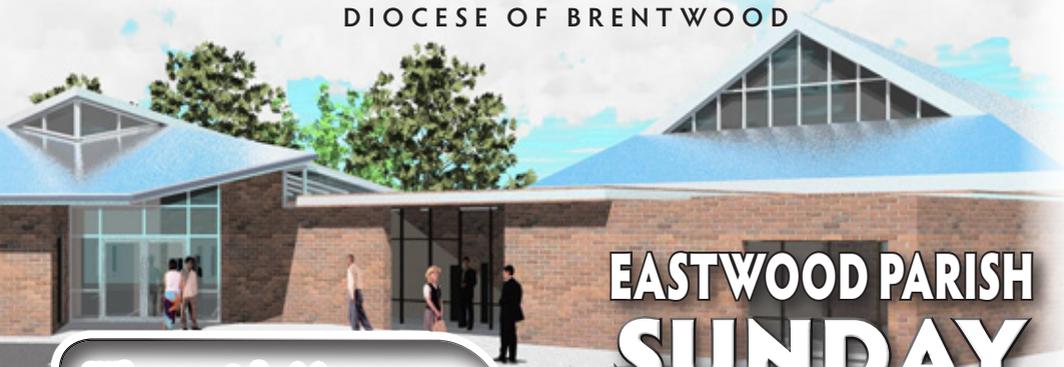


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EASTWOOD PARISH SUNDAY BULLETIN

When our television news tells us about all sorts of horrors that are taking place in our world it can seem that evil has the upper hand. It must have seemed like that on Good Friday afternoon. But the power of the cross and resurrection triumphed in the end. Jesus tells us it will be the same in our days.

16TH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR

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23RD JULY 2017

Dear friends

I'm often asked to guide those, who for whatever reason, are not receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass. With the Holiday Season upon us we should make every effort to find a Catholic Church and fulfill our Sunday Obligation. I recognise that some of our holiday destinations might prove difficult to do so. That being the genuine case, then the following should prove useful.

The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to make frequent, even daily, Communion. Today, the normal opportunity to receive the Eucharist comes at daily Mass.

When we cannot make it to daily Mass, however, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and we ask Him to unite Himself with us.

The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.

The following texts present a translation of a popular form of an Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori. You can use this prayer as a guide to offering your own Act of Spiritual Communion in your own words.

■ AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

■ WHEN SHOULD YOU MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION?

The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness or bad weather, or some other reason outside of our control. It is also good to make an Act of Spiritual Communion when we can attend Mass, but when something prevents us from receiving sacramental Communion that day – say, a mortal sin that we know we have not had the opportunity to confess yet. But our Acts of Spiritual Communion do not need to be confined to those times. In an ideal world, it would be best to attend Mass and receive Communion every day, but we can't always do so. We can, however, always take 30 seconds or so to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. We can even do so multiple times a day – even on days when we have been able to receive the Eucharist. Why would we do that? Because each Act of Spiritual Communion that we make increases our desire to receive sacramental Communion, and also helps us to avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Communion worthily.

Wherever you may be travelling during the holiday season, may the prayers of St. Christopher protect you!

With my love and prayers for a relaxing Summer, **Fr. Jeff**

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PARISH NEWS

Large Candles

The large candles at the Sacred Heart and St. Peter's Shrine can be bought at the Repository to light in the Church or to take home. Price: £2.00 each.

Blessed Sacrament Lamp at St. Peter's

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp can be sponsored for an intention to burn for seven days. The cost of this will be £5.00. Place your intention and donation in an envelope for the attention of the Parish Office.

Parish Website

www.stpetereastwood.org

Sea of Voices

This is a community choir at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7.45pm-9.15pm in the Church Centre (upstairs). We sing a variety of music. We are looking for both male and female singers of all ages. No audition necessary, just come along and see what you think. We are also looking for an assistant musical director.

Diocesan Solemn Pontifical Mass

Next Sunday, 30 July at 10.00am, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. John Vianney Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0JB. Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Alan Williams SM, Bishop of Brentwood. Preacher: Rt. Rev. Keith Newton PA, Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Mass Setting: Mozart Spatzmesse. Anthem: Bairstow Blessed City Heavenly Salem Stanford Te Deum in B Flat. The Mass celebration will be followed by a barbeque – tickets (£5/£3.50). Buy on the door or in advance (for larger numbers). For more information, telephone 020 8550 4540 or e-mail: vianney.clayhall@btinternet.com

Fatima October 2017

Pilgrimage to Fatima and The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem 1917-2017: Centenary. From 9th-15th October 2017 (6/7 days). £760 per person sharing. Transfer from the parish of St. Helen's, Westcliff. Breakfast, lunch and dinner all included. 100 years ago Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal. She foretold the wars and chaos happening today. And she gave us the solutions! If you are weighed down by the many trials and difficulties of modern life, then read her maternal message of Fatima. To book a place, please contact Salvatore or Patricia on (01702) 432458 or Salvatore mobile: 07753 203129 or Patricia mobile: 07946 687623. ATOL certificated.

