

Mass Intentions for week beginning 24th June 2017

Sat 24	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 25		10.00am 12noon	Thanksgiving (Maria) Private Intention
Mon 26	St Josemaria Escrivá, Pr.	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Anthony Davitt RIP (1962 Missal)
		6.30pm	
Tue 27	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp Dr	10.00am	Cassy Coelho RIP
Wed 28	St Irenaeus, Bp & M.	10.00am	John Burke RIP
Thur 29	SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APP.	10.00am 6.30pm 8.00pm	Mary Walsh RIP Private Intention (1962 Missal) The People of the Parish
Fri 30	The Proto-Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	10.00am	Connie Liddard RIP
Sat 1/7	St Oliver Plunkett, Bp & M.	9.30am	Bishop Alan Williams' Intentions
Sat 1	13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Birthday Thanksgiving (Edeko)
Sun 2		10.00am 12noon	Intentions of Betty Hetherington The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pynner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 307

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 Offertory Collection last weekend: £570.63
 (Sick Retired Clergy Fund: £124.00)

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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24th/25th June 2017

12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The apostle Thomas went from doubting Jesus' resurrection to professing his faith in Jesus and declaring Jesus' divinity, "My Lord and my God." What happened? He encountered the love of Jesus. We could say he encountered the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus said, "...give me your hand; put it into my side..." (John 20:27) In the Gospel of John life flows out of the side of Christ, flows out of his heart. Earlier in the Gospel during the Feast of Tabernacles Jesus said rivers of water would flow out of him to anyone who believes (John 7:38) and this life-giving water is the Holy Spirit (7:38). When the soldier pierced Jesus' side on the cross blood and water flowed out (19:34) which the Church has always seen as signifying the sacraments especially Baptism and the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church para. 1225*). Now when Thomas sees the wound in Christ's side he is overcome. The physical wound which Thomas saw was only the gateway to the love of Jesus' Sacred Heart. What Thomas really saw was the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for him.

Thomas is overcome because he sees a heart that is wounded, wounded out of love for humanity, the Sacred Heart that took the sin of humanity upon itself. That is what love does, love suffers for the other and Thomas now sees this suffering wounded love before his eyes in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thomas sees the pain in Jesus' heart caused by man's ingratitude and lack of belief. Thomas sees Divine Mercy in physical form. Divine Mercy takes the sin of mankind upon its own heart instead of inflicting on humanity the just punishment for sin. Divine Mercy forgives, heals and restores. Jesus invites Thomas, "...give me your hand; put it into my side..." (John 20:27). Thomas is invited, as it were, to touch the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As Thomas encounters the Sacred Heart of Jesus he is

forgiven, healed and restored. His heart is also changed into a heart of love. He can only respond, "My Lord and my God." (*John 20:28*).

Christ's Sacred Heart which raised up Thomas from despair to faith is ready to raise up each of us from any despair we may have to Christian hope. Christ invites each of us, "...give me your hand; put it into my side..." (*John 20:27*) Christ invites each of us to touch his Sacred Heart, to allow our hearts become hearts of love. As we look on Christ's Sacred Heart we see that Christ's love forgives us, heals us and restores us. The physical wound in Christ's side is only the gateway to the love of Jesus' Sacred Heart. In Christ's Sacred Heart we see the love of Jesus for us and we respond, "My Lord and my God." (*John 20:28*).

From the homilies of Fr Thomas Lane

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE

are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers

6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday* half an hour before the morning Mass.



On Thursday
Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul,
Apostles
(a Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass at
10.00am,
6.30pm (1962 Missal)
& 8.00pm

FR GERRY BUTCHER RIP: his body will be received into SS Peter & Paul's Church **today at 7.00 pm**. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated **tomorrow at 11.00 am** followed by burial at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Fr Thomas Madukkamoottil* who has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of St John the Baptist, Ilford. We wish him well in his new appointment which takes effect from the middle of September

Fr Selvini

Confirmation Programme 2018

Anyone who would like to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year should collect a Confirmation pack from me. The forms should be returned before 1st September 2017. After this date, they will not be accepted. Thank you for your generous co-operation.

Fr Selvini

LAST SUNDAY'S COFFEE MORNING held in memory of Mary Creasey RIP raised **£520** for the *Catholic Handicapped Fellowship*. A big "Thank You" to all those parishioners who supported this event in any way.

FR THOMAS BYLES: We will be unveiling a blue plaque at the Presbytery at St. Helen's Church in Ongar, stating that Fr Thomas Byles lived here. Fr Emile will be blessing the plaque on **Sunday 9th July at 3.00pm**, followed by a small celebration. All are welcome! Fr Byles died when the Titanic sank in 1912.

CHURCH CLEANING

We urgently need people to help with the cleaning of the church – usually every two weeks. We now find ourselves with only one volunteer who cannot possibly manage on her own. Any offers of help please contact Bridie on 020 3441 1551. Thank you in advance!

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of *Michael Fitch* who died suddenly last Monday after a short illness. Michael and Pamela were married in our church 46 years ago. Their son, Peter, is a priest. Michael helped build the parish hall and was a member of the local SVP. May he rest in peace and may Our Lady, Consoler of the afflicted pray for his family in their bereavement.

Fr Selvini

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
This weekend: Peter's Pence