

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

9.30am Mass Haddow Family Intentions (J. Logue)

11.30am Mass Lucinda & Baby Niamh RIP (Fr Paul & Family)

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

No Mass

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

6.30pm Mass Doris Taylor RIP (B & S Mayo)

Adoration & Benediction

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

9.15am Mass Ron Howe RIP (E. Solomon)

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

9.15am Mass Graham Beaman RIP (A & R Nickerson)

Adoration & Benediction

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

9.15am Mass Oliver Buttigieg RIP (M & O Toolan)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

6.00pm Mass Stan Ridley RIP (A. Ridley)

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

9.30am Mass Pat Kenny RIP (N. Clifford-Shah)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

**Anniversaries - We pray for William Dodds, Peter James Hassett, Ann Hassett, William Nichols, Mary Hoines, Roderick Leonard Essery, Father Chowanice, Iris Joan Buckley, Carmela Nixon, Patricia Florence Heitzman, Fr John Bergin, Fr Anthony Mayston, Canon Frederick Gahagan, and Fr John Ryan. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom**

<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday, Tuesday & Saturday Sundays
<b>EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY</b>	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday in the side chapel. Includes music, psalms and intercessions.
<b>MUSTARD SEED GROUP</b>	7.30pm	Prayer group - First Sunday of every month
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	8.00pm	Every Monday in side chapel except bank holidays

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Gospel Reflection: Luke 15:1-32: Forgiveness



In today's Gospel St Luke recounts three particularly attractive stories about forgiveness. The first two form a typical Lukan pair. First he tells the story of the lost sheep, which also occurs in St Matthew's Gospel account. Luke, however, places the accent on the joy in heaven at the return of the sinner. Then, to the story of the man looking for his sheep, Luke adds the story of a woman looking for her lost coin. He is always careful to show that women have an equal part in the Kingdom with men. So he deliberately pairs Zechariah and Mary, Simeon and Anna, Jairus' daughter raised to life with the Widow of Naim's son, and so on. The main story today, however, is the Prodigal Son, told with all Luke's love, artistry and delicacy of character-study. In the full version of this Gospel, we hear of the wastrel son who goes back home simply because he is hungry; of the loving father perpetually on the look-out, running to meet the son, interrupting the carefully prepared speech and pampering the returned young dissolute; of the disgruntled stay-at-home who invents slanders about the other's 'loose women' and is gently corrected by his father's reminder that he is 'your brother'. Jesus presents us with an unforgettable picture of the overflowing love and forgiveness of God.

*Is there anyone you have not yet forgiven? Sometimes it is not easy.*

**MASS TIMES** - Please see back of newsletter

**CONFESSIONS** - 5.00pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays or please see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday

**PARISH OFFICE** – 10.00am to 3pm Tuesday and Thursdays

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# NOTICES

## THE READINGS THIS WEEK:

<b>First reading:</b>	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	<b>I will leave this place and go to my father</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Timothy 1:12-17
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 15: 1-32

**TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY:** On this day, the Bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and there is a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2020:** Fr Paul will meet the prospective First Communion children and their parents on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 1pm or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the parish hall. You will need to bring with you:-

1. Completed Application form (available from the church porch)
2. Copy of the child's baptism certificate.

Details of the course dates and expectations will be in the welcome letter if your application has been successful. Priority for places on the course will be given to parishioners of The Blessed Sacrament there will be no other opportunity to sign up for the course and attendance at the meeting does not guarantee a place on the course.

**THE LADIES GROUP:** The September meeting is this Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in the church hall. All welcome.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE:** The next meeting of the Justice and Peace group is this Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in the church hall. All are encouraged to attend.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Please note on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September we will be producing a newsletter to cover three weekends (the next addition of the newsletter will be available 12/13 October). If you have any notices for the newsletter for this period, please hand them in or email them into the parish office by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Don't forget you can view the newsletter at the new parish website at [www.blessedsacramentchelmsford.net](http://www.blessedsacramentchelmsford.net).

**CHURCH CAR PARK:** Please park in all the marked bays when attending Mass. If the bays are full you will have to park in the side streets. For health and safety reasons, please do not double park in the centre of the car park. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Please note there will not be evening prayer on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September: Envelopes £531.92, Loose Plate £260.85, Bankers Order: £291.52, total £1084.29. Second Collection – Catholic Education Service £232.83. Thank you for your generosity.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Organiser for September – Liz Allen 07791 860113.

**FOOD BANK:** Person responsible for September – Sheila & Tim Gillies.

**REPOSITORY NEWS:** There is a beautiful selection of Christmas cards and gifts now available in the repository.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10am Macmillan Coffee Morning. Donations of cakes would be gratefully accepted please contact Liz Allen on 07791 860 113 if you are able to donate cakes.

**LITTLE2BIG VOICES:** Hi, I'm Jane who leads the music in the Church. I am starting a singing/music class called Little 2 Big Voices. This will be on Tuesdays in the Church Hall. There are two age groups 4-11years from 4-5pm and 11-18 years from 5-6.30pm. This is a fun interactive vocal group, teaching reading of music using Stave House plus singing all kinds of music as well as give opportunities to sing solo's or small group singing. We then sing in the Community often raising money for charity. Within two years we have already raised £2000. For more details and fees see [www.little2bigvoices.co.uk](http://www.little2bigvoices.co.uk) or contact Jane on Tel: 07952610223 - [www.janeparkermusic.com](http://www.janeparkermusic.com)

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:** This year our community theme is CLIMATE CHANGE – a crucial issue of our time of which Pope Francis has said a great deal. Addressing world leaders, he declared a global “climate emergency”, warning of the dangers of global heating and that a failure to act urgently to reduce greenhouse gases being “a brutal act of injustice toward the poor and future generations”. Our first session on the theme is taking place on Sunday 6 October & everyone is welcome. We are showing the film, ‘An Inconvenient Truth’ which is described as ‘a wake-up call that cuts through myths & misconceptions to deliver the message that global warming is a real & present danger’. The film lasts an hour & a half. It will be shown in our Colchester house, 72, Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD & arrivals are from 2pm with a prompt 2.15pm start. The film will be followed by tea & then Evening Prayer – whole afternoon likely to be over by 4.45pm. If you would like to come please let us know in person or via. 01245604108 anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk Thanks.

**STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS:** The ‘Year of the God who Speaks’, which runs from 2019-2020, is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales. Bishop Alan Williams will open the Year at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 12th October. This will be followed by the launch of our renewed evangelisation website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) The main part of the day will be dedicated to two talks by Fr Adrian Graffy entitled ‘Beginning with Genesis’, which will provide a fresh reading of the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. Copies of the newly-published ‘Revised New Jerusalem Bible’ will be on sale at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church.

**SAINT JOHN PAYNE PTA PHOTOMARATHON 2019 (NO RUNNING INVOLVED!).** Following the success of last year, you are warmly invited to attend the 2019 Photomathon at Saint John Payne on Saturday 28th September. Entry to the competition is £5. Registration is from 9:30am for a 10:00am start. Competitors will have 4 hours to take 8 photos on topics given to them at registration and must be back to Photo HQ by 2pm. Digital cameras and mobile phones are permitted for the taking of the photos. Please invite all friends and family as this is a whole community event. If you have any queries, please contact Joe Kelly at school on 01245 256030.