please put your name and telephone number in the appropriate right-hand column. **All Items not recognised or not required for future use will be collected for disposal on 24th November 2017.** Any queries to Arnold Verrall, please on 07764 404813. Thank you for your help.