

**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 donate items so generously for the Foodbank during the pandemic. Your donations are needed as much as ever at the moment 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. This month they are in urgent need of the following items: tea bags (small/medium box), sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned meat pies/ham, instant mash, long life juice, tinned spaghetti, chocolate bars, washing up liquid, laundry tablets and shampoo. Thank you! You can also keep up to date with the Foodbank via their facebook page: [www.facebook.com/EppingForestFoodbank/](https://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 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 Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul

Dear Friends in Christ

St. Peter & St. Paul Feast Day, 2020

As you will have heard during the past week, there is a further easing of the lockdown, including a reduction of social distancing to one meter plus on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. This slow and gradual easing is designed to keep us safe and healthy. This is not the green light to forget how dangerous Covid 19 still is. There are still many people contracting the virus, and people are still dying daily. This is a dangerous virus. It's so important that we don't fall into the trap of thinking that 'it's all over'! Vigilance, and practicing social distancing is still important. All the health & safety advice should still be upheld, the washing of hands regularly; using hand sanitisers; the wearing of face masks in public places and on public transport. This life-changing virus has affected the whole world, and already some countries are experiencing a second wave, so we must remain attentive because the Covid 19 battle is far from over!

**GOPEL REFLECTION:** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul. These two great giants of the faith chosen by Jesus to be his Apostles; Peter the rock on which the Church was founded, and Paul the great preacher and evangeliser. The Lord's choice of these two flawed men shows that he was able to see beyond their faults and failings, and the potential for what they could become. Both bore witness to Jesus Christ right to the very end of their lives; both shared a martyr's death and are now proclaimed Saints of the Church. Let us ask for their intercession in our own lives of faith today; for courage; deep faith; bearing witness to Jesus Christ by our way of life.



**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](mailto:mjm70@hotmail.com)). With continued thanks for your generosity.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The Parish arranged for all the Offertory envelopes to be delivered to all parishioners during the lockdown. Unfortunately, very few envelopes come in on a Weekly Basis to the Presbytery. Maria Mosquera is at present preparing the annual letter to be sent to all who Gift Aid and use the envelopes scheme; to notify you of your donations throughout the year. Could I ask all of our parishioners, even in these difficult times, to try to keep up to date with your Weekly Giving. Manifestly, like every other organisation that exists, we have all taken a severe reduction in the Weekly Offertory; approximately 60% drop. As the Church prepares to re-open for public services, this is an opportunity to start using your Gift Aid envelopes once again! Thank You!

**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,



Fr. John

**MASS INTENTIONS – JUNE - JULY 2020**

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| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>             | 10.00am | People of the Parish   |
|                                  |         | <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>   |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>             | 6.00pm  | Thomas Smith RIP (Noreen Smith)  |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>             | 10.00am | Bill & Helen's Walsh's Ints  |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>             | 11:00am | Weekend Masses return to usual times next weekend. Please consult Newsletter               |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>             | 10.00am | John & Rosemary O'Rourke Golden Wedding  |
| Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>            | 10.00am | Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco)   |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup><br>July 2020 | 10.00am | Dec'd members of Johnson & McCabe families (Rosemary & Ian Johnson)                        |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>            | 10.00am | Sheila Burns RIP (Rosemary & Ian Johnson)  |
|                                  | 7.00pm  | HOLY HOUR  |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>              | 10.00am | Alan Wiltshire RIP (Smith Family)  |
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>              | 10.00am | Bridget Kinsella's Int's (Marie Kavanagh)  |
|                                  |         | <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday: Reopening of Church for Public Masses commences this weekend</i> |
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>              | 6.00pm  | People of the Parish   |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>              | 9.00am  | Sheila Burns RIP (Mary Walstow)  |
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>              | 11:00am | Jack & Pat Steele RIP (Maria Fray)   |

**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!

