

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/

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

This is Holy Week 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Palm Sunday of the Passion 2020

These are unprecedented times. The world has never known anything quite like this shut down. We are all now very conscious of self-isolation and keeping well. We've seen the incredible work of the front-line workers in the NHS, and all those workers in our supermarkets, pharmacies, etc. who are working flat out to provide for the general public. It has brought the best out in most people; there will always be those who take advantage of these situations, but for the most part the good will and kindness of people far outweighs selfishness.

I would like to thank all those parishioners who have been keeping in regular contact with me, especially over the past week. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much. With the miracle of modern technology, we have been able to live-stream Holy Mass each day. I thank all those who have tuned into our daily celebration at 10.00am. First and foremost, it is a lifeline with our faith, even though people aren't able to receive Jesus sacramentally, there is the wonderful opportunity to make 'Spiritual Communion'.

Today marks the beginning of our HOLY WEEK. The greatest week in the Church's liturgical year. But unlike previous years, this year it will be a virtual celebration of all the Holy Week service:

HOLY WEEK MASSES:

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday Saturday 4 th April	6.00pm
Palm Sunday Mass with Palm Blessing 5 th April	10.00am
Monday – Wednesday	10.00am

SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS

Mass of the Lord's Supper. Thursday 9 th April	8.00pm
Good Friday. The Passion of Our Lord 10 th April	3.00pm
Stations of the Cross.	7.00pm
Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil. 11 th April	6.00pm
Easter Sunday. The Resurrection. 12 th April	10.00am

LIVESTREAMING: Will take place each day with the celebration of Holy Mass. During Holy Week all the main Masses will take place in St. Edmund's Church. The Triduum, commencing with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 9th April. Live streaming of all the Triduum Services will be available on the St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton Facebook Site & Also the St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton Website.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES: At the Masses this weekend the Crosses will be blessed. I will leave crosses in baskets at the Porch of my Front Door & Also my Garage at back of the Presbytery. If you're passing out on a walk, please feel free to take as many as you like

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY DURING CORONAVIRUS: The New Offertory Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please pick them up at your leisure. 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 have to be paid: The Diocese has set up a very easy way of making your weekly offertory: Access this website and its easy & self-explanatory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/>

Or alternatively:

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 Blessed Holy Week,

With Peace & Many Blessings.

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 2020

THIS IS HOLY WEEK 2020

Sat 4 th	10.00am	Mary Harvey RIP (Anni) (Fr. John)
		<i>Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday</i>
Sat 4 th	6.00pm	Jan Michalik RIP ((Kaz Michalik)
Sun 5 th	10.00am	Sheila Tremble RIP (The Tremble Family)
Palm Sunday		
Sun 5 th	11:00am	NO 11am MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
Mon 6 th	10.00am	Vera & Joe Duffy RIP (M Duffy)
Tues 7 th	10.00am	Jane & Stephen Barrett RIP (Margaret Hopkinson)
Wed 8 th	10.00am	Tony Ironside RIP (M Duffy)
Thurs 9 th	7.00pm	THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER John, Kate & Edward McKernan (Short)
Fri 10 th	3.00pm	THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
Good Friday	7.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat 11 th	10.00am	MORNING PRAYER
		<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 11 th	6.00pm	THE EASTER VIGIL
Holy Saturday		John & Mary Harvey RIP (Fr. John)
Sun 12 th	10.00am	EASTER SUNDAY MASS
Easter Sunday		John Doherty RIP (Ferdi & Diana Tisi)
Sun 12 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!