

Services During the Week

(Each weekday, Morning Prayer will be at 09.10 am.)

Sat 12 May 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Vigil for the 7th Sunday of Easter <i>Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions.</i> Mass Bernadette & The Brennan Family. Intentions
Sun 13 May 08.00 am 10.30 am	The 7th Sunday of Easter Mass Our Parish Community. Mass Dan & Tess Rahilly. Intentions
Mon 14 May 09.30 am	St Matthias, Apostle Mass CWL Intentions
Tues 15 May 09.30 am	Weekday of Easter Mass Paddy Doyle. RIP
Wed 16 May 09.30 am	Weekday of Easter Mass John Ladly. RIP
Thurs 17 May 09.30 am	Weekday of Easter Mass Norman - Joan Dresser. Intentions
Frid 18 May 09.00 am	St John I, Pope, Martyr Mass Deceased members of Fontenelle Family.
Sat 19 May 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Vigil for Pentecost Sunday <i>Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions.</i> Mass Anton Jesudasan. RIP
Sun 20 May 08.00 am 10.30 am	Pentecost Sunday Mass Pauric Jones. RIP Anniversary Mass Our Parish Community.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Unless otherwise stated, there is a Holy Hour every Saturday from 5 pm, during which time the priest will be available in the Reconciliation Room to hear confessions. Confessions are also available on request after weekday Masses or whenever Fr Matthew is in the Presbytery, or by appointment at any time.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 13 MAY 2018



The season of Easter begins with the resurrection of Our Lord and ends with Pentecost. On Easter evening Our Lord breathes the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in anticipation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came ten days after his Ascension. Baptism is a prominent theme during Eastertide, for it is through baptism that we come to share in the life of the risen Christ for eternity, through baptism that we become members of his body the Church, and through baptism that we receive a first gift of the Holy Spirit. It has been a great joy this Eastertide to celebrate the baptism of a number of adults and infants: so far, Inoka, Elijah and Noah. At the 10.30 Mass today, we celebrate the baptism of Nivetha (soon also to celebrate the sacrament of holy matrimony). Next week we look forward to the baptism of Safoa on Saturday, and the confirmation of four young people of our parish on Pentecost Sunday: Giuseppe, Eryvn, Chisulum and James. Let us keep them all in our prayers. The period between Our Lord's Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit was marked by intense prayer: the first Novena. Baptism is the doorway to the spiritual life, a life grounded on prayer that deepens our relationship with the Lord and bears fruit in lives radiant with his love.

As we continue our prayerful discernment of the gifts we have to offer the parish community, this week I would like to highlight some

remaining areas of parish life that don't fit neatly under the previous weeks' headings. Firstly, the Parish Council, a body that exists to advise the parish priest and function as a sounding board for any questions he wishes to bring before it. Members of the Parish Council are typically active in other ways so that the Council represents a broad cross section of parish life. Secondly, the Social Committee, which organises events such as the Parish Barbecue and the Christmas Dinner and Dance. Thirdly, the work of routine maintenance and gardening, looking after the buildings, grounds, and not least emptying litter bins and putting the rubbish out.

There is one other important work, and that is intercessory prayer for the parish and for the universal church. Of course, prayer should be something we all do, but for those who may not be in a position to do something more 'active', a commitment to serious intercessory prayer is a real contribution to the life of the church that is not to be overlooked. For this reason, I'm encouraging those who visit our sick and housebound parishioners to take pledge cards for them as well. Pope Benedict described the time spent in prayer since he stepped down from the papacy as his greatest gift to the Church. There are a number of things we can bring to the Lord in prayer. The Newsletter includes a list of those who are sick, to help focus that prayer; the Pope designates specific prayer intentions for each month (this month it is, appropriately enough "The mission of the laity"); and it is always good to pray for vocations and to pray for the seminarians and priests of our diocese, listed in the Diocesan Directory.

Do please take away one of the Pledge Cards, complete it and place it in the Offertory basket over the next two weeks. The leaflet inserted into this week's Newsletter will give you some further guidance. Keep in mind some recent words from Pope Francis - *"Lay people are on the front line of the life of the Church"* – and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your discernment.

God Bless you all.

