

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th June 2019

Saturday 1st June 12.30pm Baptism of Isabella Castro Bass

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER C World Communications Day 2 June 2019

Saturday 1st 6.00pm Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 9.00am David Keevil's intentions
2nd June 2019 11.00am People of our Parish
BAPTISM 12.30pm Harley Siew-Lin Pithers

Monday 3rd June St Charles Lwange & Companions, Martyrs in Africa

9.00am Teresa Ryan RIP (FM)

Tuesday 4th 9.00am Daphne McAdam RIP (Whitehouse)

Wednesday 5th **St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**

12.15am Matthias McGrath RIP

Thursday 6th June 9.00am Angela Beard RIP (Beard)

Friday 7th June 9.00am People of our Parish

Saturday 8th June 12.30pm Baptism of Adam Waddema Clark

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) Day of Prayer for the Church 9th June 2019

Saturday 8th June 6.00pm Peggy Madden RIP (Recently)
Sunday 9th 9.00am John Denis Keane's intentions (Clohessy)
June 2019 11.00am People of our Parish
11.00am First Holy Communicants Going Forth Mass

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays: 11.00am to 12 noon and 5.15 to 5.40pm

MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before 9am weekday Mass
BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after 9am weekday Mass

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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 receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last week: Envelopes: £272.50, Loose: £243.46, Standing Orders £800. CAFOD £12.02, Thank you for your generous offerings.

POOR & NEEDY: The donations box near the papers in our church has a section that is marked for the Poor and Needy. Donations put into that part of the box are used to help homeless people and mendicants who come to the Priest's House seeking help.

HALL BOOKINGS contact Arnold Verrall, preferably telephone, on 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping) or mobile 07764404813 or by email arnold_verrall@email.com. **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd June 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday is called 'World Communications Day'. What on earth is it all about? Is it a competition, or something more sinister?

Yes. It is a kind of competition and it's open to everyone. It's based on the ability to understand the purpose of the World Communications Day and how to respond to the challenge.. There are two prizes:

- Best in understanding what it's about.
- Best explanation of its scope.

We are all involved in communications in one form or another. We speak; we write; we text; we remember, we speak with God in prayer, etc etc. Do we always pass clear messages? Do we get responses from those who receive our communications? How often do we communicate to others our views and problems about our faith? How often do we engage with our friends about aspects of our wonderful faith? Do we always communicate our faith to others by the way in which we put God at the forefront of our life? Are we seen as someone who observes strict standards of integrity and encourages others to do the same?

Has anyone ever discussed with us the importance that their faith has to them or asked us for help in explaining some aspect of our faith which they find difficult to understand?

Prizes in this competition will be available at God's discretion!.

God bless.

Deacon Duncan

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time. Their Going Forth Mass and presentation of First Holy Communion Certificates will be at **11am** Mass next **Sunday, 9 June**, to be followed by a celebration party in our parish hall. A number of parents have kindly offered to bring “goodies” for that celebration in the hall, and we will be in touch with you during the week to co-ordinate this.

HEALTH & SAFETY GROUP: We are most grateful to parishioners who have assisted with this matter in our parish. We are forming a small group for Health & Safety and have a meeting on **Tuesday 4th June at 8pm** in the Priest’s House. We would welcome anyone else interested in assisting in small ways to meeting.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We urgently need more people to assist with counting the Offertory Collection on a rota basis on Sundays after 11am Mass. We thank our rota of counters, and now need more and new ones to be paired with them. It is not time consuming or onerous but we do need help. Please contact Fr John if you can help.

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5 June, at 7.30pm in the Priest’s House. We would welcome, and need, new members for this Committee which manages our Parish Hall. Please think about joining us.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th June, at 8pm in the Priest’s House. Parishioners and new members welcome to the meetings. See details of membership and minutes on the noticeboard in the church porch.

