

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th July 2019

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 7th July 2019

Saturday 6 th	6.00pm	Des Allen RIP Anniv (Canny)
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
July 2019	11.00am	Joseph Guglielmi RIP (Anniv.) (Sheldrick)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Mia Cuffaro
Monday 8 th July	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 th	9.00am	St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th	12.15pm	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th	9.00am	St Benedict, Abbot. Patron of Europe
	9.00am	Joseph Jacobs RIP (Canny)
Friday 12 th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) SEA SUNDAY 14th July 2019

Saturday 13 th	6.00pm	Hannah Robinson RIP
Sunday 14 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
July 2019	11.00am	Intentions of Sarah & Oliver Crehan-West (Crehan)
BAPTISM	12.30pm	Sofia Styczynski

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

PARISH MASS BOOK: FOURTEEN SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 7 July 2019

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, a relative or parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they can receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last week: Envelopes: £230; Loose: £413.04; Standing Orders: £800; CAFOD: £32.20; Comboni Sisters recent Mission Appeal: £20.
Thank you for your generous offerings.

POOR & NEEDY: A donations box near the papers in our church has a section that is marked for 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 assistance.

ADULT RETREATS: Time to relax and be still in the presence of the Lord in the beautiful chapel and grounds at Abbotswick. Please see poster in church porch.

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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My dear People,

Jesus said "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest" (Lk.10:1-20). The word harvest describes the people of the world. Jesus came to bring the love of God to people and save them from sin and condemnation. He does this through those he sends out on mission to spread his word, and bring people healing from ills of mind, body and spirit. He sees the need for people to hear a call from God to work amongst others and bring them his word and grace. He first did this through his disciples, and wants others to come after them to continue that work of salvation. He asks us to pray that many more will be given and respond to a call or vocation to be messengers of God to others. That is why we should pray that at least a member of our own family or community be given a call or vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

'The seventy two disciples came back to the Lord rejoicing'. 'Jesus sent them out to the towns and places he himself was to visit'. By preaching the Gospel and calling people to repent of their sins, the disciples prepared people to receive Jesus who was to visit them. The miracles, signs and wonders they worked, in healing the sick and freeing people from evil confirmed the word they preached. They could not have imagined God working through them in such powerful ways and they rejoiced at all that happened on their mission. Paul lists joy between love and peace, as a fruit of the Holy Spirit's action in a person's life. Our scripture readings are filled with joy at the way God works in, through the faithful for the good of people.

We should ask: 'What is my mission or purpose in life and where do I find my joy?' God has a purpose for each of us that involves; loving God, loving our neighbour and loving ourselves. To love God, we need to know and do his will, and recognise the vocation and grace he is giving us. In loving neighbour, we will want to serve others by using the gifts God has given to us. Loving our self is not being self-centred, but correctly seeking to protect the life and dignity God has given us. We do this to give him glory, so that his grace may work and his purposes be fulfilled in and through us. God first loved us, so we should love him and seek to do his will, as the disciples did. By following Jesus' instructions, the disciples were amazed at the things God did through them. If we do his will, then we too will have the joy of seeing his power working in our lives and benefitting others.

May the Lord help us to listen to his Word and follow his call. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR SEAN CLOHESSY RIP, late of Waltham Abbey who died on Monday, 24 June. He will be received into our Church on **Thursday 18th July** at 4pm followed by a Requiem Mass here on **Friday 19th July at 10am. May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to and prayers for his family. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them at this time.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We will soon announce dates of meetings for parents and the application process for those who wish to prepare their children for first Reconciliation &, Holy Communion in 2020. Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2019/20 and it is essential that the families be attending Mass.

COMMUNION CATECHISTS: We need more to help prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. You do not need to be a teacher or a musician. Please contact Fr John who will be delighted to hear from you.

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: From September to Easter we will have a series of talks in the Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm 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. They will suit Catholics who may not have been Confirmed or not been practising or wish to renew or rethink their faith. There is no commitment by attending any or all sessions. We would welcome any Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved.

