

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 27th to Sunday 4th November 2018

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 28 October 2018

Saturday 27 th	12.30pm	Baptism of Ava Grace Catherine O'Mullan
Saturday 27 th	6.00pm	Dan Murphy RIP (McDonagh)
Sunday 28 th	9.00am	Beatrice Webber RIP (Rimmer)
October 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish
Baptisms	12.30pm	Caoimhe Louise & Niamh Evangeline Hutchinson
	3.00pm	Full Sung Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant
Monday 29 th	9.00am	Intentions of MB
Tuesday 30 th	9.00am	George Rimmer RIP Anniv (Rimmer)
Wednesday 31 st	9.00am	Mary Josephine Drinkwater RIP (Recently)
Thursday 1 st Nov	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – Holyday of obligation to attend Mass	
	10.00am	Mary Canny RIP (Canny)
	8.00pm	People of our Parish
Friday 2 nd Nov	Commemoration of All Souls	
	10.00am	Thecla Floor RIP Anniv (Sr Susan)
	8.00pm	Mass for parishioners who died in the past year

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in Ordinary Time B 4th November 2018

Saturday 3 rd	6.00pm	Eileen White's intentions (Lechley)
Sunday 4 th	9.00am	Theresa, David & Kylian Maher (Coyne/Hayes)
November 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish
Baptism	12.30pm	Emmie Beatrix Stark
<u>Epping Cemetery</u>	3.00pm	Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping

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

FULL SUNG MASS with Gregorian Chant in our Church at 3pm today, 28 October, Come, pray & sing the Mass of our Church for nearly 2000 years. *All Welcome!*

PARISH MASS BOOK: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 28.10.2018

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: 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 visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £227.50, Loose £322.74,
Standing Orders: £800, CAFOD £48.91. Thank you for your great generosity.

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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 28 October 2018

Dear Friends,

The blind beggar shouted out to our Lord, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me" (Mk.10:46-52). Many today do not see it as necessary or important to call out or pray to God to have mercy on them. At the beginning of Mass, and most Christian worship, the first thing Christians do is to look at their sins and failings, and in a general way confess them to God and one another. We pray asking God to show us mercy and forgiveness saying, "Lord, have mercy". Eastern and Orthodox Christians express this in the "Jesus Prayer" as they say; *"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner"*. Monks at the Orthodox Monastery at Tolleshunt Knights near Maldon, offer this prayer daily for many hours. It helps them and us to become more aware of our own sins before God and our dependence on his mercy for forgiveness.

The beggar by the side of the road was blind and he could not see people or what was happening around him. He did, however, recognise the presence and power of Jesus, and called out to him with faith and hope. Today, many people who have good eyesight and vision cannot see the presence of God or Christ in the world. They are blind to spiritual realities and the presence of sin in their life. They do not see a need for God in their life, and so do not call out to him for mercy or help. Jesus tells us that it is a grace to know our "poverty of spirit" and to recognise our need for God and his mercy (Matt.5:1-12).

In approaching God through Christ we must keep in mind that he sympathises with us in our human weakness and limitations (Heb.5:1-6). Our Saviour sacrificed his life, so that our sins would be forgiven and that we be reconciled to God and one another. This he did so that all people might live in love for God and each other, so that our dignity and goodness be renewed and restored.

Pride blinds us to our sins and need for God's forgiveness through Christ. If we are blind and do not see God's presence, let us look at the life and gifts he gives us, the times we are protected, the love we receive from him and others, and thank him for these. If we are blind and do not recognise the reality of sin in our life: let us see our weakness and failings, and the times we focus on ourselves and neglect to love God or others? Dare we risk asking our nearest and dearest to tell us or show us our faults? So, we need to pray: *"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner"*. God bless you. Fr John

Please make a special effort to attend the celebrations. Dr Davnet Barker's history of our parish, "Towards a Dream", is available in the church.

WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO DIED RECENTLY:

KIERAN JOLLY RIP, of Epping, who died on 16 October. He will be received into our Church **at 4.30pm on Thursday, 8th November. Requiem Mass** will be celebrated **at 3.15pm on Friday 9th**, to be followed by cremation at Parndon Wood. **May he rest in peace.**

MARY PATRICIA McANISKEY RIP of Theydon Bois, who died on 21st October. She will be received into our church for the celebration of **Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday, 7th November**, to be followed by burial at All Saints Churchyard, Theydon Garnon. **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 RECONCILIATION: We will have a **MEETING FOR PARENTS** of children preparing for first Reconciliation on Wednesday, 7th November in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm (for about 1 hour). **At the beginning of all Masses on the weekend of 3/4 November children will be called forward at the "Lord have mercy" to be presented with their Icon & Prayer of Sorrow. The next meeting for children will be in our hall on Wednesday 14th November at 5.45pm.**

CONFIRMATION: The next preparation session for the young people will be in our Church hall on **Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm. At the end of all Masses on the 3/4 of November the young people will be presented with their Bibles.**

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: You can place the names of deceased relatives, friends & parishioners at the Altar in our Church for prayer at daily Mass in November. Forms and envelopes for this purpose are in the Church. **On Friday, 2 November, All Souls Day, Mass will be offered at 8 pm for parishioners who died in the past year. There will be a Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery on Sunday the 4 November at 3pm. All are welcome.**

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: We have 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. These are suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. They are held in **The Priest's House on Wednesdays at 8pm.**

SILVER JUBILEE OF DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH: Bishop Thomas celebrated the Solemn Dedication of our Church, twenty-five years ago, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On the **7th December** we will have a major celebration of the anniversary of the dedication, when Bishop Thomas will preside at Mass here at **7.30pm**. The full complement of 12 consecration candles and crosses, generously given by parishioners, will be in place to show our church is founded on the faith of the twelve apostles. Afterwards there will be a social celebration in the hall and everyone will have an opportunity to meet Bishop Thomas, who served Mass here when our church was opened in the 1954. The Dedication of a Church is a major feast and is seen as a feast of Christ himself.

CHURCH JUBILEE MASS MUSIC: We will have a meeting in the Priest's House on **Monday, 29th October, at 8pm** to plan the music for the Silver Jubilee Mass to celebrate the consecration of our Church. Musicians & singers welcome.

PARISH MUSIC: We need parishioners who can help co-ordinate or lead our music at Sunday 11am Mass, or operate "Doris", that plays the melody of hymns in our hymn book. We will be most grateful for assistance. **Fr John.**

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: On **Saturday 24th November, the 6pm** Mass will be offered for our Altar Servers and their families. This will be followed by a party in the Hall to which we invite all our servers and their families to attend.

INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: A big thank you for your generosity to last weekend's Appeal for the victims of the Indonesia earthquake & tsunami. The **£1140.63** you gave will be matched by our parish. If you still wish to donate please use an envelope marked "Disaster Appeal" and put into the Presbytery.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 24** November. Next week's appeal is for the Grocery Stall. Please take a bag and put one or two items in it. Please check sell-by date as we have discerning customers.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ADVERTISING: Many thanks to our parishioners who agreed to have an estate agent board advertising the Bazaar. W J Meade have advised that the boards should be put up during the week of 5th November.

"LIGHT & BRIGHT PARTY" will be held at St John's Church at **5pm** until 8pm on **Wednesday 31st October**. The children will have a happy time and the adults will enjoy watching them. Helpers to make party games and look after things during the party are invited to phone Louise Want on 07952558317; or ask Dorothy Whitehouse for details.

CTED CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: We are pleased to invite anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to join us for a traditional lunch & celebration in our Church Hall on **25th December, 12.30pm for 1pm**. Couples & carers may also apply. Transport can be provided. Places are limited, so please telephone Mary Morgan on 01992 574719 or contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan.

CONGRATULATIONS to St John Fisher Catholic Primary School on their success on being rated "Good" overall following a recent Ofsted inspection. The report is on the Ofsted website, and in our Church porch with SATS results. We thank Mrs Bryson, Headteacher, for visiting us recently to speak at 11am Sunday Mass. We encourage parents to consider sending their child to the school for a Catholic education. St John Fisher School, Burney Drive, Loughton IG10 2DY, invites prospective parents to a visit day on **5 November at 10 am**. If you would like to visit on that or another date please contact the school on **0208 508 6315** or email schoffl@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk.

HALL BOOKINGS: To book please e-mail: arnold_verrall@email.com. Telephone
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