

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2016

YOUTH SUNDAY

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Saturday 19th November Feast of Christ of King 34th Week of Year C Vigil Mass	12.30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Baptisms of Amelia Kate Cunningham & Tadgh John Hanifin-Flynn Joe Canny RIP (Canny)
Sunday 20th November	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	People of the Parish Mark Rooney RIP (Darcy) Baptism Niamh Ann Whittaker
Monday 21st November	9 a.m.	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 22nd November	9 a.m.	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr Pamela Magri's intentions
Wednesday 23rd November	9 a.m.	Pamela Magri's Intentions
Thursday 24th November	9 a.m.	St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions, Martyrs Pat Murrhy Birthday (Flanagan)
Friday 25th November		St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
<u>THE SEASON OF ADVENT</u>		<u>Sunday Readings year A Weekday year 1</u>
Saturday 26th November First Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP (Canny)
Sunday 27th November	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Doug & Bobby Dew RIP (Heughan) People of the Parish

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 a.m. Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9am weekday Mass.
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11am - 12 noon & 5.15pm & on request

Please pray for the sick at home and in hospital:

Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy,
 Mark Toohey, Daphne McAdam, Ann Dowd and Roger Minnis.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING C 20 Nov 2016

Dear Friends,

Above Jesus on his cross was written, "This is the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:35-43). We are more familiar with the John 19:19 text that says, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews", which is expressed in the letters "INRI" on our crucifix. Today, we celebrate Christ the King, and honour him as our Lord and Saviour. He was crowned with thorns and raised up on a cross, but after his resurrection from the dead was taken up, and crowned in glory, as King of heaven and earth. Many aspects of Christ as King are stated in the hymns: "Hail Redeemer King Divine" or "Crown Him with many Crowns, the Lamb upon his throne" or "Christ is our King, let the whole world rejoice" and "The King of Love my shepherd is". In Christian art, Christ is shown as the King who reigns over peoples and nations, with the law of truth and love.

Christ as King draws all people to himself through his sufferings, death and resurrection (John 12:32). He came as a Servant King, "not to be served but to serve and to offer up his life as a ransom for many" (Matt 20:28). He shows us how to love, as we sing, "This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him", we commit ourselves to share his love with others by caring for them. Through Christ, God's love is given to us and only through him can people be saved from sin and eternal death.

"The people of God share in Christ's Kingship, and the Sign of the Cross makes kings of all re-born in Christ with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who consecrates us as priests and members of a royal race" (CCC 786). The Preface of Christ the King expresses this, and our response should be to give more room to Christ in our life and enthrone in our heart as our King, Lord and Saviour. On this Youth Sunday, we sing: "King most holy, King of truth, guide the lowly, guide the youth". Young people are faced with many difficult options, attractions and distractions and it can be difficult to focus on Christ, "The Truth", and to follow him by choosing what is right. We witness to Christ and the Gospel by being faithful to him and his call to love one another as he has loved us.

May Christ the King, rule our minds, our hearts and our wills. Fr John

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN: Bishop Alan has written to express his thanks for the excellent hospitality and welcome received from the parish on his recent Pastoral Visit to Epping.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 8th December 2016.
Masses will be at 10am and 7.30pm on the feast of our patron saint.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: We invite anyone interested in finding out about our faith, wishing to understand our faith, support the faith of family members, or become Catholic to a course of talks on the Catholic Faith in the Priest's House on Tuesdays at 8pm. It is suitable for people wishing to return to the practice of their faith or who are not Catholic but come to Mass regularly. The next session will be this Tuesday 22nd November.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: November is the month of the Holy Souls. You are invited to list the names of your departed relatives and friends and place it in the envelope beneath the altar, for prayer at every Mass during November.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: You are warmly invited to this service at **3pm this Sunday 20th November 2016**, which is arranged specifically for those who have lost loved ones - spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends - recently or some time ago. The Service will include some hymns, remembrance (by name) of the loved ones who have died (during which candles will be lit). All are welcome to tea / coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall afterwards. We do hope that you will join us, together with any friends you would like to bring with you. If you have any queries, contact Deacon Duncan, (Tel: 01992 577173).

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: visit date for prospective new parents next Friday 25th November at 10am. Following the tour of the school a Senior Member of staff and the Executive Headteacher will speak about the school ethos and curriculum. Please contact the school office on telephone 0208 508 6315 or email schoff2@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk.

THE BOX: we have received a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the Box, for supporting their recent Family Barn Dance, held in our Hall. Just under £1,200 was raised, which will greatly help their work.

REQUEST FOR USHERS: Urgently required at all Masses - families could do this together. If you can help then please contact Mary Morgan on 574719, complete the tear-off slip below or email the parish office.

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NAME:

CONTACT DETAILS:

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar date this year is December 3rd. Only two weeks away. The stall holders are eagerly awaiting all the goods you have been meaning to bring ever since the appeals began. It is helpful to be able to price them early.

PARISH BAZAAR PATRONS: Many thanks to everyone who has responded to the appeal on 16th September to become Patrons of our Bazaar on 3rd December. This has funded some of the initial setting-up expenses. It is not too late to become a Bazaar Patron to help with funding further pre-event expenses or send a donation if you are unable to attend the Bazaar on 3rd December! Please just send a cheque (Epping Catholic Church) or cash in an envelope clearly showing your name and marked 'Bazaar Patron' to Fr John. Thanks for your support.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON 12.30pm for 1pm: All who may be alone on Christmas Day are invited to join us for Lunch in our hall; Couples & carers who would like company are most welcome. We need drivers to bring and take our guests home. Donations of food and table decorations are required. Your help and generosity is always deeply appreciated. Please give your name & contact number to Fr. John, Deacon Duncan or Mary Morgan on 01992 574719.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society presents, 'Come-and-Sing-Messiah':

In the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral and under the baton and leadership of Andrew Wright, you are invited to attend a unique performance of Handel's masterpiece, where a specially formed choir will perform alongside professional soloists and orchestra. **Date:** Saturday 3rd December 2016 7pm performance **Venue:** Brentwood Cathedral **Tickets:** £15 per person. For further information or to book tickets please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 - DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS: Parents and carers who are **practising Catholics** and wish to apply for a place for their child in a Catholic school for September 2017 should hand in their form to the Priest's House, where it will be attended to by Fr John & Deacon Duncan. Some may be contacted to discuss the reference for their child. Families where parents and children are not practising their faith and do not attend Sunday Mass consistently, should make their application directly to the school but not request a priest's reference unless there are extraordinary circumstance in their situation. It is essential that integrity and truth are fully respected in in this process.