HELPER'S OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: On **Saturday 20th July** Bishop Thomas McMahon Emeritus Bishop of Brentwood will lead our Helpers of God's Precious Infants peaceful, prayerful procession and vigil to reach out in love and compassion to mothers in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. The vigil will start at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557-559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. It will begin with 9.00am Mass, then the Rosary Procession at 9.45am, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, IG9 5QB, where they pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx.12.00 to the church, for refreshments at 12.30pm. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

STRAWBERRY FAIR: Many thanks to all who worked so tirelessly to make last Saturday's Strawberry Fair a success. The wonderful sum of **£579.68** was raised on the day in addition to **£250** already raised by the estate agent boards making a total of **£829.68**. A big thank you to all who helped in any way: - organised the Fair, made cakes to sell, supported the event on the day and had an estate agent board.

NEW BOOK ABOUT KING DAVID: A new book about King David & the Psalms we pray at Mass, 'David: The Singer & the Songs', by Sister Susan, on sale at the back of the Church, at the shops for £9.99, here for £5.99; proceeds to Church funds.

TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION NEEDED BY A LADY: If you think you may be able to help please see the details in the church porch or contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

DIARY PLANNING MEETING: On **Wednesday 17 July at 7pm** we will have a meeting, in the Priest's House, to plan liturgical, social, fundraising and other parish events from the beginning of the school year in September until the end of July 2020. It is a real help to plan the parish diary for the year ahead with all involved in running various events. We ask all who undertake various responsibilities to come to this meeting as it will help things to run in an easier and organised way over the year.

YOUTH MASS: Sunday 22nd September at 6pm at St Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton. This is the first Youth Mass in the parish to which the young people of Epping & Waltham Abbey parishes are invited

THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN was announced this week. This great theologian and man of outstanding faith and virtue will be canonised as a saint by Pope Francis on 13th October. Would you like to attend the canonisation? The plan is to stay outside Rome at Palazzola villa (see <https://www.palazzola.it/>). Departure date: **Friday 11th October** and return on **Monday 14th**. The present cost is £250 for return flights with bags to Rome Ciampino and, staying at Palazzola, £315 for a standard room and £68 more per person in an ensuite. That includes 3 nights full board and coaches into Rome. Further details to be confirmed in due course. Rome will be very busy with pilgrims and therefore, you will need to be mobile, healthy and fit especially as we will be travelling into Rome. Please contact Clergy House Brentwood on 01277 265235 or email cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com to register your interest by **Wednesday 10th July**.

FUNDRAISING PARISH COOKBOOK: A number of years ago, the parish published a fundraising cookbook based on recipes submitted by parishioners. We are hoping to use the same idea to put together a keepsake cookbook which will be offered for sale after Masses and at the Christmas Bazaar. The success of this depends on parishioners submitting their signature recipes for us to use. These need not be confined to just cakes and bakes but any other recipes too. It would be great to include some recipes from around the world. This will be an excellent way in uniting parishioners whilst at the same time raising funds. We are then planning to hold a Parish Bake Off whereby parishioners will be invited to compete using their own recipes. To start the ball rolling on this please can you submit your recipes either by posting them through the letterbox of the priest's house (typed or handwritten is fine) or emailing them to the parish office. We would like to use some photos of the finished results too so please include those if you can.

'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF – Playhouse Theatre, London. Deacon Duncan is running a 57-seater coach to see the very popular musical **'Fiddler on the Roof'** on **Wednesday 21st August 2019** and a **single Dress Circle ticket has become available**. The coach will leave from in front of the Catholic Church at 5pm, returning immediately after the show. **Cost of the theatre ticket (normal value £85) , coach seat and driver's tip is £66**. Contact Deacon Duncan to obtain a flyer with all information about the arrangements either if you would like the single ticket or if you would like your name to go on the waiting list for any further returns (if available)'.

TENNIS: Where was the first tennis Match played in the Bible?
In Pharaoh's court where Joseph served