

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/

Christian Aid Week this year is 10th-16May: St Edmund's has a band of collectors who go out every year collecting door-to-door and in the street to raise money for Christian Aid. We are part of a wonderful ecumenical group in Loughton with the other churches all collecting at the same time. This year all the door-to-door and street collecting has been stopped so you will not get your red donation envelope through the door. However, to replace it we have created with the other churches a "JustGiving Page" where you can still donate. This is a time when we must not forget about our brothers and sisters in the developing nations who live right on the edge of extreme poverty. This crisis will have a terrible effect on them and they need the help Christian Aid can give. Here is the link to the JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christian-aid-week-loughton-may-2020>

Please do visit to make your Christian Aid Week donation.

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 **4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fourth Sunday of Easter 2020

As we continue this journey of self-isolation, I have been reflecting seriously on the future. Life will never be the same again; there will be a whole new world order. None of us have ever experienced anything quite like this in our lifetimes. Manifestly, when the number of those with C19 has peaked and we find ourselves preparing for a release from the present government restrictions. We are all going to have to look at the way we relate and deal with one another. Until a vaccine is found social distancing is going to become the 'new norm!' I sincerely hope all our parishioners are doing well; you have been in my daily prayers since the lockdown. I thank all our parishioners who tune in daily at weekend for the live streaming of Holy Mass. It's wonderful that we can use social media in such a manner. Apologies for any hiccups with transmission, but I only have a mobile phone, and we're not the BBC! Please continue to join us, daily if possible!

GOSPEL: Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, and world day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life. Let us pray especially today for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, especially here in our own diocese of Brentwood. We have two deacons due for Ordination to the Priesthood this year and two seminarians to be ordained transitional deacons. Please keep them in your prayers.



LIVESTREAMING: Holy Mass is being live streamed at 10.00am each day, through the medium of Facebook & the Parish Website. St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton. 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. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed daily at 3.00pm.



YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY DURING SHUTDOWN My sincere thanks to those who are making their weekly contribution of Gift Aid envelopes and through the banking system that has been set up through the Diocese whereby your Offertory can be paid directly into the Parish Account, details below:

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

Or you can use 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.

MONTH OF MAY: This is Our Blessed Lady's month. I encourage all our parishioners to pray a decade of the rosary each day for our front-line workers. Parents this is an opportunity for you to teach your children the rosary; it truly is a wonderful prayer to Mary! Details of how to pray the rosary can be found online. Please read the additional information about the rosary during May from our Holy Father Pope Francis (See Website)



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 - MAY 2020

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| Sat 2 nd | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | | <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i> |
| Sat 2 nd | 6.00pm | Brian & Paul Street RIP ((Barbara Street) |
| Sun 3 rd | 10.00am | Romeo Del Rosario (Bacuetes Family) |
| Sun 3 rd | 11:00am | NO 11am MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. |
| Mon 4 th | 10.00am | Joe Brown RIP (Betty Brown) |
| Tues 5 th | 10.00am | Elizabeth (Lizzie) Driver RIP ((Hannah Coveney) |
| Wed 6 th | 10.00am | Mary Walstow (Nancy Hands) |
| Thurs 7 th | 10.00am | Dec'd of Hogan & Shaw families (Hogan Family) |
| | 7.00pm | HOLY HOUR - for all frontline workers. |
| Fri 8 th | 10.00am | Ivy & Phillip McDonald RIP ((Short Family) |
| Sat 9 th | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | | <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i> |
| Sat 9 th | 6.00pm | Dr Thomas Cruzs RIP ((Dr S Cruzs) |
| Sun 10 th | 10.00am | Lilian & Walter Corden RIP (Pauline Jarvis) |
| Sun 10 th | 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!