

MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2019

Sat 17 th	10.00am	Communion Service <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
Sat 17 th	6.00pm	Angelina Balbin It's (Remie)
Sun 18 th	9.00am	Parishioners / Clare O'Dricoll RIP (C Mills)
Sun 18 th	11:00am	Maria Ochi RIP
Mon 19 th	12.15pm	Communion Service
Tues 20 th	9.00am	Communion Service
Wed 21 st	12.15pm	Communion Service
Thur 22 nd	9.00am	Communion Service
Fri 23 rd	12.15pm	Alan Ferderick Smith RIP (P Smith)
Sat 24 th	10.00am	Frank Wescott's Int's (Pat & Margaret) <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
Sat 24 th	6.00pm	Johanna & Henry Ormond (Mills family)
Sun 25 th	9.00am	Parishioners / George Webber RIP (M Webber)
Sun 25 th	11:00am	Yvonne Marie Wescott RIP (Frank Wescott)

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/

St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton
With
St. Thomas More, Debden

PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ

Twentieth Sunday of the Year 2019, C

It is an amazing reality of the Christian faith that Jesus of Nazareth whom we worship and adore as God made man, lived, breathed, and moved in an age without television, radio, the Internet or even the motor car. He was born into an ancient world without the printing press or means of communication which can reach, in an instant, millions of people. And yet, his words, the most holy, sacred and loving ever spoken, resound through history, speaking to every person, person to person, heart to heart, one to one.

His sweet words speak of those who are blessed; they speak of kindness, mercy, turning the other cheek and forgiving from the heart. His bitter words speak of judgement, punishment, millstones, hell and division. The things is that with Jesus, as much as one might want to pick and mix, select this teaching over that one, or prefer his sweet to his bitter words, we cannot: we have to study and pray on all of Jesus' words.

Today we encounter an especially bitter teaching. It's hard, isn't it; to think that the Prince of Peace, whose first words after he had risen were 'Peace be with you', says also 'Do you think I came to bring Peace to

earth? No, I tell you, but division'. The trust is the name of Jesus divides as much as it unites. There are many in our world who despise the name of Jesus. Indeed, his name is used by many as a word of cursing. Try mentioning Jesus' name in polite company. Sometimes even in Church circles, to mention the name of Jesus creates a hostile reaction. Why is this? It is because Jesus is God. His is the name above all other names and before him all things, in heaven and on earth, will bow down. Jesus did come to bring peace on earth but this peace was secured through the bloody suffering of his cross. First came division, hatred and violence, and then came the peace that only Jesus the Prince of Peace, can pour out, the peace of Christ in our hearts.



Dear Friends in Christ,

20th Sunday of the Year

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Will commence with the Parents' Information evening on Wednesday 11th 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 15th September at 10am. At the 11am Mass the children will be formally presented by their parents as candidates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH? If so, please see Fr. John as soon as possible. Tel No: 020 8508 3492. We are hoping to begin a new RCIA programme in September. It is wonderful to have a good number of enquirers for this Journey of Faith Programme. It is a systematic programme, covering all aspects of Catholicism, the scriptures, Catholic Dogma & Doctrine, Liturgical Practice, Prayer, Catholic Moral Teaching & Ethical Issues. We use power-point presentations and follow a programme called 'Evangelium,' which is very orthodox. I will give hand-outs each week of the subject matter covered in the talk. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. There are many who have been on this course, and I'm sure some of our new convert Catholics would be only too willing to answer any of your questions. I am hoping to begin the Programme on Thursday 12th September at 8.00pm in the Parish Retreat. All welcome!

CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY: Bank Holiday Monday 26th August, Buckden Towers. Fr. Chris Newman has once again extended a warm invitation 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.



NOTE TO ALL OUR SINGERS IN THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP: Our practice for Sunday 1st September Mass takes place on Wednesday, 28th 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, 26th 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!

YOUTH MASS IN PARISH PARTNERSHIP: The parishes of Loughton, Waltham Abbey & Epping will be celebrating a Young People's Mass on Sunday 22nd 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 4th 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.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP MEETING: Will take place on Tuesday 10th September at 8.00pm at St. Edmund's, in the Parish Retreat. The partnership is made up of the parishes of Loughton, Epping & Waltham Abbey. We are preparing for the future in the diocese when there will be fewer priests; our work and co-operation now will help pave the way for the future!

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISICPLES: Next meeting: We will have a break for the summer recess and meet again on Monday 9th September (8pm). **COMING SOON! PARISH BBQ:** We are planning to hold a parish barbecue on Sunday 6th 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. Perhaps you could help with catering, welcoming, music, face painting, activities for children or something else? We would love for all groups and individuals in the parish to be involved in the organisation of this event. If you would like to get involved, please contact Iain McLay with your mobile number on 07806 998187 so that you can be added to the WhatsApp group. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time and talents!



PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME: Please ensure that you keep your Gift Aid envelopes up to date throughout the summer recess, thank you! Spare envelopes are always available in the porch if you forget yours!