

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th September 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 23rd September 2018

Saturday 22nd 6.00pm Mary Canny RIP (Canny)
Sunday 23rd 9.00am Bernard Tong RIP Recently (Tong family)
11.00am People of our Parish
Monday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham, National Memorial
9.00am Deceased members of Canny Family RIP (Canny)
Tuesday 25th 9.00am Holy Souls RIP
200pm Mary Drinkwater RIP – Funeral Service
Wednesday 26th Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs - Patron Saints of Doctors
9.00am Edit Boucher's intentions (Protheroe)
Thursday 27th St Vincent De Paul, Priest
9.00am Mary Canny RIP (Canny)
7.30pm For St Vincent de Paul Society
Friday 28st St Wenceslaus, Martyr
9.00am Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 29th September 2018: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 30th September 2018

Saturday 29th 6.00pm Deceased members of Canny Family RIP (Canny)
Sunday 30th 9.00am Elizabeth Mary Cooney RIP (Keeling)
September 2018 11.00am People of our Parish
3.00pm Traditional Latin Mass – Missa Cantata

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: 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

PARISH MASS BOOK: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 23.9.2018

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Frances Wells, Giovanni Borelli, Mark Toohey, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis, Fr Martin Knott, Ann Harris & Fr Tom Jordan. **Please inform a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they can have the Sacraments.**

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £340.90, Loose £241.92, Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD £22.22. Thank you for your generosity.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please e-mail: arnold_verrall@email.com Telephone Arnold Verrall: 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in the Epping area) or mobile 07764404813.

Preferential rates are available for parishioners and charities.

MISSA CANTATA (FULL SUNG LATIN MASS) in the Traditional Rite, prayed in the Universal Church for nearly 2000 years, available on **Sunday the 30th September, at 3 p.m.** in our Church. *All Welcome to pray and sing with us!*

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 23 September 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death and after three days he will rise again" (Mk 9:30-37). Despite advances in civilisation, evil and violence are as widespread in the world as they were two thousand years ago. Governments as well as terrorist groups, use developments in science or psychology to intensify the sufferings and tortures they inflict on people they want to destroy. The places of persecution and mass killings are well known and the number of refugees continues to escalate. Yet, the response to their distress is often hostile and anything but Christian in some nations. There is a dangerous and populist rejection of those in need in many nations that needs to be challenged by Gospel teaching and values. So much for St Paul's exhortation and principle to "Make hospitality your special care" (Romans 12:13)! Often we too feel powerless to help relieve the sufferings of others, so that they may have justice and peace.

Our readings show the evil intentions and conspiracies of the wicked who seek to destroy the lives of good and innocent people. They say, "Let us test a person with cruelty and torture... explore his gentleness and condemn him to a shameful death" (Wisdom 2:12-20). It is wicked when individuals engage in evil activities and claim to act for God, but it appears even more immoral when evil deeds are carried out by governments, whom we expect to observe high legal and moral standards.

Jesus, the Victim, shared the sufferings and fate of all who are tortured, persecuted or murdered. He said "as long as you did it to one of these you did it to me". Though Jesus was destroyed by evil, God who is Good, did not, and never allows evil to triumph. He who raised up Jesus, who suffered and died, from the dead, will raise up and glorify all who are persecuted in the cause of right (Matt. 5:1-12).

St James (3:16-4:3) examines our heart and mind and tells us to free ourselves from self-centred, violent and wicked inclinations. If aspects of our life were put on scales: how would they weigh out? Would temptation and sin win out; or would the good and virtuous show that we share in Christ's triumph over evil and sin?