Fr Matthew

Parish - Regular Notices

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important to let Fr Matthew know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for Dyllis Barrie-Dangerfield, Ciara David, Tyrone Foster, Greg Gallagher, Catherine Hunt, Bridie Jones, Luis Lai, Joan Marshall, Ann Mathew, Chris McNamara, Brendan Mitchell, Amanda Monroe, Agnes Osei-Minkah, Giuseppe Palumbo, Lawrence Pereira, Tony Sheridan, Maureen Springham and Theopillai Stanislaus. Also, the sick Priests of the Diocese - Frs Tom Jordan & Martin Nott. (*Please help keep this list up-to-date: if you or a family member is included in this list and you feel that this is no longer necessary, or if you wish to add a name to this list, please contact the Parish Office*).

ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY: Laura Chocken, Michael Celejewski, Ray Clark, Doris Dean, Raul Echeverria, Kenneth Ferrier, Michael Hanrahan, Vera Higby, Christine Hull, Margaret Jackson, Pat Jackson, Kathleen Johns, Pauric Jones, Tony Kelleher, Rose Kelly, Mr Kusyz, Thomas McParland, Rodolfo Magallona, Jean Mohammed, Maria Moyser, Michael Murphy, Katherine Musial, Win O'Leary, Francis O'Neill, Carmine Palumbo, Margaret Periera, Basil Roache, John Scully, Joseph Viegas and Olive Vogt.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please contact Helen Mac Mahon on 020 8590 9981 who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

MASS REQUESTS: Special envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it.

CHURCH HALL: The Church Hall is available for bookings by Parishioners. Please contact Sid on 07887983310 for bookings and conditions.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY: Tea & coffee will once again be available in the Hall after Mass.

Parish – Meetings this Week

Sunday: KSC in the Pastoral Centre at 9.00 am.
Monday: Catholic Women’s League in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.
Tuesday: Coffee Morning Group in the Pastoral Centre after Mass.
Legion of Mary in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.
Prayer Group in the Church at 7.30 pm.

Parish – In & Around

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Delaney who died on Tuesday, and for all who mourn her, especially her husband Danny and their daughters Bernadette and Stephanie. **Kathleen’s Funeral Mass will take place here at 10.00 am on Thursday 24 May**, and this will be the parish Mass for that day. Her body will be received into church at 7 pm the evening before. Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Halina (Helen) Greiner, mother of Dianna Mucha, and Ruth Pye of the Cathedral parish, who joined us on our pilgrimage to Rome in 2016. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

THIS WEEK: Mass on Friday morning will be **at the earlier time of 9.00 am**.

CHURCH CLEANING: Team C.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: The Offertory collection (inc. Standing Orders) for **last weekend amounted to £983.55 of which 71% was “Gift Aided”**. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: **This Sunday** has been designated by the Catholic Church as World Communications Sunday when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after all weekend Masses to fund the work of the **Catholic Communications Network (CCN)**. The CCN is the media office for the Catholic Church in England and Wales and provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Donations may be “Gift Aided”, so please remember to use one of your “Special Collection” envelopes for your donation and increase your gift by a further 25%!

SMALL LINEN LAUNDRY ROTA: The new rota for the Small Linen Laundry, **effective from next weekend**, can now be viewed on the Notice Board in the Porch and also on the parish website.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: The next meeting will be **on this coming Monday, (14 May) at 7.30 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

GROTTO ROSARY: All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary at the Grotto of Our Lady behind the Church **on this Thursday at 7.30 pm** (and continuing throughout May at this time).

LEGION OF MARY HOUSE ROSARIES: The next House rosary will be held **at 7.30 pm on this coming Friday (18 May)** at the home of the Jesudasan family, 132 Quebec Rd and all are welcome.

RAMFEL: Donations of non-perishable food for the RAMFEL Foodbank may be left in the Sacristy **next weekend**, to support refugee families living in our local area. Cereal, rice, tuna, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, long-life milk and orange juice are especially welcome - visit www.ramfel.org.uk/wordpress/news/ for more information. RAMFEL is currently not able to accept donations of clothing.

MISSIO RED BOXES: : If you have been using a Red Box to support Missio, **please bring it along to the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday** and give it to Fay Ghosh, our new Missio Secretary, or if you come to one of the other Masses please give it to Fr Matthew. Please contact Fay if you would like to start collecting for Missio. She will be making contact with those on the Missio Gift Aid list to check your details are still up to date.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: **On Sunday, 03 June**, we shall conclude the 10.30 am Mass with our annual Corpus Christi procession around the local streets. It would be lovely to have some young people walking before Our Lord in the procession and scattering rose petals on the ground, as a traditional way of expressing our love for Christ present in the eucharist. Please add your name to the list in the Porch if you would like to do this. On the day, simply come along and sit in the reserved row at the front wearing smart clothes.