Diocesan Website

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

Summer Catholic History Walks

The King's Good Servant: Tuesday, 25th July, 6.00pm. The story of the heroic St. Thomas More. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Chelsea. Nearest Tube: Sloane Square or South Kensington.

Missio Red Box

The Summer Edition of *Mission Today* magazine is now available for all Missio Red Box holders. Please collect your copy from the box in the porch – thank you!

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will this year be filming parts of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and packaging them as short clips which can be viewed on *YouTube*. These will include prayerful reflections and homilies from Lourdes, and will create a "virtual pilgrimage" for those in their homes. You will find the clips via www.bcys.net from the evening of Monday, 24th to Saturday, 29th July.

Mazenod Hall Hire

Please contact the Parish Office for information about hiring our New Mazenod Hall. E-mail: eastwood@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Hospital Visits

In emergencies, please contact Fr. Gerry Drummond at Rochford on (01702) 544334.

Repository

Come and see our display of religious gifts, cards and other items on sale today.

Parish Summer Lunch

Sunday, 6th August with games for the children. After the 10.15am Mass. Adults £5.00 and children £2.00.

Please place your name on the list in the Church porch if you would like to attend and place names and money in a sealed envelope for the attention of Celia Fagence before 6th August. These can be given to Joan in the Repository or to the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion Programme 2018

Preparation for the next First Holy Communion Programme for children aged seven years and above (Year 3 of Primary School) will begin in January 2018. A letter will have been sent to all children of Our Lady of Lourdes School but, if your child does not attend this school, please take a letter from the Church porch.

Essex (Historical) Recusant Society

The Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will have their Annual General Meeting at 2.30pm on Saturday, 29th July at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. All are welcome. The meeting will be followed by a talk from Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, a venerable and important organisation, under the patronage of St. Thomas More, which is charged with keeping the Church's concerns before government and politicians at the national level.



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STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

Update July 2017



Dear Parishioners,

Since we undertook our own Parish consultation and provided our feedback to the Diocese, much work has continued behind the scenes.

In our Parish we have started to take some small but important steps by acting on what we heard during the consultation earlier this year. We now have 'meeters-and-greeters' at the Sunday Masses; Fr. Jeff is running catechesis sessions on a Monday evening with further courses planned for the autumn and we are in the early stages of forming our Parish Community Group to provide greater opportunities for us to come together as a parish family.

From a Diocesan perspective, the Diocese has now concluded its initial review of the feedback from all the Parish Questionnaires from across the Diocese and in turn is now able to provide us with an initial Diocesan-wide view in the form of Steven Webb's "Preliminary Observations" document.

I would like to share this document with you all. The full document is available on our Parish website, and, if your e-mail address is on the Parish database, it will also be e-mailed to you. For those that do not have access to the internet or e-mail, copies of the document will be available in the narthex from today (Sunday, 23rd July).

You will see that there were four very clear issues to which importance and priority was attached by many Parishes which very much mirror the views of our own Parish which we outlined in our post-consultation feedback to you in May of this year, namely:

- 1) Young People
- 2) Adult Formation
- 3) Lay Training
- 4) Succession Planning

Steven also reiterates in his document the 2 separate but interrelated aspects of the SoG initiative:

■ **RENEWAL** – how can we become better evangelists in spreading the Gospel within our Parish community and beyond.

■ **RESTRUCTURING** – how we should (re)organise ourselves across the Diocese to respond to the shortage of Priests and other resource challenges we collectively face now and into the future.

Here is what Steven has to say, particularly on the latter subject.

"It is time to think beyond the constraints of the parish." This was the blunt message from Diocesan Director of Development Steven Webb to Stewards of the Gospel at a recent meeting at Campion School to discuss the way forward for the Diocese. He said that while responses to the parish questionnaires showed a recognition of the need for change, the scale of the challenge was being hugely underestimated. *"The typical responses to the question 'How does your community feel about being part of a new parish?' were not positive," he said. "People want 'access' to a priest but the stark truth is that in 20 years' time, we will have half the number of priests."*

He showed a graphic representation of the change in numbers which clearly demonstrated his point. *"Restructuring is going*



Summer Sunday 6

After the 10.15am Mass

to impact on every parish – that is the scale of the challenge we face. It is time for a new human response, time for a change of heart so that we stop looking inwards into the parish.”

Alongside the necessary restructuring, however, is the inspiring element of renewal. “The two are separate but interconnected and interdependent. We must never lose sight of the fact that we want to be the best Church across Essex and East London that we can be.”

