

MASS INTENTIONS

The Most Holy Trinity (A)

Saturday 6 th June –	6.30pm	Bridie Seymour (R.I.P)
Sunday 7 th June -	9am	Liz Stacey (R.I.P)
	11am	Charles Stimpson (R.I.P)
Monday 8 th June – Fiera	9.00am	George Kiparrisi Intentions
Tuesday 9 th June – Fiera	10am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 10 th June – Fiera	9.00am	Bill Shorey (R.I.P)
Thursday 11 th June – St Barnabas	9.00am	John Moody (R.I.P)
Friday 12 th June – Fiera	9.00am	Peter Taylor (R.I.P)
Saturday 13 th June St Anthony of Padua	9.00am	Stephen & Sheila Woolward

The Body and Blood of Christ (A)

Saturday 13 th June –	6.30pm	Joe McGee (R.I.P)
Sunday 14 th June -	9am	Ethel Maud Kirk (R.I.P)
	11am	Hernando (R.I.P)

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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The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

6th & 7th June 2020

Dear Friends,

There is something rather wonderful about this weekend's solemnity of the Holy Trinity. At first glance, it may seem like a bit of a bolt on, a sort of encore to the main performance of Eastertide. However, when we look at it more closely we begin to see the marvel of it. No one could have made up the doctrine of the Trinity. It was God Himself who chose to reveal to us the truth about His nature: the Father who made us; the Son who came to save us; and the Spirit who gives us life. Not only that, but we start to recognise how this feast sums up the whole message of the last seven weeks: that the heart of God is love, and that His love is lived and borne out in relationship. Over the last weeks, the way we have all lived our lives in relationship with others has changed dramatically. The physical presence of our friends and family has been kept from many of us. There has been sadness, loss, exhaustion and the churches have remained closed. But we have found new ways to keep in touch, while the stillness and separateness has been an opportunity for many to stop, to think, to realise what truly is important. To appreciate what we have, and be thankful. Most of all, it is an opportunity to stop and reflect on this: that the God who is love, whose essence is loving relationship, constantly reaches out to us, and lifts us up to share in His divine life of love.

Please pray for me, as I do every day for you

Yours in Christ
Ken

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 Morriseon 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, Rosetta Reehill

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.

Access to places of Worship

Access to places of worship will have to be supervised when they are reopened. Places of worship come under step three of the Government's coronavirus recovery strategy, which means they cannot open until 4th July at the earliest. Next week we will give more information on how we will prepare for our church to be opened when the time comes.

The following reflection is from Father Damian Torres-Botello SJ which you might find helpful

A thoughtful Reflection on how to pray during this time

Thank You for this day. For waking me up. For inviting me to move about as I have thus far. For the way you help me carry on. For the hope of more life to experience tomorrow. You are always generous and loving, and so I offer up my abilities and my shortcomings. Again, I say thank You. For my successes and failures, thank you. For my wisdom and ignorance, thank You. These all have brought me to You today. I ask, please – listen to my heart, read my soul. For my words fall short, and yet I will try. I hear news from colleagues, neighbours, friends, and family of their struggle, their sickness, their need for life sustaining resources. I notice parents and teachers and students adjusting to new ways of learning. I witness leaders struggling to comfort their people, to inform them and offer reassurance that all will be well. I recognize that those who have always been in need are now joined by new faces in financial struggle. The ill are united with the newly diagnosed. The table of the hungry is expanding to include more stomachs. What are You inviting me to discover at this moment? Help me find the good and grace when I'm struggling to understand what is unfolding around me. Help me locate You more clearly Lord, so that my eyes may find You in the fog of this crisis. I know that from struggle will come new life, because I believe the resurrection is always the new beginning after any heavy cross. And it is with this cross that I come to the altar where Your arms are open wide. I bow down low before You, Lord of Hosts. I come to your altar, Dear One, knowing I'm forgiven and loved. I bring my sorrows and concerns to exchange them for hope and faith. I sing alleluia, because You will rise, You are risen, and so too will we all be on the other side of all this. For what I need now is patience and trust, strength and courage, a peaceful heart and calm mind to carry me through this time in my life. Amen.