



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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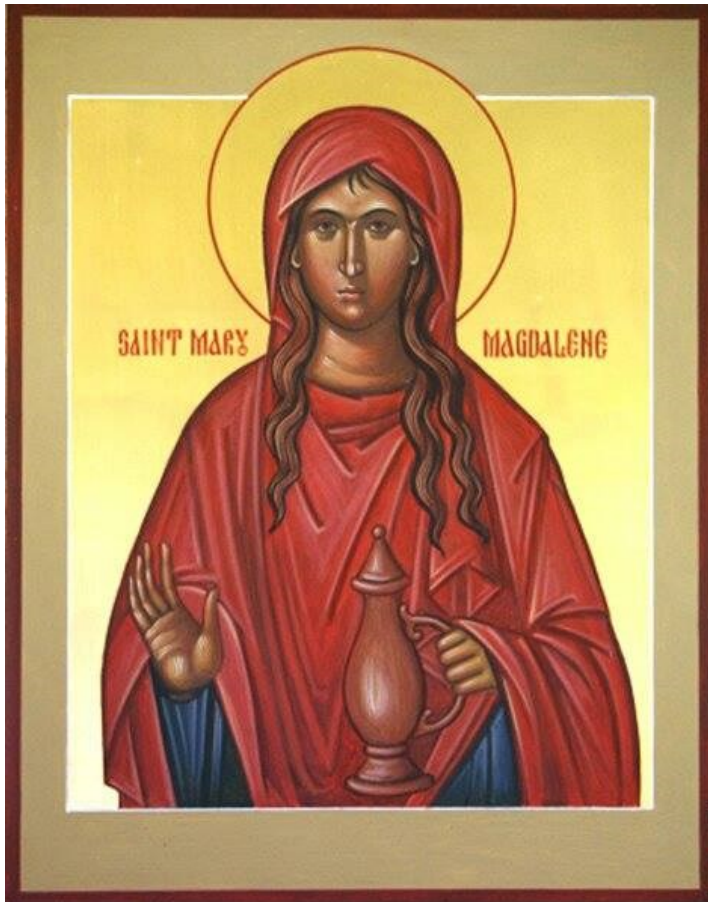
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PARISH NEWS

19th July, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



Do you know anyone who needs support; physically, emotionally or spiritually? Please contact Fr David on 01376 326779 or email: braintree@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Please pray for all our parishioners in this uncertain time. We remember especially: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Cecilia Omoyinbo, Val Harding, Kathleen Haigh, Mary McGrath, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Sandra Gilbert, Peter Beard, Bernard Boylan, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Josie Pullum, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, Brenda Sewell and Maria Wray.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Williams, Wincenty Bexdel, Brendan Moran, Leo Kenny, John Partridge, Brian Preston, Patrick Moran, Mick Kilbane, Collette Turner, Jenny Jarvis, William Emery and Betty Dayer. May they all rest in peace.

OFFERINGS: If anyone would like to donate to the parish, then please email the Parish Office, to obtain the bank details. Thank you.



MARRIAGE MATTERS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43

Attentive listening

The Gospel today raises questions about our ability 'to listen'. We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command "...listen, anyone who has ears".

Dear Friends,

As I am sure you will appreciate, a lot of hard work has gone on behind the scenes getting our church ready to be open again for private prayer (during this past week) and for public Masses (starting this weekend). On behalf of the whole Parish, I offer my sincere thanks to all those who have shown such commitment and dedication in achieving such a wonderful aim. Last Saturday, an amazing number turned up to give the church a deep and thorough cleaning. Also, on Tuesday, we had someone in to give the building an “anti-viral fogging”. This means that the church has been thoroughly sprayed with virus preventative chemical as a further precaution.

Those who are able to come to Mass this weekend will notice a number of differences between the way we need to celebrate Mass in covid times as opposed to how we were able to do so previously. One obvious change is that there is no singing. Rather than list the changes here, I think that the best thing is for me to explain them during the course of the actual celebration. You will also see from the Mass schedule on the last page that we are starting to re-introduce some weekday Masses. As a number of parishes are doing, we are offering the Wednesday Mass as being especially available to anyone in a vulnerable category who might feel uncomfortable attending Mass at the weekend with its larger numbers and greater busyness. I should stress however, that this Mass also remains open to regular weekday attenders. So the schedule this week will be: Tuesday Mass at 9.30am. Wednesday Mass at 9.30am followed by opportunity for private prayer until 10.30am (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). Friday: Mass at 9.30am. I will celebrate Mass by myself on the remaining days. If you have requested a weekday Mass intention at the time when I was only saying Mass privately and would now like that intention to be transferred to a public Mass, please liaise with Clare at the Parish Office.

An important reminder: the obligation to attend weekend Mass is still suspended.

When people arrive for Mass, hand sanitizer gel will be available. At the moment, face masks are optional so long as we maintain 2 metre social distancing and if you wear gloves, please remember to remove these for Communion. After every Mass, the places where people have sat will need to be sanitized. We have some volunteers to do this (PPE is provided by the Parish) but I would invite as much help as possible as this will clearly cut down the time and effort involved – it is certainly not an onerous task.

Finally, thank you very much to those who have offered suggestions as to the best way to ensure places at Mass in the future. I would like to extend the time for feed-back for another week as we will then have the experience of the first weekend under our belt. So if you wish to attend next weekend 25th/26th July please phone in Monday 20th to 12 noon Thursday 23rd.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
God bless. Fr David

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This week, Fr David will be offering the following Mass Intentions:

<p>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 18th July - Vigil Mass</p>	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<p>Sunday 19th July</p>	9.00am 11.30am	<p>Leo Kenny RIP (Carmody) Special Intentions</p>
<p>Monday 20th July</p>		<p>Special Intentions</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st July</p>	9.30am	<p>Rose & John Deed RIP (Burford)</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd July Mass ST MARY MAGDALENE Followed by Private Prayer (Until 10.30am)</p>	9.30am	<p>Emma & John Symonds RIP (Catherine Coates)</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</p>		<p>Fran Wetton RIP (Doleman)</p>
<p>Friday 24th July</p>	9.30am	<p>Ints Franciscan Sisters</p>
<p>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) ST JAMES, Ap Saturday 25th July - Vigil Mass</p>	6.00pm	<p>Ints Hannah Walker (Norton)</p>
<p>Sunday 26th July</p>	9.00am 11.30am	<p>People of The Parish Special Intentions</p>
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