

**BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH:** If you have a child due for Baptism please let me know as soon as possible. To avoid any disappointment with dates, contact the Presbytery to book your date. If you are first-time parents, you need to contact Sharon Chalk, who will organise a Baptismal Preparation of two sessions, and then I will come and visit you in your homes. Please don't forget to collect your Baptismal Information Form.



**EPPING FOREST FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Thank you to all parishioners who continue to generously donate items for the Foodbank during Lent. Your donations are needed as much as ever now 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. During Lent they are in urgent need of the following items: sponge puddings, tinned fruit, jam, tinned meat pies/ham, instant mash, male and female deodorant, laundry tablets, toilet roll (2 or 4 pack), shampoo and razors. 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/)

**NO PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS:** Considering the Coronavirus, and in accord with Government Health Warnings, and the directives from the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, there will be **NO SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED WITH CONGREGATIONS** until further notice; e.g. No Sunday or Weekday Masses, no Baptisms, No Weddings, No Funerals. I will celebrate Holy Mass (Behind Closed Doors) Daily keeping the Intentions of the whole parish community lifted-up to God. **MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** This is uniting ourselves spiritually with Jesus Christ through Prayer: -

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.” Amen

**IN CASES OF EMERGENCY:** Tuesday is usually Fr. John's Day Off. In Cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either in Epping – Tel: 01992 572516, or the St. Thomas of Canterbury Friary at Woodford Green – Tel: 020 8504 1688. This would also apply if Fr. John is away for a few days break or on Retreat. All the local funeral directors have a contact number for Fr. John if a funeral needs to be arranged in his absence.

## **St. Edmund of Canterbury & St. Thomas More** **Second Sunday of Easter 2020, Divine Mercy Sunday**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Second Sunday of Easter 2020

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the whole parish community for your wonderful response to the online streaming of all our Holy Week & Easter ceremonies. As I said last week it was completely unprecedented, and we hope and pray it never happens again. Your messages of support through texting and emails was very affirming. I am honoured and privileged to be able to offer Holy Mass each day for you each day and this will continue until further notice. It looks as though self-isolation will continue for another three weeks. If there are any parishioners in our community who are finding it difficult to get shopping or medicine, please let us know. We have an active WhatsApp Group you can join Tel No: 07806 998187. Obviously, we need to be careful, stay at home and keep well. But we also need to help one another when we can.

In the Gospel we see the famous story of Thomas missing the Risen Lord, doubting until he saw the wounds of Jesus. There are moments of doubt within all our lives, and we usually want to check out the facts for ourselves, but as the Lord said to Thomas “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” We can take heart in these words, and echo the words of Thomas who said, “My Lord & My God!”



**LIVESTREAMING:** Will continue daily with Holy Mass being live streamed at 10.00am each day. I hope and pray that you're reaping the benefits of modern technology and that you're able to connect with us each day. Live streaming connection is through Facebook & the Parish Website. St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton. A big thank you to all those who have helped with the transmission of our celebrations during this shutdown.

If you know of parishioners who are not connected to the parish website, please let them know about this daily streaming. There will be a Holy Hour each Thursday evening at 7.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There is so much to pray for: our front-line workers, doctors, nurses, care workers, nursing homes, scientists looking for a vaccine, pharmacists. We need to pray for those who are sick and sadly those who have died from this pandemic. Please join us for this Holy Hour each week.

**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY DURING CORONAVIRUS:** The New Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes are now available. **I HAVE PLACED THEM IN MY GARAGE, PLEASE COLLECT AT YOUR LEISURE.** Obviously with No Weekend Masses in the Church it is going to be difficult to receive your Weekly Offering. If parishioners would like to post Gift Aid envelopes & your Offerings through the Presbytery letterbox this would be good. Or set up a Standing Order, forms are available in the porch During these difficult times your ongoing support is essential. The staff salaries & bills still must be paid: You can help by making your Offertory directly into the Parish Account set up through the diocese:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=loughton>

Parish Bank Account: Using Online Banking

HSBC Sort Code 40-13-22

Account Number: 11019651

Please put your name as reference and your Gift Aid number if you have one. If you can set it up as a regular payment this would be excellent and save a lot of time in the future. If you don't have GIFT AID this is a good time to start, you can do this by e-mailing Maria Mosquera ([mjm70@hotmail.com](mailto:mjm70@hotmail.com)). With continued thanks for your generosity.

**WHATSAPP GROUP: ST. EDMUND'S PARISH GROUP 07806 998187.**  
**If you're already on WhatsApp, all you need to do is text Iain McLay 07806 998187. and he will add you to the group.**

Wishing You All A Blessed Week, keep safe & Well; Be kind to one another!  
The Lord Has Truly Risen Alleluia!



Fr. John

**MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 2020**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish
		<i>Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday</i>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Jan Michalik RIP (Kaz Michalik)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Dec'd of Campbell & Munro Families (Munro Family)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	NO 11am MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Frank & Lally Falco RIP (Paul Falco)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Dec'd of Mooney & McDermott families RIP (Maureen McDermott)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	William & Doreen Shepherd RIP (Andrew Shepherd)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Dinny & Julie Shepherd RIP (Chalk Family)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tony Rattigan RIP (Rattigan Family)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Kenneth Tudhope RIP ((M Duffy)
		<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Dec'd of Perry & McMorro families RIP (Maureen Perry)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	No 11.00am Mass until further notice.

**BOOKING MASSES:** At present there are many openings for Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass for a particular intention, please write your details on an envelope and post it through the letterbox at the presbytery. You can Gift Aid your intentions just put the GA number on envelope. Place your Mass offering in the envelope. Thank you!