Renewal is the way to ensure that promise. “It is part of our new human response to God’s love for us. It is about evangelising and stewardship, doing things differently and doing them together. And, based on parish responses, we must focus on young people, adult formation, lay training and succession planning for tasks in the parish.”

He said the Church has a three-fold responsibility: to proclaim the word of God; to celebrate the sacraments; and to exercise the ministry of charity.

The last is particularly important for the work of the Stewards, he added. “Going forward, we need the generosity of spirit that Bishop Alan has talked about. We must love and care for one another, priests and people. Our expectation of our neighbours needs to be realistic and generous.”

In Exodus, he said, Jethro tells Moses that he is taking on too much and how to delegate. And in the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament, there is advice on changing ways of doing things. And both are applicable today. “We are facing changes in circumstances too. New ways of doing things are needed. It is not just about priest numbers – the ways things are being done in society as a whole are changing.”

In practice, he said, life for all of us needs to change. “Priests cannot go on with more and more responsibilities – they will tire themselves,

like Moses. We must ensure that doesn’t happen. We need to ‘select people of good reputation’, as the Apostles advised, and develop and train them to help with those tasks.” We need to cherish Priests and recognise each other’s contributions to Christian life, he added.

“The key is keeping Christ at the centre of everything we do,” he concluded.

Whilst we may feel secure with the status quo with the ‘embarrassment of riches’ we have here at St. Peter’s through the Ministry provided by our Ordinariate Priests and Deacon, we will not be immune from change. No decisions have been made as to what this change may actually mean to us so **I would encourage you again to consider again how you feel about the possibility of our Parish becoming linked/joined to a neighbouring Parish and how this might work in practical terms** to ensure we have access to Priests, the Sacraments and the spiritual and pastoral care we need for our Catholic community to thrive. Please discuss this with your fellow parishioners and share your thoughts with myself or any member of the SoG team. We would very much like to hear from you.

Please continue to pray for our Parish and Diocese that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to meet the challenges we face.

David O’Ryan

ST. PETER’S SoG TEAM:

Anna McCormick
Brian Holt
Deacon Richard Cerson
Russell Munro
Jim Wate
Mary Laverty
Maura Kohle



www.stpetereastwood.org/stewards

r Lunch th August

Adults £5 – Children £2



Brentwood Cathedral

Our full programme of recitals will officially recommence on Wednesday, 20th September. However, for those of you who will not be away, we will be having a rather special lunchtime Vocal and Piano Recital on Wednesday, 2nd August, to be given by Johannes Gerges (bass) and Dominic Bentham (piano). Full details to follow nearer the time.

Fr. Jeff's Mobile

For pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. Jeff on 07956 801381 or e-mail him at: fatherjeffw@gmail.com

Mobile Phones

Please remember to put your mobile phone in 'silent mode' whilst inside the Church.

Diocesan Directories

The 2017 Diocesan Directories are available to buy from the Church Repository priced at £2.75.

S.V.P. Money Jars

Should anyone wish to have an S.V.P. collecting jar in their home, there are plenty to be taken from the Church porch.

A Useful Website...

www.catholicscomehome.org/find-meaning-purpose/

School Learning Support Assistant

New Hall School requires, from September 2017 a One-to-One Learning Support Assistant (LSA)
Closing date: Midday, Friday, 4th August.
Interview date: Friday, 11th August 2017. For further details and an application form please visit the website: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

Need Help?

Is your house in need of a regular clean or a one-off spring clean? Enquiries to Angela Allen, a parishioner of St. Peter's, on 07940 952459.

School Administrator

New Hall School requires a Senior School Administrator (Sixth Form and Careers)
Closing date for applications: Midday, Monday, 24th July.
Interview date: Thursday, 3rd August. For further details and an application form please visit the school website: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities or alternatively, contact a member of the HR Department on (01245) 467588.

Admissions Assistant

New Hall Senior School requires an Admissions Assistant. Closing date: Midday, Friday, 4th August.
Interview date: Thursday, 10th August 2017. For further details and an application form please visit the website: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities or alternatively, contact the HR Department on (01245) 467588.

Young Catholic Adults Weekend

At Douai Abbey from 20th-22nd October 2017. Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like-minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey (in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! Visit: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>
For updates go to: www.youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk
For more details visit: www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk
Prices start from £18.50.

