

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 16th June to Sunday 24th June 2018

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

Saturday 16 th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 17 th	9.00am	Betty Beach RIP (Knight)
JUNE 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish
Monday 18 th June	9.00am	Special intention (MB)
Tuesday 19 th	St Romuald, Abbot	
	9.00am	Special intention (MB)
Wednesday 20 th	St Alban, First Martyr of Britain	
	9.00am	Hilda Silver RIP Recently (Christie)
Thursday 21 st	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
	9.00am	Special intention (MB)
Friday 22 nd	St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Martyrs	
	Prayer for those who suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights	
	9.00am	Special intention (MB)

Saturday 23rd 12 noon Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite – Fr Mark Higgins

SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 24 June 2018

Saturday 23rd June 6.00pm Derek Wells RIP Anniv (Wells)

Sunday 24th June 9.00am Private Intention

2018 11.00am People of our Parish

12.30pm Baptism Luca Buffaro

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

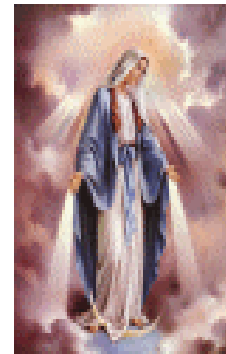
OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes **£256.50**; Loose **£326.48**;

Standing Orders: **£800**; CAFOD **£43.02**; **Thank you so much for your generosity.**

ROSMINIAN MISSION APPEAL: Fr Emilian Kibiriti, a Rosminian Priest, will appeal for the missions at all Masses next weekend **23rd/24th June**. The Rosminian missionaries are currently involved in working with the poor and marginalized in Kenya and Tanzania. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend to support their missionary work.

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

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 17th June 2018

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, “The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which at the time of its sowing is the smallest of all seeds; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of all” (Mark 4:26-34). We are now in the growing season of the year and we can imagine a tiny seed of faith planted in the ground and bearing fruit. There is also the tiny seed of faith planted in a person, especially a child, that grows as a person relates with trust to God. Jesus told us; “unless you become like a little child, you cannot enter the kingdom of God”. A child relates with complete trust to his or her parents, unless the trust is damaged or broken. Jesus calls us to nurture and cultivate our faith and grow in trust with God, our Father. God’s love for us is total and unconditional, for like a good parent, he never abandons us, especially when we are struggling with trials or difficulties.

We turn to people to support us with their strength and guidance in time of need. People do not always realise that what was once only potential in their life can become a real talent or ability. God gives gifts, not just for our own use, but to assist others and to give him glory. Just as people grow by exercising and using their talents, so we too grow in faith, hope and love by living according to God’s call and plan, and carrying out our responsibilities to meet people’s needs.

The temptations we have to turn away from God, people or situations, can be the cause of weakness or strength for us. We are weakened when we give up or walk away; but we grow strong by persevering in our responsibilities and relationships with God and people, especially when the going is tough. The difficult times in our journey through life may leave us feeling weak and desolate, just as Jesus felt in the garden, but those difficult times can be most important stages of growth in our faith relationship with God. In them we can see the seeds of faith, hope and love, which bear a rich harvest in God’s Kingdom as we grow and mature.

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Life. There are many forces that are inimical to life today; from conception to natural death. This year our Bishops ask us to focus on and pray for those who are victims of slavery. There are so many whose lives and dignity are not honoured and who need our prayer and support at this time.

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you. Fr John

SUMMER STRAWBERRY FAIR: Saturday 23 June, from 1.30 to 4pm, next week! A traditional summer fair to which everyone is invited. There will be lots of Strawberries and cream, afternoon tea, fun and games for all. This is an all ages all family event and should be very enjoyable and fun for all.

CAKE SALE: Last weekend's Cake Sale raised over **£200**. This money will be used to buy strawberries and other goods for next Saturday's Summer Fair. Thank you to all who made the delicious cakes and all who sold and bought them after the Masses.

DAY FOR LIFE: Please take one of the Day of Life leaflets and use the Prayer Card for Victims of Human Trafficking and modern day slavery, which is being distributed at all Masses this weekend. This was the subject of one of our Lent talks this year.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: We soon will announce dates for meetings of parents wishing to prepare their child for first Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2019. It is essential for 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 before 01992-575017

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. 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, and will complete the apostolic number by putting up eight more candles and crosses. The cost of each cross is £20 and of a candle holder (similar to the existing ones) is £180. If you would like to donate a brass cross or candle holder, please 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.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: Unfortunately the Mass on 7th July has had to be postponed. A new date will be published very soon.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE: Please pray & fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in the British Isles, on **Saturday 23rd June**, Vigil of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. In light of an increased number of abortions in England & Wales and disastrous results of the Irish abortion referendum, it is vital for us to call on God's Grace. Details at: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

DECEASED: MRS HILDA SILVER RIP:We pray for the repose of the soul of **Hilda**, who died at St Clare's Hospice, on Friday,8 June. She will be received into our church for **Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 27 June at 11.30am** to be followed by interment at Greenacres Cemetery, North Weald. **May she rest in peace. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console her family and friends**

THANK YOU: The First Holy Communion Catechists would like to say a big thank you to Father John, Deacon Duncan, the parish and the parents of the children of the First Holy Communion group for the gifts and thanks they received at last Sunday's Going Forth Mass. They are very grateful and shall remember you all in their prayers. Many thanks.

SUMMER SPIRITUALITY TALK: Saturday 30th June 10.30am-12.00 noon at Cathedral House Brentwood CM15 8AT.

Title: **Eucharistic Spirituality**. Speaker: Mgr David Manson. For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel. 01277 265285.

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: In September we will start a series of talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or who wish to understand our faith or support family members in their faith. These will be suitable for Catholic adults who may not have been Confirmed or who have not been practising or wish to renew and rethink their faith. **They will be held in the Priest's House on Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm and will go on until Easter**. There is no commitment involved by attending any or all sessions. We would welcome Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved in the presentations.

ECCA SUMMER CONCERT Saturday 7 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 is free but there is a retiring collection.

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.

Open Morning – Tuesday 3rd July 2018: Starting at 9.30am at St Joseph's Convent School Wanstead, 59 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PR. Applications are invited for our Nursery Class starting in September 18. There are also places available across the school. Phone 0208-989 4700 or e-mail enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk

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.

7-9 SEPT 2018 YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND: Theme: "Tell others the truth that sets you free" (Pope Benedict XVI). On 7-9 September 2018, Young Catholic Adults will run a retreat at Douai Abbey, with Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P. & Canon Poucin. Please book by 17th Aug 2018. More information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>