STRAWBERRY FAIR ADVERTISING: This year our Strawberry Fayre will be on **Saturday 29th June**. Following the success of last year’s advertising for our Christmas Bazaar, another local Estate Agent, will advertise our Strawberry Fair. They will donate to the parish, **for up to 50 boards**. Boards will be put up prior to the Fair and remain for about a month. Please help raise funds for our parish in this way. Email our parish office or put your name & details on the list in church.

SPIRITUALITY MORNING on ‘Seeking the God beyond’ with Bishop Thomas McMahon, at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Saturday 15 June, 10.30am - 12 noon. Contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265285

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Each year Bishop Alan celebrates Mass particularly for those who are newly married or who celebrate special anniversaries. This year’s Mass is at **3pm on Saturday 6 July** in Brentwood Cathedral, with a reception after. Please speak to Fr John if you would like an invitation. On the same day there is a conference in the Cathedral Hall for all those involved in, supporting and promoting the vocation to marriage - see the diocesan website or speak to Fr John for information and invitation.

CHRISTIAN AID CO-ORDINATOR: Mary Morgan has done an amazing job, ensuring that every year, with the help of volunteers from across the Churches money is raised to aid some of the world’s poorest people. She has decided it is time to look for someone to continue this important work of organising the annual collections. To find out what is involved please speak to Mary or Fr John.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE: Our next Jumble Sale is on **Saturday 8th June 2019 at 2pm**. There is a list for helpers in the porch. We need help for **Friday 7th from 1.30pm** to clear the shed and sort the jumble. Help is urgently needed on **Saturday from 1.30pm** to run the stalls and we will need you. We need cakes to go with teas & coffee, so calling all bakers in our parish to assist with catering at jumble the sale. We also need some strong help with the clearing up and putting things away afterwards. Please give what time you can spare for this good fundraising event for our parish.

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON EVENT IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE on

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 9th JUNE: If you are fed up of bad news and wonder what it would be like to see a glimpse of heaven on earth we would love you to join thousands of others to celebrate our faith and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is a family friendly festival and Ecumenical service from 12 pm to 4 pm or 4 pm to 6 pm, with Cardinal Vincent & Christian leaders. For information or to register an interest visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>. The Brentwood Diocese hosts a Catholic Prayer Tent with a Dowry of Mary tour as the main part. We will be mingling in the crowds and engaging people inviting them come & pray the rosary. Can you be there to be a witness to your faith, chat with those who are looking for more information about Jesus Christ and join thousands of others in prayer. If you can help or are going along please get in contact: adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SION COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENTS IN JUNE: D Weekend 7th - 9th June: Are you aged 11-14 years? Would you like to come for a weekend of fun, friends and faith! This is a chance to meet other young people just like yourself from around the country and spend a few days building friendship with Jesus.

MOUNT SION FAMILY CAMP 28 - 30 JUNE: Bring your tent and have a great weekend of fun, sharing, praying & socialising. Experience our woodland prayer trail, worship, bookshop, cafeteria and more - meals included. Join us at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX For details & to book please contact admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / visit www.sioncommunity.org.uk or 01277 215011.

CONCERT/SOCIAL NIGHT with the ELEVATORS BAND with parishioners, Sheila & Steve Earl and band on **Saturday 6 July**. Doors open **7.15pm for 8pm**. Tickets at £7 & £3 for under 16’s on sale soon. Please bring your own food & drinks.

FAITH IN THE WORLD WEEK the theme is...”being single.” for this year’s BBC Radio 2 and local radio. We need someone who can give a short interview on BBC Essex about their faith and being single. We are looking someone who is not a priest or a nun, perhaps a Justice and Peace person; someone bereaved who’s stayed single; someone who believes God wants them to be single; someone who runs a parish club for single Catholics or who goes to one! Any ideas welcome. Contact Tim Gillett at BBC Essex: tim.gillett@bbc.co.uk

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES are on sale at the back of our church. Please consider taking one – even the leftovers of the previous week, which are available free as they are counted as unsold, and are on the chairs under the stairs.

De La Salle School, Basildon: details of **Headteacher** vacancy – on the noticeboard.