What's on this week in the New Mazenod Hall

Sunday, 23rd July	Coffee Morning (11.15am)
Monday, 24th July	Martial Arts Course (8.00pm-9.00pm) www.essex-martialarts.co.uk
Tuesday, 25th July	Tai Chi (10.30am-12.30pm) Contact: 07816 790016
Wednesday, 26th July	Handicraft Club (1.45pm-3.00pm) Contact: Joan (01702) 523751
Wednesday, 26th July	Martial Arts Course (8.00pm-9.00pm) www.essex-martialarts.co.uk
Thursday, 27th July	Tai Chi (1.00pm-3.00pm) (7.30pm-9.30pm) Contact: 07816 790016
Sunday, 30th July	Coffee Morning (11.15am)

St. Bonaventure's, Forest Gate

We are seeking to employ a member of staff to lead the boys in the development of their singing. This includes assisting the Chaplain with hymns in our daily year group and termly whole school assembly, liturgies, whole school Masses, and christmas carol service. We also have a compulsory Year 7 Choir and require a person that is capable to lead in this. Full-time and part-time will be considered, as long as you are prepared to be flexible with your hours, to suit the needs of the school. It is not expected that this post will be filled by a qualified Teacher. Salary will depend upon experience and expertise. This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced musician seeking to supplement their income or find a pathway to teacher qualification. To arrange an informal discussion, please e-mail the Headteacher:

p.halliwell@stbons.org

St. Bonaventure's is an outstanding Catholic boys' school. We are a designated teaching school by NCTL. Website: www.stbons.org

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one-to-one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, or visit the website: www.catholicssingles.org.uk

'The Portal'

The online magazine of the Ordinariate. Download your copy at www.portalmag.co.uk

15TH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR

LIVING LITURGY



IT'S NOT
FAIR?

The parables of Jesus in today's gospel teach us three important points about our world and God's plan.

Firstly, we often ask ourselves, just like the people in Jesus' day, why is it that there is so much evil in the world. Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do we constantly hear of awful things happening while God seems to do nothing about it? Jesus tells us that God is not powerless to act. He chooses not to intervene in our world continually, yet he will not allow himself to be ultimately frustrated. For this reason God has given us free will and is a God who allows us our freedom without pulling our strings like mere puppets every time we make a decision. But, the parable says, God is biding his time.

Secondly, we find from Jesus that God is incredibly patient and forgiving. If he were to call a snap final judgement tomorrow then we would certainly find ourselves on the losing side. We are not perfect and yet God is forgiving. He lets us have all the time we need, a lifetime in fact, to grow into his love. And he puts up with our faults and failings without rushing to judgement. Every day is a day of grace given to us by God so that we may learn to cooperate with his plan and come to greater holiness.

Thirdly, and this is quite disturbing, God is no fool. The parable shows us that when all is said and done God's justice will triumph. What we are doing now, as individuals and society, will affect our eternity. In the parable the weeds and dandelion are gathered up and burnt. We will not be burnt literally, but God is giving us the choice of opting for or against him, for his word or against it, for his Son or against him. And when our days are over God will continue to respect our freedom. He will not simply override our lifetime's decisions in some sort of benevolent way. For he has more respect than to treat us as automatons.

Words of comfort, words of warning. Both from the mouth of Jesus. And his final words are clear: if you have any ears, then listen to what I am saying!

THIS WEEK ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Wightwich
Kathleen Lawless
Anthony Gruber
Margaret Goodchild
Kathleen Slater
Edward Joseph Daly
Noel Connelly
Stuart MacPherson Grant

David Bavin
Michael Rodgers
Betty De Neumann
Tom Doyle
Ellen Cannon
Charles Higgs
Jack Keenan
Erlinda Reyes

Sir, was it
not good
seed that you
sowed in your
field? If so,
where does
the darnel
come from?
(Matthew 13:27)

ROTAS BOLIV?

CHURCH CLEANERS

- **28th July**
Mrs. Batley
- **4th August**
Mrs. Studds

SUNDAY COFFEE

- **23rd July**
Margaret, Mike
& Barbara
- **30th July**
Sharon & Sally

WORD OF GOD

SERVICES

23RD-30TH JULY 2017

28/17

KEY: ● Mass at St. Peter's

SUNDAY 23

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

- 8.30 ● People of the Parish
- 10.15 ● Carmela Giamacco RIP
- 18.00 ● Maria & James
Parkinson RIP

MONDAY 24

FERIA

- 9.10 Morning Prayer
- 9.30 ● Genevieve Anne
D'Angerville RIP

TUESDAY 25

ST JAMES

NO SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 26

SS JOACHIM & ANNE,
PARENTS OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 9.10 Morning Prayer
- 9.30 ● Morning Mass

THURSDAY 27

FERIA

NO SERVICES

FRIDAY 28

FERIA

- 9.10 Morning Prayer
- 9.30 ● John Kidney RIP

SATURDAY 29

ST MARTHA

- 9.10 Morning Prayer
- 9.30 ● Ruth Lambert RIP (A)
- 10.00 Holy Hour &
Confessions

SUNDAY 30

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

- 8.30 ● People of the Parish
- 10.15 ● John Sessions RIP
- 18.00 ● Genevieve Anne
D'Angerville RIP



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The Blessed Sacrament Lamp Intention
In loving memory of Anne Snell (23/7-29/7)