

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 30th June to Sunday 8th July 2018

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 1 July 2018

Saturday 30th 12.30pm Baptism Isabelle Cobb
Saturday 30th 6.00pm Fr James Hawes RIP (FM)
Sunday 1st 9.00am People of our Parish
July 2018 11.00am Hilda Silver RIP Recently (Whitehouse)
12.30pm Baptisms Lucas & Reuben Burdett-Dalton
Monday 2nd July 9.00am Hilda Silver RIP Recently (Cullen)

Tuesday 3rd July **St Thomas, Apostle**
9.00am Jeremiah Kingston RIP (FM)

Wednesday 4th July **St Elizabeth of Portugal**
9.00am Fr Brian O'Higgins RIP

Thursday 5th July **St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest**
9.00am Hilda Silver RIP Recently (Flanagan)

Friday 6th July **St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**
9.00am Special Intention (MB)

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (B) Sea Sunday 8th July 2018

Saturday 7th 6.00pm People of our Parish
Sunday 8th 9.00am Hilda Silver RIP Recently (Clohessy)
July 2018 11.00am Joseph Guiglielmi RIP (Anniv.)
12.30pm Baptism Rex Greenshields

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Next Saturday 11am to 12 noon & 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, Giovanni Borelli, Mark Toohey, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Tony Mullan, Roger Minnis, Fr Martin Knott, Fr Tom Jordan and Deacon Duncan Whitehouse.

Please inform 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 the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £267.50; Loose: £345.91

Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD £10.00; Thank you so much for your generosity.

ROSMINIAN MISSION APPEAL: Our retiring collection last weekend for the Rosminian Missions, following the visit and Mission appeal by the Rosminian priest, Fr Justus, from Rugby, came to **£868.61**. Thank you for your very generous response.

STRAWBERRY FAIR: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who dedicated so much time, energy and worked so hard to make our Strawberry Fair such a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed it in the fine weather. It was a really enjoyable and successful event, and raised **£850** for our parish. *Thank you so much.*

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 1st July 2018

My dear Friends,

“I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me” we say in response to Psalm 29 today. In the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai he forbade the making of images in his likeness. Through the centuries some Christians and believers in other faiths have interpreted this Commandment as solely prohibiting the making of statues, religious pictures or stained glass. Yet the greatest problem is the image of God people have in their minds, which determines for them what God is like. Psalm 29 portrays the reality of God and shows us in the Old Testament that he is a “rescuer and saviour of his people. He does not let enemies rejoice over them, he raises souls from the dead and restores to life. His anger lasts but a moment and his favour all through life. He listens to his people and has pity on them and changes mourning into dancing”.

Many do not recognise these aspects of God in the Old Testament, as much as they see them in New Testament. Yet God relates to and cares for people in all these ways in both parts of the Bible. In the New Testament, and particularly in today's Gospel, God comes to people in these ways in the person of Jesus. We call him Saviour, for he has come as God made man, to rescue people from the power of the evil one. He restores people to life, and life to people, with a holiness or wholeness of relationship with God and with one another. In Mark Chapter 5 the woman who suffered from a haemorrhage for many years was healed when she secretly touched the Lord's cloak with faith. Jairus came to the Lord from the synagogue “pleading earnestly” with him to heal his little daughter. Just as our hearts would go out to people in those circumstances, the heart of God, goes out to people in the person of Jesus, and he gives healing and wholeness.

Jesus encountered people with “great faith”, “little faith” and “no faith”. Our faith can vary going from being strong and having a sense of connection and trust in God to the times when we might ask “where is God in this situation, place or time”. In the past we prayed short Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity, expressing our trust in the Lord, our hope in him and our love for him and for people. We need to make those prayers today, so that we grow strong in faith hope and love.

May the Lord bless you and your families with a strong faith. Fr John

COMMUNION CATECHISTS: As some of our Catechists are retiring, we are in urgent need of some more parishioners to help prepare children for their First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. We have three Catechists for the course but need more. You do not need to be a teacher or a musician. Please contact Fr John who will be delighted to hear from you.

MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR: Beginning in September we need a parishioner to take on the role of Music co-ordinator in our parish. We offer this opportunity for someone with an interest in Church music, but they do not have to be a musician, though that would help. Please speak to Maggie Keeling or Fr John if you can help.

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 that 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.

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: In September we start a series of talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support family members in their faith. These will be suitable for Catholic adults who have not 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 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.

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

PAX CHRISTI PEACE BOTTLE has been emptied and £30 sent to Pax Christi, the international Catholic organisation that promotes peace through workshops and peace education, training in schools and colleges, plus much "behind the scenes". It especially works towards reconciliation, and particularly in the Middle East.

PETITION FOR FREEDOM to offer mothers help outside abortion centres: the abortion industry is lobbying to prevent peaceful vigils and stop women who want to keep their babies being offered help. **Please sign the petition on our noticeboard..**

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

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Luca Cuffaro who was Baptised in our Church on Sunday the 24th June 2018. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES: Pope Francis will be in Ireland on the 25th and 26th of August for the World Meeting of Families that takes place in Dublin from 21st to 26th of August this year. This weekend we are distributing the beautiful Icon for the World Meeting of Families with the Official Prayer for Families. We suggest that parishioners use this prayer at home with their family, and also in their private prayer.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Our SVP urgently needs to some more volunteers. A member will give a very short talk after all Masses next/this weekend.

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 is free but there is a retiring collection.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH MUSIC EVENT: Sunday 8th July 2.30pm for 3pm. Please see poster in church porch for further details.

FORTY HOURS PRAYER: There will be **Forty Hours Prayer** before the **Blessed Sacrament** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Trapps Hill, Loughton IG10 1SZ from **8pm on Thursday 5th July until Saturday 7th July at 5pm**, with Benediction.

LATIN MASS: Requested by many in our parishes. The next one will be at **12 noon on Saturday 28th July** in our Church. *All are Welcome!*

THE DOWRY TOUR will arrive in Brentwood Cathedral on **Thursday 19th July** for a three day **Triduum of Prayer**. This is for a "spiritual renewal to help facilitate a new evangelisation" and involves a personal dedication of ourselves as the Dowry of Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be present, together with an exhibition explaining about the Dowry and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There are flyers in our church porch.

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

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 go to: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting full time Class Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Immediate and September starts available. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk,