

**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 period. 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** **Third Sunday of Easter 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Third Sunday of Easter 2020

As we continue during this lockdown and self-isolation, once again I draw your attention to the online streaming of Holy Mass daily at 10.00am. Parishioners have contacted me via texting on the WhatsApp Group and emails expressing their gratitude that we have this facility on a daily basis. Sadly, not all parishes are livestreaming. Apologies for the problems last Sunday: as I was on my own, I wasn't aware that the signal had gone down until after the mass. There is a Vigil Mass for Sunday on Saturday evening at 6.00pm. I would like to take this opportunity of encouraging as many parishioners as possible to join us for daily Mass. What better way to start the day! Many people have a lot of time on their hands at present, and I truly believe that the Holy Mass is a wonderful opportunity for each one of us to deepen our faith and give us fuller appreciation for the Holy Eucharist.

**GOSPEL:** Once again today we listen to another Post-Resurrection account of the Risen Lord. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus encounter the risen Lord. He opens their minds to understanding all the Scriptures that were about him, and it is at the breaking of bread at the table that they recognise who he is. Jesus Christ is with each one of us on the journey of life and faith; he wants us to always recognise him. He is with us here and now in our Sacred celebration. He is 'Emmanuel' – 'God with us!'



**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

**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY DURING SHUTDOWN** Your 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 - MAY 2020**

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Kenneth George Tudhope RIP (M Duffy)
		<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mary & Ernie Walsh RIP (Bill Walsh)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Dec'd of the Perry & McMorrow families ((Maureen Perry)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	NO 11am MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Frank Westcott's Ints. (M Duffy)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Robert Taylor RIP (Eileen Lee)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Lily Walsh RIP (John, Jean & Ann Cocklin)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00am	Dec'd of Olivelle Family (Olivelle Family)
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish
		<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Brian & Paul Street RIP (Barbara Street)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Romeo del Rosario RIP (Bacuetes family)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	No 11.00am Mass until further notice.

**BOOKING MASSES:** During this period of lockdown, Holy Mass is celebrated daily at 10.00am. There are many openings for Mass intentions if you so wish. Please just write your details on an envelope with your mass stipend (also Gift Aid No) and drop it off at the Presbytery as soon as possible. You may wish to book a mass for deceased loved ones, or anniversaries, birthdays, special occasions. I will try to accommodate your date preference or get the nearest date possible. Thank you!

