

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 9th June to Sunday 17th June 2018

Saturday, 9th June 2018: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B) 10th June 2018

Saturday 9th 6.00pm Eric Burns RIP Recently (Murray)
Sunday 10th 9.00am The People of our Parish
JUNE 2018 11.00am Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion children
Monday 11th June St Barnabas, Apostle
9.00am Margaret Stubbs RIP 1st Anniv (Stubbs)
Tuesday 12th 9.00am Sr Bernadette Solley RIP (FM)
Wednesday 13th St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor
9.00am Aideen McAlindon RIP Recently (Darcy)
Thursday 14th 9.00am Anna May Mackey RIP Recently (Darcy)
Friday 8th June 9.00am Private Intention

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 17 June 2018 DAY FOR LIFE

Saturday 9th June 6.00pm Private Intention
Sunday 10th June 9.00am People of our Parish
11.00am Simon Conrad's intentions (Palmer)

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Next Saturday 11.00 to 12.00am & 5.15 to 5.40pm

MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before weekday Mass

BLESSED SACRAMENT: Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Hilda Silver, Frances Wells, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Mark Toohey, Giovanni Borelli, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis, Tony Mullan, Fr Martin Knott, Fr Tom Jordan and Deacon Duncan Whitehouse.

Please notify a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or parishioner is ill, at home, in hospital or a care home so they may receive visits and the Sacraments.

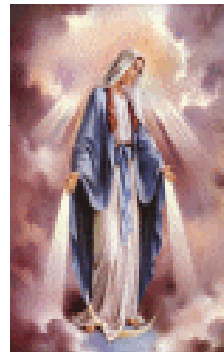
OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £293.50; Loose £343.19;

Standing Orders: £800 CAFOD £72.06; Thank you so much for your generosity.

THIS YEAR'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Congratulations to this year's First Holy Communion children in our parish, and to their families. This weekend they have their Going Forth Mass and celebrate and give thanks to God for their first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Since their Baptism they have been on a faith journey but in this year they journeyed to the altar to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. It is so important for their parents continue to support them as they grow in their relationship with God and with the Church within the parish community, and especially in coming to Mass consistently on Saturday evening or Sunday. May the Lord who began this good work in them bring it to a blessed fulfilment.

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 10th June 2018

Dear Friends,

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption” we say in response to Psalm 129 today. Our reading from Genesis 3 shows the seductiveness of the evil one and how can draw people into temptation and then into sin. In the past most people would have a sense of personal disappointment, guilt or shame about their sins and they would see a need to confess their sin and have forgiveness. Today the sense of sin has diminished in our society and we have an exaggerated emphasis on personal freedom and choice, regardless of God's law or the rights of others. The recent referendum in Ireland to abolish or retain the 8th Amendment to the Constitution, that guaranteed the equal dignity and right to life of the mother and child in the womb, was largely fought on “a woman's right to choose”. The result and the way it was shamefully celebrated shows that a moral compass on what is right has been lost and replaced by a centring on self and personal choice.

In Genesis, no sooner have our first parents fallen into sin, than God promises he is going to save people from sin and deliver them from evil and it's power. Just as sin came into the world, through one man, Adam, it is overcome and we are redeemed by one man, Jesus Christ. Psalm 129, is full of faith and hope, and is often offered for the dead that they may be released from sin and its effects. In Psalm 50, the Miserere, we have a great personal act of contrition and plea to God for forgiveness, from King David who had sinned and murdered to cover up his sin. It is important that we recognise our own sins while we find it easy to identify the sins of others. We all need to be humble before the Lord and seek his mercy and forgiveness.

This weekend at the First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass we thank our very fine team of Catechists who have given so generously of their talents and time to prepare the children for the Sacraments. Claire Platias has led the programme for quite a number of years and is having to retire from doing it due to professional and family commitments. Maggie Keeling has led the music in the church and also for the children for seven years and is having to retire for similar reasons. Our thanks to Stella Pleydell, Mary Morgan and Martin Griffin who joined the team of Catechists this year and contributed to so much and so well to a very successful course.

May God bless you and protect you with his mercy and love. Fr John

FORTY HOURS PRAYER IN CHURCH: Thank you to everyone who took part in the Forty Hours of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Church during the past week. It was edifying that so many people came consistently over the four days.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION: Thank you to JoAnn O'Neill and her team of collectors and all who gave so generously. The total sum raised was £656.33.

