

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May –	6.30pm	Thomas Carleton (R.I.P)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May –	9am	Bill Shorey (R.I.P)
	11am	Fr Aloysius Jesurajan Intentions
Monday 25 <sup>h</sup> May – <b>St Bede the Venerable</b>	9.00am	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St Philip Neri</b>	10am	Canon John Duckett (R.I.P)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b>	9.00am	Kath Jordan and Family
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fiera	9.00am	Friends in Isolation
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fiera	9.00am	Angie Wood Intentions
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May Fiera	9.00am	Lar Fennessy Intentions

**Pentecost Sunday (A)**

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May –	6.30pm	James Keane(R.I.P)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	9am	John Moody (R.I.P)
	11am	George Kiparrisi Intentions

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** to be arranged

**Peace Garden**

Our prayer garden is opened daily and there is a prayer Pope Francis has asked us to pray to seek Mary's help, which is in front of the statue. Please say this prayer as we hope that the world may be healed of this virus .

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Dear Friends,

Today's liturgy, prompts us especially to consider the Church as a community of prayer and to reflect on the nature and importance of prayer in our lives. Even though we cannot meet as a community due to Covid-19, nevertheless, we are connected to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The behaviour of the disciples in the first reading shows us that prayer is waiting for, expecting God, attention to God. Prayer is different from saying prayers; prayer is an attitude of attention, a personal relationship, which can be continuous, even when the person in prayer is engaged in other activities. The disciples in the upper room were not only the very first disciples awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost but also Christians of all times to whom the Holy Spirit is coming at every moment. It is by the attentiveness, which we call prayer that we prepare ourselves for the Holy Spirit. And it is through this attentiveness that the Holy Spirit comes to us

*Please keep safe and mind yourself and each other*

*God Bless,  
Father Maurice*

***Please pray for all who are sick, including:***

Michael Balfour, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Desmond family, Gerry Dique, Anthony Doherty, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Jenny Jones, Ann Kelly, Neil Kelly, Sheila Leahy, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Nellie Ringrose, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey, Teresa Pitman, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, Dennis Doherty, Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU, Rose Dique, Jim Nolan, George Kiparrisi

**Please pray for the repose of the soul:**

Kath Schaberg (Mother-in-Law to Mrs Schaberg our Head teacher) who died recently, her funeral will be on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.20, South Essex Crematorium  
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Gift Aid Envelopes**

Gift Aid envelopes have arrived at the Church if you wish to come and collect your boxes give the presbytery a ring to arrange a time.

The Diocese has provided each Church with their own direct on link for the offertory. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=elm-park>  
Please remember if you are a taxpayer and have envelopes make it known on your donation, otherwise we will not be able to reclaim the tax paid. We have also been asked about Easter Offerings for the priest please make that known also if donating online.

**Suggested Prayer in preparation for The Feast of Pentecost**

O Holy Spirit, give me the stillness of soul in you.  
Calm the turmoil within with the gentleness of your peace,  
Quiet the anxiety within with a deep trust in you,  
Heal the wounds of sin within with the awareness of your presence,  
Confirm the hope within with the knowledge of your strength,  
Give fullness to love within with an outpouring of your love.  
O Holy Spirit, be to me a source of light, strength and courage,  
So that I may hear your call clearly and follow it.

**Reflection: A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Most Merciful and Triune God,  
We come to You in our weakness.  
We come to You in our fear.  
We come to You with trust.  
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.  
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(Mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.  
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Jesus, I trust in You.  
Amen.