

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**

**14th and 15th May 2016**

Saturday 14th May (Vigil Mass)	11 a.m.	First Communicants
	6 p.m.	Larry White RIP
Sunday 15th May	9 a.m.	Jim Sullivan RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 16th May 2016**

Monday 16th May	11 a.m.	Margaret Smith-Galer RIP
	<b><u>Requiem</u></b>	
Tuesday 17th May	11 am.	Jim Sullivan RIP
	<b><u>Requiem</u></b>	
Wednesday 18th May	9 am.	Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 19th May	9 am.	Dan McEvoy RIP
Friday 20th May	9 a.m.	Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 21st May (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Christine Donohoe RIP
Sunday 22nd May	9 a.m.	Dorothy & Duncan Whitehouse
	11 a.m.	People of Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

**Please pray for the sick:**

Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy, Daphne McAdam, Catherine Steel, Ann Dowd, Veronica Beard, Ann Davis, Malcolm Silver and Roger Minnis.

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**15th May 2016**

Dear friends,

Pentecost, the great fest of the Holy Spirit, brings the Easter season to an end. Over the past few months, beginning with Ash Wednesday, we have been making a liturgical pilgrimage which observes the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. Prior to his Ascension he bestowed the gift of his Holy Spirit on his disciples, thus empowering them to continue his work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. By means of our own baptism and confirmation we, too, are equipped for mission and today we recommit ourselves to this task.

At 11 a.m. Mass the children, who received their first Holy Communion yesterday, will celebrate their “going forth” Mass. They are also young missionaries who, please God, in years to come will continue the work of making the Lord known and loved. Please pray for them, their families and their catechists.

Later in the week I am due to have a cataract procedure which will put me out of action over next weekend, when a visiting priest will stand in for me. I hope to return to active service at the earliest opportunity. I am still trying to come to terms with a shock last weekend when Mass attendance plummeted to an all time low. We were a hundred people down on what one would normally expect for Ascension Sunday.

God bless you always,  
***Fr James***

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**JUMBLE SALE:** Thank you to Janet Abbott and her team who worked so hard. The sum of £633 was raised. Well done everybody!

**REQUIEM MASSES:** Monday 16th May at 11 am Margaret Smith-Galer RIP.  
Tuesday 17th May at 11 am Jim Sullivan RIP.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PENTECOST PARTY!** This Sunday 15th May at 4pm on The Green outside the Methodist Church and Argus Lighting in High Street (in Methodist Church Hall if wet). Community Spirit Choir, informal worship and, rumour has it, Deacon Duncan will lead some singing with his harmonica!! Tea and cake available. Do come to help make this Pentecost event a very happy one.

**STUDY DAY AT GIDEA PARK:** Professor John Morrill, permanent deacon and director of ongoing formation for the clergy in the Diocese of East Anglia, will lead a study day on 'The Bible in English', with a focus on the Bible in Reformation England and concluding with Bible translations in the present day. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**NEW WEBSITE FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD:** On this World Communications Day, the Diocese is launching its new website. Please visit [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net) for all information on the life of the Diocese.

**CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS:** Christian Aid Week is this coming week - 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May- during which all collections have to be made. Many thanks to all the generous volunteers. The collection packs will be ready next weekend.

**GIFT AID END YEAR TAX LETTERS:** End year letters will be posted out this week, to those who have requested one, detailing the amount gift aided for the year 2015/16. Please inform Margaret Lechley if you wish to receive one of these.

**SPRING CONCERT:** held at The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7.45pm, by the Parish's 9am Choir. It will include favourites from their 2015 Florence Tour. They will be joined by guest musicians for a varied programme of Choral music and popular solos. Entry is free – there will be a retiring collection for our Parish Fund. All are welcome.

**ST FRANCS RAMBLERS:** welcome parishioners to our ramble on **Sunday 22nd May** (Suitable footwear please!). Meet Epping station at 10.00am. Lunch at the Traveller's Friend, Epping Green, CM16 6PU. Distance 13-14 miles finishing at Epping. Please call Paul on 07847 28 26 26 for more details.

**ST MARK'S 50 YEARS REUNION :** Former pupils and staff of St Mark's are warmly invited to the school on Friday 1 July to celebrate it's 50th anniversary. 5.30pm: Mass. 6.30pm-8pm: Light refreshments and tours of the school. To help with planning of seating and catering, please let us know of your intention to attend via (01279) 421267 OR emailing [Admin@st-marks.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@st-marks.essex.sch.uk) For the attention of Mel Gunn.

**QUIZ NIGHT PRESENTED BY GIRL GUIDING:** On Saturday, 25th June at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start in Stonards Hill Scout Hut - £5. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Further information and tickets contact Teresa - [telgirl@gmail.com](mailto:telgirl@gmail.com) or text on 07973336037.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - Prudential Ride London 100 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 :** The closing date for entries for this Olympic legacy 100 mile cycling event is **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. If you would like to be considered for one of our places, can commit to raising a minimum of £600 (excluding Gift Aid) and are willing to pay a £50 registration fee, please contact Libby on 01268 784544 / [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk) for an information pack.

**WORKS OF MERCY:** The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016, at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church 557/559 High Road, Woodford Green IG8 0RB. We begin with 9am Mass, followed by our Procession at 9.45am to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5QB, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx. 12.30pm to the church for refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch.

**'Abbotswick House of Prayer needs you.** We are looking for willing volunteers to help tend the gardens and/or perform light housework. No regular commitment is necessary, just come as often as you are able. We offer sustenance for the body and soul including home cooked lunches, refreshments and more, in the peaceful surroundings of Abbotswick. For more information, please visit our website [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) or contact Sr Gabriela on 01277-373959 / email: [info@abbotswick.org](mailto:info@abbotswick.org).

**Part Time Occupational Therapist required for St John's R.C. Special School:** You would be required to work with students from 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs, including Autism, Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs within a non-maintained education setting. Previous knowledge and experience of sensory integration issues essential. For more information about our school visit our website at [www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk). For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email [office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk). Closing date for applications is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Fr James or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.