MONSIGNOR WILLIAM NIX 50th ANNIVERSARY: We congratulate Fr Bill Nix who celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday 8 June. We share his joy in the celebration of his vocation and ministry, ten years of which was in Epping. He is now in retirement at 129 Fronks Road, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4EF

SPONSOR A CONSECRATION CROSS OR CANDLE: Consecrated churches have twelve candles with twelve crosses around the walls of the church, to show the Church is founded on the faith of the twelve apostles. There are only four candles and crosses in our church, presumably symbolising the four evangelists. As we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church on December 7th, the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception and Patron of our Church, we are completing the apostolic number by putting up eight more candles and crosses. The cost of each cross is £20 and of the candle holder (similar to the existing ones) is £180 each. If parishioners would like to donate a cross or brass candle holder, they can use a red donation envelope in the Church and give them to Fr John or hand them into the Priest's House. The offerings for this purpose can also be Gift Aided by people who are paying tax.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Soon we will announce dates for meetings of parents wishing to prepare their children for first Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2019. It is essential for these sacraments that the families and children be attending Mass. First Holy Communion children should be in Year 3 or older in school, and for Confirmation should be in School Year 9 or older in 2018/19.

PRAY THE ROSARY Thursdays 6.45 pm at Queen of Peace House, 18 Kendal Ave. Epping CM16 4PW. Newcomers welcome but please phone 01992-575017.

LATIN MASS will next be in our Church on **Saturday 23rd June at 12 noon.**

ROSMINIAN MISSION APPEAL: Fr Emilian Kibiriti, a Rosminian Priest, will speak at all Masses over the weekend of **23rd/24th June**. Currently the Rosminians are involved in working with the poor and marginalized in Kenya and Tanzania, and there will be a retiring collection at all Masses that weekend to support their missionary work.

SUMMER STRAWBERRY FAIR: **Saturday 23rd June, from 1.30 - 4pm** *save the date* A traditional Summer fayre to which everyone is invited. There will be lots of Strawberries and cream, afternoon tea, fun and games for all.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: On **Friday 6th July at 7.30pm** there will be a Mass for our Altar Servers followed by a party in the Hall afterwards.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: On **Wednesdays 20 & 27 June at 7 pm** Fr Adrian Graffy will explore the Gospel of Mark, which is read on Sundays of 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' are held at the Church Hall, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6D. Book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission is free.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with Bishop Alan from Monday 23 to Saturday 28 July 2018. Flights from Stansted airport. Details of the pilgrimage are in the Church or contact Tangey Tours on 01732 886666.

DATA PROTECTION: The Diocese of Brentwood has prepared for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into force on Friday 25 May. The following documents were approved by the Catholic Bishop's Conference on 16th April, and by the Diocesan Finance Board at their meeting on Thursday 17th May 2018. <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/data-protection/>

"Sion Community, Brentwood: Work & Pray. We invite you to come and join us for a few days between **18th - 29th June** at our centre in Brentwood (CM15 9BX) and take a break spending time in prayer and living in our Community, as well as helping with some work in our buildings and gardens. It would be great if you can come. Please contact: Mary on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011. "

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): Visit to Most Holy Trinity Church, Dockhead, Bermondsey, London SE1 2BS on Saturday 9 June, meeting at the church at 2pm. Nearest Tube: Bermondsey (Jubilee Line) then a short bus journey (47,188,381) towards Tower Bridge, alighting at Dockhead. All are welcome. Further details from Tony Galcius (01708 346219).

ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP run by The St Vincent DePaul Society at St John Bosco Camp at Fordham, near Colchester, provides an exciting activity-packed week and overnight camping holiday in the Essex countryside. The poster is in church porch or go to www.svpboscocamp.org.uk. or Twitter: @Boscocamp.

"St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood Diocese seeks a voluntary Treasurer at regional level to serve on Central Council, to maintain Council accounts, oversee Gift Aid and file quarterly reports to National Office. Central Council meetings are held quarterly in Brentwood. If you would like to give some time in this way please email Elaine Heyworth on ElaineH@svp.org.uk by latest **Sunday 10th June 2018.**"

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER will be the "official" opening of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12noon. Parishioners are invited to come, bring picnic lunch, and to make a day out.

ECCA SUMMER CONCERT: SATURDAY 7th JULY 7.30pm at St John's Church, Epping. *Summer Thyme*, a concert featuring John Rutter's folk-song collection *A Sprig of Thyme* and other works. Please see poster in church porch for further details. Admission free, retiring collection.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498