

## MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2019

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10.00am	Communion Service <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Lilian Mothersole's Int's.
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parishioners / Jenny & Arthur Catterall (Ann Hawkes)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Helen Kay & Marie Kelly RIP
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Communion Service
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Communion Service
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Communion Service
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Communion Service
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Communion Service
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Communion Service
		<i>Sunday Vigil Mass</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)

**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,                      Eighteenth Sunday of the Year 2019, Year C

The man in the crowd asking Jesus to settle a family dispute wants him to act like a rabbi. Jesus however, is instantly aware that his request stems from greed and envy. He chooses to expose the motives of the man's heart rather than settle his grievance. The Lord teaches that the purpose and meaning of life is making oneself 'rich towards God.'

Greed and envy focus a person on self. Those who pursue wealth seek security and safety. They use their riches to shield themselves from life's vicissitudes and to find comfort and confidence in material things. In the pursuit of wealth they lose sight of the real meaning of life because they are seduced by the illusion that with their fortune they can control their lives. Yet one day everyone will die - possessions cannot protect against that day.█



Furthermore the pursuit of affluence and pleasure eliminates both God and neighbour from sight since the focus is exclusively on obtaining possessions in order to feel secure: 'I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.' Finally wealth creates the desire for greater wealth, making the circle of illusion complete.

Being rich in the sight of God brings into sharp focus the purpose of life and allows us to live according to truth. The real meaning of life is that we depend on God for everything; God is the source of all good, and we are created for a relationship with him. Our security is to be found in God alone; we can live with confidence that is directing our lives, and will provide for all our needs.

Dear Friends in Christ,

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

**WELCOME:** This weekend we welcome back Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, who has kindly offered to supply for me while I take my annual summer break. I'm truly grateful to him for his generosity in offering to supply for me. As you know it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find substitution during holiday periods. Please extend to him your usual hospitable welcome!

**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



**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.

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP MEETING:** Will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** As the summer recess has begun, could I ask all parishioners who Gift Aid to try and keep your envelopes up-to-date throughout the summer please! Thank you for your generosity!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS:** If you are going to be away on holiday over the summer recess, could you kindly arrange cover for your particular ministry. There have been a few problems recently with ministers not turning up. Please consult your contact list.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There 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 and return to the Presbytery.

**FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES:** Next meeting: We will have a break for the summer recess and meet again on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September (8pm). **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. 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!



**CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY:** Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August, Buckden Towers. 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you wish mass to be celebrated for various intentions, please complete mass envelope available in the porch.