CATHOLIC CLOTHING GUILD: Well done to members and non-members who this year donated a total of 227 garments and many thanks too for the monetary donations which totalled £110.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Please note your diary that **on Sunday, 10 June** the CWL will be holding a "Plant Sale" in the Hall after the 10.30 am Mass. More details later but meantime please have a think about whether you have any plants that you can donate for this event.

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE: Five years after his election, Pope Francis has published his third Apostolic Exhortation, titled *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad)*. The document comprises five chapters. The starting point is "the call to holiness" made to all. From here we go on to a clear identification of "two subtle enemies" that tend to turn holiness into elitist, intellectual or voluntary forms. Then it gives the Gospel Beatitudes as a positive model of holiness consisting in following the way "in the light of the Master" and not a vague religious ideology. Next it describes some characteristics of holiness in the current world: patience and meekness, humour, courage and fervour, community life and constant prayer. The exhortation concludes with a chapter dedicated to the spiritual life as "combat, vigilance and discernment." There is an emphasis on the document being practical and useful in modern times and it is not intended to be an academic or doctrinal text per se. A link to a useful "Summary of the Exhortation" can be found on the Home Page of the parish website under "Quick Links".

VOTIVE CANDLES: For reasons of safety, and to avoid wax dripping on to the carpet, it is not permitted to place any candles on the votive candles stands other than the votive lights provided. Any other candles found on the stands will, regrettably, be extinguished and removed.

CHURCH CAR PARK: Please remember it is essential that emergency vehicles have clear access to the Church at all times. During the week, please do not park in front of the Hall gate, and remember to leave your details at the Parish Office if you are leaving your car here outside Mass times.

CHURCH GROUNDS: Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

VISITORS: If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a tax payer and would like to "Gift Aid" your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr Matthew and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: The next Recollection evening will take place **from 6.45 pm to 9 pm on this coming Tuesday, (15 May)** at St Augustine's Church, Barkingside and all are welcome.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20S AND 30S): **From 25-27 May**, the weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool and has as its theme "*Discerning God's Call in my Life*". There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham **on Saturday, 26 May** as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. Coach will leave St Peter & Paul's Church at 8.00 am. Contact Caroline on 07903 371 894 or 0208 594 4176 if you are interested in going.

MUSIC FOR A SPRING BANK HOLIDAY: The Most Holy Redeemer Singers present a concert **at 7.45 pm on Saturday, 26 May** at The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Rd, Billericay featuring Emma Gibbins (Director of Music ~ Newport Cathedral) playing the Makin Organ. The first half will be choral with some familiar classics and the second half will be an organ recital by Emma. Entry will be free - there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

THY KINGDOM COME: The Vicariate of Evangelisation, supporting our effort to renew our diocese, has decided to join THY KINGDOM COME 2018 - a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. It could not be easier for everyone, of all ages and levels of business, to help our own families, friends, parish, diocese and the nation to renew their friendship with Jesus. All you need do is **to pledge to pray between 10-20 May**. There are free copies of a

prayer booklet 'Thy Kingdom Come' at the back of the Church to help prepare for Pentecost as part of an ecumenical prayer initiative. The booklet includes morning, evening and night prayer for each day this week and so is an opportunity for you to share in the formal prayer of the church known as the Divine Office.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE BIBLE: Fr Levente Balazs Martos from Hungary, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead a study day on this topic at Gidea Park Church Hall, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH **on Saturday, 26 May from 10.30 am until 3 pm.** The study day will include a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Graffy, and Fleur Dorrell, Scripture Coordinator at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Admission is free, and you are invited to bring a packed lunch. Please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone 01708 449914.

