

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. 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/

NO PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS: In light of 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 **Easter Sunday 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter Sunday 2020

We have travelled through this Holy Week in an unprecedented way; celebrating all our masses & services through the medium of Facebook & the Website. But we have been making this journey with Jesus together. Despite the hardship and difficulty of self-isolation we have managed to focus our lives on the saving events that Jesus Christ has won for each one of us; he triumphed over sin and death and Rose on Easter Day. Fundamentally these are the tenets of our belief in the Roman Catholic Faith. Even in the darkest hours of Jesus's life, God's plan for his Son was triumph!

Today we celebrate the Resurrection! We are invited to proclaim Jesus as Our Lord & Saviour. He cannot die anymore, and he invites each of us to share in the New Life of Resurrection Faith. During these difficult times, we have had the opportunity to evaluate the most important aspects of our lives. We see the importance of family united in love; health that can never be taken for granted; our faith in God & Jesus that is the life-source of everything that we are striving to be – without it we are nothing! Jesus has triumphed; let us rejoice in his Resurrection today!



Wishing You All & Very Happy & Holy Easter
May Our Risen Lord Jesus, be with you and your families

LIVESTREAMING: Has taken place during this Holy Week. Our Easter Vigil will take place at 6.00pm on Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday Morning Mass will take place at 10.00am. We will continue to live-stream as long as the lockdown is in place. 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.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY DURING CORONAVIRUS: The New Offertory Envelopes are now available. **I HAVE PLACED THEM IN MY GARAGE; PLEASE COLLECT AT YOUR LEISURE.** The New envelopes commence this weekend. Obviously with No Weekend Masses 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). With continued thanks for your generosity.

WHATSAPP GROUP: ST. EDMUND'S PARISH GROUP 07806 998187. We have a wonderful WhatsApp group going, please think of joining it, and keeping in touch daily. The group has been set up to help people during this crisis. **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 Very Happy & Holy Easter
The Lord Has Truly Risen Alleluia!



Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 2020

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| Sat 11 th | 10.00am | MORNING PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
<i>Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday</i> |
| Sat 11 th
Easter Vigil | 6.00pm | THE EASTER VIGIL
John & Mary Harvey RIP (Fr. John) |
| Sun 12 th
Easter Sunday | 10.00am | EASTER SUNDAY MASS
John Doherty RIP (Ferdi & Diana Tisi) |
| Sun 12 th | 11:00am | NO 11am MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. |
| Mon 13 th | 10.00am | Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco) |
| Tues 14 th | 10.00am | Terry Barrett RIP (Margaret Hopkinson) |
| Wed 15 th | 10.00am | Dec'd of McQuade, Lamb & Duffy families (Margaret Duffy) |
| Thurs 16 th | 10.00am | Loretta J Balbin RIP (Remy) |
| Fri 17 th | 10.00am | James & Breige Rice RIP (J Hammill) |
| Sat 18 th | 10.00am | People of the Parish (Fr. John) |
| | | <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i> |
| Sat 18 th | 6.00pm | Jan Michalik RIP (Kaz Michalik) |
| Sun 19 th | 10.00am | Dec'd of Campbell & Munro Families (Munro Family) |
| Sun 19 th | 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!