We congratulate young people who achieved success in examinations or graduated over the summer. Our best wishes go those who are leaving home and our parish at this time, and go forward in life to college, university or work. May the Lord always bless, guide and protect them. *God bless you. Fr John*

RECENTLY DECEASED: MARY DRINKWATER RIP, of Buckhurst Hill, who died on 28th August, aged 93 years. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in our Church on **Tuesday 25th September at 2pm**, followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

MARY MURPHY RIP, of Frank Foster House, Theydon Bois, who died on 2nd September, aged 91 years. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium on **Tuesday 2nd October at 1.45pm**. **May she rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy & prayers for their families and the repose of their souls. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Last Wednesday we had the first meeting for parents of children enrolled for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year. Twenty-five children have now been enrolled and they will have their Presentation at Masses this weekend, with Blessings for the children, their parents and their catechists, and they will be presented with their "I Belong" books. It is essential that the parents consistently bring their children to Sunday Mass and the preparations sessions. The first session for children will be in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 26th September at 5.45pm and subsequent Wednesday evenings.**

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: This **Wednesday 26th September** we start a course 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 the faith of family members. It will also be suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. They will be held in **The Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm until Easter.** There is no commitment involved by attending any or all sessions. Please contact Fr John if you would like to enquire or attend, or just turn up at the Priest's House.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Alan will visit our parish and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people on **24th February 2019.** At Masses last weekend the eleven young people who enrolled were presented with their Confirmation Course book and they had their first preparation session on Tuesday last. The next session will be on Tuesday, 2nd October at 7.30pm in our Church hall.

MUSIC: We are all most grateful to Maggie Keeling for her service to music in our parish and especially at 11am Mass on Sundays for many years. Since she had to give up that role at the end of Summer we have had difficulties with continuity of music at 11am Mass. We have appealed and asked some people so far no one has taken up the role. The music group at 11am Mass has contributed greatly to music in our parish over the years and enhanced our Liturgy. We would love to hear from anyone who could now help with this role. **Fr John**

PARISH AGM: The Parish AGM due to take place next **Tuesday 25th September** has been postponed. It will now take place on **Tuesday 9 October** at 8pm.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Thank you to everyone who gave goods and worked for the success of our parish Jumble Sale this weekend.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST: Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 5th October.** On this day parishioners are encouraged to eat a simple meal and give the money saved to CAFOD. CAFOD envelopes will be available at all Masses next Sunday.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School: Visits for Prospective New Parents 2019. St John Fisher School, Burney Drive, Loughton, will hold three visit meetings for prospective new parents on **Tuesdays 9 & 17 October & 5 November** at 10 am. If you would like to visit the school on one of the dates please contact the school on 0208 508 6315 or email schoff1@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk. On **Sunday 7th October**, Mrs Patricia Bryson, Head of St John Fisher will speak at 11am Mass.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019: Parents who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2019 must have been attending Sunday Mass consistently for a number of years. If parents say they go to Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. There is no point in seeking a reference if you have not been attending Mass regularly. The lack of integrity in this is evident here as in others churches. Please read the article in the church porch, from The Times newspaper, on "What we did to get our child into a church school", before you ask for a reference and call for an appointment to see the parish priest. This is not a good time as some parents engage in a manipulation exercise to get a reference for their child, and as soon as a school offers a place they disconnect from church - hardly ever to be seen there again!

BAKE SALE SUNDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER – AFTER ALL MASSES: **HOMEMADE** cakes, cupcakes, brownies & other treats. If you can contribute some baked goods for sale, please contact Adriana on 07828 118 909.

PARISH QUIZ: Parish Quiz night, **Saturday 13th October**, 7.30 for 8pm start; Tables of up to 8 people. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Tickets available soon.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 24th November.** There will be a meeting, to plan the event, on **Thursday 11th October** at 7.30pm in the Priest's House. **All welcome to attend and put forward your ideas.**

PARISH DATABASE: In order to keep the parish database up to date we would be grateful if, where you have recently moved home, you let the parish office know your new address. Similarly, if you noticed your parish Christmas card last year had an old address then please can you let the office know the correct one.

HOMELESS SUNDAY Pope Frances said "The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person, and knew what it was not to have a roof over his head. Jesus tells us "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). After all Masses on **20/21 October**, we will have a collection for Caritas Anchor House, a Catholic homeless charity in Newham.