

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/

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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: In your mercy kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony D'Mello who passed away recently. Anthony's Funeral Service will take place on Monday 13th July at 12.15pm at St. Edmund's. We extend our condolences to his family in this time of great loss. May he rest in peace.

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 **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ

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It was truly wonderful to see our parishioners back at Church last weekend, though be it in small numbers. But to have a congregation after 14 weeks made my heart surge! And as many parishioners said, it was wonderful to be able to go to Holy Communion once again. Our church is now open for Holy Mass on Sundays and during the week. We are upholding the Governmental and Diocesan guidelines of two-meter distancing; one meter plus with a face mask. Obviously, families can sit close together in Church. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT FACE MASKS BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE MASS.**

Sanitising hand-gel is available as you enter the Church; Offertory Baskets and boxes are in place to receive your Weekly Offertory. Please make your way to your seats using the side aisles, and the direction of the Stewards. Please kindly move right into the benches towards the middle aisle. Doors and windows will be open to allow an air flow of ventilation.

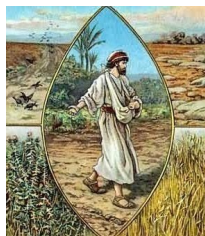
There will be no Holy Water, no hymnbooks or Mass Books, no printed materials, no singing, no Prayers of Intercession; no sign of peace, there will be no reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice.

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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today Jesus tells the parable of the Sower & the Seed; how the seed being the Word of God needs to flourish in the strong healthy soil of our lives of faith. But so often in life we can be distracted by the lures of the world; apathy and indifference where the seed has no depth of soil to grow. This imagery is powerfully strong. Let us ask the Lord to give each one of us what we need for that seed of faith to continue to become strong and fruitful in our own lives.



FOR THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE: For parishioners who are in the vulnerable age bracket 70 plus, (It's your prerogative to attend Mass). Or if you have underlying health issues or are displaying symptoms of Corona virus **PLEASE STAY AT HOME.** If you cannot attend at the Weekend, please do come to one of the Weekday Masses where there are fewer people.



We will continue to live-stream the masses, both at the weekends and during the week; 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

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.

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 – JULY

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Sat 11 th July	10.00am	Fr. John's Intentions. 39 th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday: Church resumes regular Sunday Schedule</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 (Burrowes Family)
Mon 13 th	10.00am	Frank Westcott's Int's (Pat Ata)
Tues 14 th	10.00am	Nancy Ironside Int's (Margaret Duffy)
Wed 15 th	10.00am	Peter Smith RIP (Paul Falco)
Thurs 16 th	10.00am 7.00pm	Stella Arkwright RIP (Kendall Family) HOLY HOUR
Fri 17 th	10.00am	Int's of Jane Kavanagh (Maree Kavanagh)
Sat 18 th	10.00am	Margaret & Hugh John RIP (McKernan Family) <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>
Sat 18 th	6.00pm	Joe Brown RIP (Betty Brown)

Sun 19th 9.00am People of the Parish

Sun 19th 11:00am Sheila Burns RIP (John, Jean & Ann Cocklin)

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!

DIARY 2020

Public Masses have resumed once again. Here at St. Edmund's Mass during the Week will continue at 10.00am each day Monday through Saturday. The Sunday Vigil Mass will take place on Saturday evening at 6.00pm. The Sunday Morning Masses will be at 9.00am & 11.00am. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASK AT HOLY MASS.**

BAPTISMS: We have been given permission to perform Baptisms once again, with a strict maximum number of 30 people present all observing the 2 Meter social distancing rule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Margaret Baldwin, Brian Beveridge, Jane Downs, Steve Dalglish, James Geller, Veronica Godsave, Bernadette Hall, Ann Hawkes, Claire Howes, Pamela Houghton, Shaun Keel, Angela Long, Lilian Mothersole, Sheila Murphy, Rosemary O'Rourke, Kathleen Pomeroy, Barbara Pope, Geraldine Taylor, Vera Taylor, Mary Witten, James Wright. And all our loved ones.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Cocklin RIP, June Happe RIP & Mary Moriarty RIP. And for all our deceased loved ones, Requiescant in Pace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: With continued thanks for your generosity. **Please don't forget to use your Gift Aid envelopes.** If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme there are application forms in the Church Porch, or ask Fr. John for a form. Your Weekly contributions during this Pandemic are

keeping the parish going. These are difficult times, please see the Newsletter for different ways of giving: e.g. Online banking. (details above).

THE SISTERS AT CHIGWELL CONVENT: Would be most grateful for your used postage stamps for their Missions. There is a Box in the Porch of the Church for the stamps. Especially all your Christmas Stamps. With many thanks!

NO MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Unfortunately there have been very few Mass Intention requests; therefore, there are many openings. If parishioners would like mass intentions for any occasion or anniversary, please put your request & mass offering in an envelope and drop off at the Presbytery as soon as possible. TY!

