

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Communion Service <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Luke (Ann Hawkes)
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parishioners / Rachel & Noah Johnson (Ann Hawkes)
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Letitia J Balbin – Ragandap (Remie)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Communion Service
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Communion Service
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Communion Service
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parishioners
Feast of the Assumption	12.15pm	Pat & Margaret belated B'day Int's (A Hawkes)
	8.00pm	George (Jerzy) Rathe
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Communion Service
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Communion Service
		<i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Angelina J Balbin Int's (Remie)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parishioners / Clare O'Driscoll RIP (C Mills)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Maria Ochi RIP

**EPPING FOREST FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Thank you to all parishioners who have donated items for the Foodbank. Your donations are needed as much as ever at the moment by people in our area who are struggling to put food on the table. Basic staple items are always welcome including the unbranded supermarket basic ranges which can make your generous donations go even further. In August they are in urgent need of the following items: tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, powdered milk, long-life juice, pasta sauce jars, tinned tomatoes, small jars of coffee, chocolate bars, washing liquid, ladies deodorant, washing up liquid, rice pouches for the microwave and tea bags (80 bag size). Thank you! You can also keep up to date with the Foodbank via their facebook page: [www.facebook.com/EppingForestFoodbank/](http://www.facebook.com/EppingForestFoodbank/)

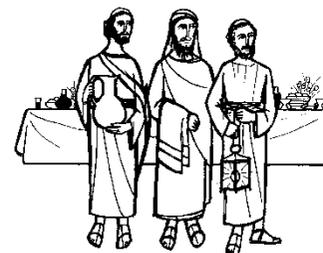
**St. Edmund of Canterbury**

**And**  
**St. Thomas More**

**PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Dear Friends in Christ,                      Nineteenth Sunday of the Year 2019, C

Astonishingly, today in the gospel Jesus compares himself to a thief who unpredictably burgles a house. In this and other ways, Jesus teaches graphically that he will return, and that his return will always be a surprise. Yet his return must not catch us unawares: 'Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning.'



Our lives of faith can become flat and lack any sense of excitement or urgency. What can inspire us? We need an element of tension to move us from apathy to zeal. God gives us the spur we need - the return of the Lord. He will come back - and when we least expect it! To create that sense of tension we must reject all unbelief that would convince us that whilst the Lord may be coming back, it will certainly not be in our lifetime. Such an assumption sets itself against Jesus' own words. It is also foolish, for his return could occur as soon as tomorrow or it may delay until sometime after our death.

People are often afraid of dealing with their fears. The Late Pope John Paul II said: 'Christians are exhorted to prepare for the Great Jubilee of the beginning of the Third Millennium by renewing their hope in the definitive coming of the Kingdom of God, preparing for it daily in their hearts, in the Christian community to which they belong, in their particular social context, and in world history itself.' The surest way to prepare our hearts for the second coming is to ask the Holy Spirit to give us a hunger, thirst and longing for it.

Dear Friends in Christ,

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:  
FIRDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Mary, at the end of her natural life was assumed body and soul to heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. It proclaimed the belief of the Universal Church that Mary, the Mother of God, having been singled out by God as that singular vessel of purity, brought forth Christ into the world; who, throughout the whole of her life, constantly remained faithful to God and her Son. Her freedom from the stain of Original Sin, won her the eternal reward of being Assumed by God, Body and Soul into heaven. There will be three masses today, 9am, 12.15pm & 8.00pm at St. Edmunds.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Will commence with the Parents' Information evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. We will cover the first theme of Belonging. Also you will receive the children's work books and programme for the whole year. The children's first session will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. At the 11.00am Mass the children will be formally presented by their parents as Candidates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Holy Eucharist

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The Journey of Faith talks will commence on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Parish Retreat (this is up the stairs and above the parish hall). I have spoken to a few people already, and it is hoped that there will be a good number once again for this Programme. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in learning a little more about the Roman Catholic faith possibly with the view of being received into full-communication with the Church at Easter 2020, please see Fr. John as soon as possible. Tel No: 020 8508 3492

**COMING SOON! PARISH BBQ:** We are planning to hold a parish barbecue on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We hope this will be a fantastic community event so appeal to all of you to come forward to help. As well as the food and drink, we would like to showcase our parish and provide activities and entertainment.

**GIFT AID SCHEME:** Please try to keep your Offertory Donation up to date during the summer, as you can appreciate there are a lot of people away at present, but the bills still keep coming in. If you belong to the Gift Aid Scheme please keep the envelopes up to date. Please use your envelopes otherwise we cannot claim back the Income Tax.

**NOTE TO ALL OUR SINGERS IN THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP:** Our practice for Sunday 1st September Mass takes place on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at St. Edmund's. 6.30pm Musicians, 7pm Singers, (Please note we've moved the practice to Wednesday as our usual practice evening falls on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August which is a Bank holiday). New singers are always welcome to join us, particularly our teenagers, young adults and families. Please think about it and come along!

**CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY:** Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August, Buckden Towers. An invitation is extended to any of us who may like to go! It's a great day out at this historic Claretian Centre, and it's for all the family. The village of Buckden is very easy to get to – it's about 60 miles north of Loughton, and is immediately off the A1. The Claretian Centre is a walled estate which encloses Buckden Towers. The day starts at 12noon. There is a Barbeque in the grounds. The weather is nearly always good and you don't need to bring any food or drink, as everything is provided. A joyful concelebrated Mass in the Tudor garden follows at around 3.00pm, after which everyone is invited into the house for refreshments. Please put this date in your diary.

**THIS YEAR'S PARISH BAZAAR:** Will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Would all our regular helpers please put this date in your diaries! As you know your generosity makes our bazaars so successful. If you are going abroad, you might like to buy a bottle at the 'Duty Free' store; as you know the Bottle Stall is always a great attraction. Also we need Grand Draw Prizes. Please think about these things.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There are still vacancies for various mass intentions; if you want to book a mass for a special occasion, anniversary masses, birthday masses, special intentions, mass for a sick person, etc. Please complete mass envelope available in the porch of the Church.

**YOUTH MASS IN PARISH PARTNERSHIP:** The parishes of Loughton, Waltham Abbey & Epping will be celebrating a Young People's Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.00pm, to which all are invited, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. The next planning meeting will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Parish Retreat; also the musicians will meet to rehearse the music for the mass. If you would like to be involved in this venture, please come along to the meeting. Our young people will be doing everything at the mass, reading, Offertory, Prayers of Intercession, singing etc.