

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/

THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER: There have been incredible spikes in the Covid 19 Pandemic all over the world. And as learnt this week in Leicester, the rate of infection has increased considerably. Personal and moral responsibility is extremely important during this crisis. We are not invincible and we cannot play with other people's lives either. Listening to the News all week, there is genuine concern about the easing of the lockdown; and with the opening of pubs and restaurants at the weekend the fear of a further surge in cases is a top priority. It's no good pretending that everything is alright; until we get a vaccine the threat of Covid 19 will remain with us for the foreseeable future. It's quite frightening and disconcerting to see an upsurge in the tens of thousands in the United States of people who have tested positive over the past week. Please Be Careful!



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 **Fourteenth Sunday of the Year 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ

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With the reopening this weekend of all public places of worship, there are stringent Governmental & Diocesan guidelines that we must follow; this is to ensure the health and safety of all parishioners who will use the Church. There will be a team of Stewards at each Weekend Mass to ensure a steady flow in and out of the church; they are there to assist and help you. Social distancing is of prime importance. 2 Meter distancing; one meter plus if you're wearing a mask; families can sit close together; **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT MASKS BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE MASS.** Sanitising Hand Gel will be available as you enter the church; Offertory Baskets and boxes are available to receive your Weekly Offertory. Please make your way to your seats using the side aisles; and move right in on the benches. Doors and windows will be open for ventilation. There will be no Holy Water, no hymn books or Mass books, no singing; no sign of peace, no Prayers of Intercession, there will be no reception of Communion from the Chalice.

Holy Communion should be taken in the hand, with arms fully extended and one hand placed on the top of the other; there will be a barrier of distance between the Priest & the Communicant. The Priest will be the only Minister of Holy Communion (he will wear face mask & Visor). When the Priest receives his Communion, he will audibly say *The Body of Christ*, to which everyone replies *Amen*. The Same with the Chalice & *The Blood of Christ*. Stewards will assist in the approach for Holy Communion, ensuring social distancing. No words will be spoken as you receive Holy Communion. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.

On leaving the Church at the end of Mass, please use the centre aisle; apart from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to which you will use the side aisle. I know and understand that these guidelines may appear a little awkward and complicated, until we get used to them; but your health and safety is of our prime importance.

For parishioners who are in the vulnerable age bracket 70 plus; or if you have underlying health issues or are displaying symptoms of Corona virus; we will continue to live-stream the masses, both at the weekends and during the week; but it's your prerogative to attend Holy Mass. Please note that the

angle of the camera will have to change to a side-on view of the Altar.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE! Fr. John
Dear Friends in Jesus Christ, 14th Sunday of the Year

In the Gospel today Jesus calls us to himself; “*come to me all you who are heavy-laden and I will give you rest; shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls*”. Jesus is our consolation and hope; it is in him and him alone, that we should put our faith and trust. He will never let us down, and will always be there when we call upon his holy name. Lord Jesus come to me!

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: I ask your prayers next Saturday 11th July, Feast of St. Benedict, as I will celebrate 39 years of Sacred Priesthood. These years have flown by, and I'm truly grateful to Almighty God for the gift of the Priesthood. I thank the Lord for the wonderful parishes I have served in, the people I have met and ministered to; but most of all the honour and privilege of celebrating the Sacraments daily, especially the Holy Eucharist. Thank you Lord! Fr. John Ad multos annos! = To many years!



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.
LIVE-STREAMING: Will continue via the Website & FaceBook. Mass Monday to Saturday at 10.00am. Vigil Mass for Sunday on Saturday at 6.00pm & Sunday Morning at 9.00am & 11.00am.

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.

Wishing You All A Blessed Week,

MASS INTENTIONS – JULY 2020

Sat 4 th July	10.00am	Bridget Kinsella's Int's (Marie Kavanagh) <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday: Church resumes regular Sunday Schedule</i>
Sat 4 th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 5 th	9.00am	Sheila Burns RIP (Mary Walstow)
Sun 5 th	11:00am	Jack & Pat Steele RIP (Maria Fray)
Mon 6 th	10.00am	Kate & Joe Duffy RIP (anni) (Margaret Duffy)
Tues 7 th	10.00am	John Maton (sick) (Diana & Ferdi Tisi)
Wed 8 th	10.00am	Sheila Burns RIP (Mary Walstow)
Thurs 9 th	10.00am 7.00pm	Kate & Tom Dennison (anni) (M Duffy) HOLY HOUR
Fri 10 th	10.00am	Int's of Frank Westcott (Pat Ata)
Sat 11 th	10.00am	Fr. John's Intentions. 39 th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 11 th	6.00pm	George & Joyce Gregory RIP (The Gregory Family)
Sun 12 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sun 12 th	11:00am	Fred & Nancy Burrowes RIP (Burrowes Family)

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!