REFRAME: It's tough when you're asked about a controversial issue. Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. Find out more about the programme by coming to our Workshop at The Champion School, Hornchurch **on Saturday, 02 June from 10.00 am – 3 pm.** Sign up at <https://doodle.com/poll/zhmvqkyfyvi8shc5> To find out about Catholic Voices, visit www.CatholicVoices.org.uk

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will be hosting their annual Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge **on Monday, 11 June.** Tickets are priced at £55 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch. For tickets and further information, please contact: Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912277413 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

GK CHESTERTON TALK by Canon John Udris who is investigating the Cause for his Beatification. For a free ticket to attend the talk which will take place **from 7-9 pm on 14 June**, (the 82nd anniversary of GK's death) at The Centre for Catholic Formation 21 Tooting Bec Road, London, England, SW17 8BS please call 020 8672 7684. For more information visit www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will be hosting a Ladies' Day Luncheon on **Thursday, 21 June** at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot Ladies' Day. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has secured Tandem Skydiving places on **Saturday, 7 July** at Headcorn Airfield in Kent and is inviting applications from adventurous people throughout the diocese who would like to experience the excitement of a 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump and can commit to raising £500 for BCCS. For more information and an application pack, please contact Julie Abbott on 07912 277413 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK – come and see! The refurbished House is now open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick. The date of the "official opening" is **Saturday, 01 September**, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date! Also, please continue to support the fundraising efforts. Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all. Contact Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations to make an online donation

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OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020: One of the world's most spectacular events is due to take place in 2020 – the 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play – a performance that takes place every 10 years and celebrates the suffering,

death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is proposed to visit the Austrian Lake district from **06 September 2020** for 5 days with 1 day and 1 night in Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. Cost £1,239 includes flights, half board accommodation, 4 tours in Austria, Passion Play seats with a three-course meal in the interval. Bookings should be made through Lee Robinson on 01277 652358. All details of this tour can be found on www.tailored-travel.co.uk (quote mhrp201).

ST CEDD'S CATHOLIC CLUB: Music every Sunday night from 9 pm, admission £5. Social Dancing in the Lower Hall every Monday from 8 pm to 9.30 pm – Learn to Jive, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Waltz and Line Dance. Classes £7 (OAP £5).

ST CEDD'S YOUTH CLUB, Blythswood Road, Goodmayes (opposite Homebase) is a Youth Club open every Friday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm for Youngsters in School Year 5, 6 and 7 and from 8 pm to 10 pm for those in School Year 8 upwards. Come along and play Badminton, Table Tennis, PS4, Table football, air hockey or try one of our other games. Or just come along to relax and hang out, listen to music or just to see friends. Membership costs £3.00 and then £1.00 a week or visitors are £1.70 weekly. Come along and try us any Friday evening. Any questions please ring John on 07803116729.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to Gerry Gillan at gerry.gillan5@gmail.com and copy to admin@stteresasnewbpark.com The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter is Thursday 12 noon. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to include all requests we receive in the paper edition but we will make every effort to accommodate articles and insertion requests in the on-line edition including job vacancies.

Job Opportunities.

THE URSULINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, ILFORD is seeking to recruit a Deputy Head Teacher and a KS2 Class Teacher starting in September. Application packs are available from Helen Roddy, HR: hroddy@urspsi.org.uk or telephone 020 8518 4050 or via the school website: www.urspsi.org.uk. **Closing dates for applications are this coming Friday & Thursday, respectively.**

ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD BRIDGE is seeking to recruit a Finance Assistant to work full time in a small busy team during term time. Applicants will need to have excellent sage and excel knowledge together with being flexible and adaptable with good communication and organisational skills. For an application pack please contact the School Office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. **Closing date for applications is this coming Friday, (18 May).**

SITE MANAGER required at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster. The successful candidate will be responsible for the maintenance and security of the school site. The post would suit someone who has an eye for detail, high standards, PC literate, has high expectations of her/himself and has the ability to work as a member of a team and get on well with people. Application forms are available on the school website www.sacredheartofmary.net **Closing date for applications is this coming Friday, (18 May).**

ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL, DAGENHAM is seeking to recruit a **Midday Supervisor**. Please contact the school for application pack on 0208 270 6524. **Closing date for applications is Monday, 21 May.** For more information please visit the school website www.st-peter.bardagelea.org.uk.

SITE SUPERVISOR required at St Bonaventure's Comprehensive School, Forest Gate. The post involves shift work and the successful candidate must be committed to being flexible. All applicants must fully support the Catholic nature and identity of the school and be committed to contributing towards our Catholic ethos. Application forms are available on the school website <http://www.stbons.org/site-supervisor> **Closing date for applications is Thursday, 31 May.**

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH.