

Masses & Services Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024		
TRINITY SUNDAY (B) 26th May 2024		
Saturday 25th	6.00pm	Maggie & Mark Keane RIP (Clohessy)
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
May 2024	11.00am	NO MASS
	5.00pm	Intentions of Elaine Hudgell (Scannell)
Monday 27th BANK HOLIDAY	10.00am	Janet Abbott RIP Recently (Christie)
Tues 28th	9.15am	Mabel Kilcullen RIP Recently (Lavin)
Wed 29th	12 Noon	Bridget Sharky RIP (Connolly)
Thursday 30th	NO MASS	
Friday 31st	12 Noon	Michael Morgan RIP Recently (Murray)
MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (B) 2nd June 2024		
Saturday 1st	6.00pm	Intentions of Finn Hughes (Scannell)
Sunday 2nd	9.00am	Michael Morgan RIP Recently (Cullen)
June 2024	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (GROUP ONE)	
	11.00am	People of our Parish

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all weekend Masses.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £217 in Envelopes, £496.40 in loose cash, £800 Standing Orders. You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at:
www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY: Father Martin will usually have his day off on Thursdays. In cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388. This would also apply if Fr Martin is on holiday.

PARISH OFFICE: Our Parish Office is open on Tues, Wed and Fri 9.30am-2pm. The Parish Administrator can be contacted by email on epping@brcdt.org or telephone 01992 572516.

HALL HIRE: Our Hall is available to hire at very competitive rates and a discount for parishioners. Please contact our Parish Office for further details and to book.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK: Thank you to our generous parishioners for giving for people in need through the **FOODBANK! WE CAN REFER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF HELP TO THE FOODBANK.** Please contact our Parish Office.

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TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR B

26th May 2024

As always on this first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is the central mystery of our faith – our God, one in three persons, in whose name we were all welcomed at our baptism.

In the **First Reading** (Deut 4: 32–34, 39–40) Moses reminds the people of everything God has done for them in releasing them from slavery in Egypt. All they – and we – are asked in return for the prosperity and eternal life that God offers, is that we obey the commandments.

In the **Second Reading** (Romans 8: 14–17), St Paul speaks of the Spirit which makes us all children of God. Through this gift of the Spirit, we, like Jesus, can call God our Father, and share in his glory.

In the **Gospel** (Matthew 28: 16–20) we see the risen Jesus handing on to the disciples their mission of baptising people throughout the world in the name of the Trinity. He reminds them, and ourselves, that he remains with us always.

This week, we pray that filled with God's Spirit, we will be ready to share the Trinity's message of love with the people we meet.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANN MCNAMA, who died on **Saturday 4th May**. May she rest in peace. She will be received into our church on **Monday 3rd June at 4.30pm. with her Requiem Mass the following day, 4th June, at 11am.**

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to families and all who mourn. May the Lord send his Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and give them with the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection.

PARISH CELEBRATION: On **Friday 7th June** Fr Martin will celebrate his 40th anniversary to the Priesthood. Bishop Alan will visit our parish to celebrate Mass with us at 7pm. This will be followed by a parish gathering, with food and drinks, in our Hall to which **we warmly invite all parishioners to attend.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Rehearsal on **Wednesday 5th June 5.30pm only for those making their first Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June.**

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: The opportunity to receive communion under both kinds began recently here. Many parishes in the diocese have already restored the opportunity to receive from the chalice.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosemary Batten, Joyce Ryan, Daniel Willmore, Colleen Mansfield, Blanche Rowland (25/5), Laurie Diffeley, Sally Ward, Richard Fayolle, Sheila Adams (27/5), Lawrence Ford, Agnes Blunt, Brian Summers (28/5), Edward Ryan, Jonathan Howard (29/5), Mary Kellard, Patrick Halpin (31/5) *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on **Friday 12th July** from 7.30 to 11pm. Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

OUR PARISH HALL is available to hire at competitive rates, and at a discount for parishioners. It is available on a regular basis on some weekday evenings for anyone wishing to hire either for a parish group or a commercial booking. Please consider using our hall for your celebratory events and mention to your friends. Please contact the Parish Office for details and bookings.

PACT (THE PRISON ADVICE & CARE TRUST) is recruiting a full-time, permanent **head of fundraising** - homebased/hybrid, within commutable distance of Peckham.

A pioneering national charity, Pact provides caring and life changing services to men and women in prison, to people with convictions on release and in the community, and to their children and families.

All the details for the role are here:

<https://pact.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/1468?target=internal>

Catholic maritime charity **STELLA MARIS** (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.** You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

REVIVE; DISCOVER; EMPOWER' A YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of **22nd – 23rd June**. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

PRAYER TO ST.MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: “St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

God of peace,
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us
To love our neighbour as ourselves
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine.
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world.
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –
Peace that will transform,
Peace that will heal,
Peace that will last.
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ.
The Prince of Peace, Amen