

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN** for limited times, this week for people to visit for private prayer. We also hope to have authorisation for the celebration of Mass with people allowed to attend, but we have not yet received the authorisation for this.

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm Fr Tom Jordan's intentions

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am The People of our Parish

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

9.15am Dulcie Horton RIP Recently (Sr Susan)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Jeremiah Kingston RIP (FM)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Holy Souls RIP

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

9.15am Pauline Smith-Galer RIP (Smith-Galer)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Private intention **NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Feast of St Benedict, Abbot: Patron Saint of Europe

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A SEA SUNDAY** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Private intention

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am The People of our Parish

July 2020 6.00pm Private intention

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: on request and by arrangement at this time**

**READINGS at MASS: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**READING: Zechariah 9:9-10** See your king comes triumphant, riding on a donkey

**PSALM 144** I will bless your name forever, O God, my king

**READING: Romans 8:9-13** If by the Spirit you put an end to misdeeds you will live

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30** Come to me and you will find rest for your souls

**OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders, for the Offerings given in to the Priest's House and for online Offerings made to our parish for parish funds or charities (e.g. Cafod) at**

**<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/>**

**MASSES, SERVICES, RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING & ONLINE SERVICES**

**MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: [www.churchservices.tv/westminster](http://www.churchservices.tv/westminster)**

**DAILY MASS Leigh-on-Sea: Our Lady of Lourdes Church at <https://lourdesleigh.org/>**

**Bishops Stortford: St Joseph & English Martyrs: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)**

**DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>**

**DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: [www.churchservices.tv/timetable/](http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)**

**DAILY SERVICE on BBC RADIO 4 (198 meters) at 9.45am & Sundays at 8.10am**

**BBC ESSEX at 95.3 and 103.5FM Sunday programme from 6.00am to 9.00am**

**DAILY PRAYER & MEDIATIONS at [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)**

**UNIVERSALIS: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com) Daily Mass readings, Lectio Divina, Prayer of the Church in The Divine Office and Spiritual Reading for each day of Easter.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you or anyone you know wishes to have Mass offered for a particular intention for anyone living or dead, please contact Fr John at The Priest's House, by phone, letter or e-mail or stating the intention, and the Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible. Mass cards are available from the Priest's House.

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang

Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A Sunday 5 July 2020**

*My dear Friends,*

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matt.11:25-30). Jesus shared people's joys, sorrows and burdens. When life is burdensome or hard, we may feel alone. In those times, we need and value the support that others give us. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not withdraw into our shell, in the difficulties of life but to come to him who will bear our burdens with us and strengthen us.. He says, "If anyone will come after me, let him take up his cross daily and follow me". Our responsibilities and duties and are mostly welcome joys and challenges, but sometimes they may be an agony in the garden. Jesus lived in faithfulness to the will of his Father, but prayed, "Father, if it is possible let this chalice pass me by, but not my will but thine be done". He, who was gentle and humble calls us to find rest in him.

This leads us to question how we cope with the stresses and difficulties of life, especially at times like this. Do we see Christ as our Saviour and turn to him when we are in difficulty or in need of help. If we do not bring our problems to him believing he can help to change our situation, then we are not really recognising him as our saviour. Jesus constantly turned in prayer to his Father before making big decisions, teaching or miracles. He needed the help of his Father, but with our limitations and human weaknesses, we need God's help even more. We need to turn to Christ each day in prayer, especially as we say the Lord's Prayer, and ask that God's will be done in us and through us, as it is in heaven. Jesus power to save us comes from and through his Cross. As we bless ourselves in making the sign of the Cross, may we realise that he is with us all the time, blessing us and supporting us.

I wish to thank you for your prayerful and practical support, concern and help over the past months. Even though celebrating Mass and praying alone, I was always aware that prayer was going up to God for all our people and those in need of help and healing, who could not be present in the church.

*May the Lord bless and protect you and yours. Fr John*

**CHURCH REOPENS:** Our Church reopened for limited times last week for people to come and pray in private. We are most grateful to Zoe & Barry, Emma who made this possible. We thank the Stewards/ Ushers who were in attendance and ask for continued help in this regard in the days and weeks ahead.

Regrettably, we are not able to have Masses with people present this weekend, as we have not received the required authorisation. Masses will have to be in church rather than the hall, as preschools are the only things that can legally happen in halls at this time. We hope to have the permission for Mass with people present for the coming week and for next Sunday's and weekend Masses. For people's safety, we must ensure we are compliant with all the conditions of opening and cleansing.

Government has given permission for churches in England to resume the celebration of Mass provided all necessary and reasonable COVID-19 precautions are in place. To ensure the safe opening of our church and prevent a further transmission of the virus and avoid contributing to a second wave, we ask you to please follow the instructions below:

- We are maintaining the social distancing of 2 meters in our Church for people who don't live in the same household. This has an impact on how many parishioners we can accommodate in the Church at any time.
- Our church can safely accommodate in total a minimum of 23 people or a maximum of 54 depending on the number of families or single households.
- Each family (max 4/5) will have a pew whereas two single households will share a pew. Not all pews can be used due to distance fore and aft.
- Due to this restriction in numbers and to avoid parishioners being unable to enter once the church is full, please let Fr. John know if you are going to attend any of the weekend services, you can do this by:
  - Email: [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) or Tel: 01992 577173
  - Note/letter into The Priest's House at 11, Church Hill, Epping. If you can do so, it may be advisable, to attend a weekday Mass.

Please follow the direction signs, depending on numbers and you may have to queue to enter the Church in a protected way.

- Please arrive early as our Ushers will direct you to your seat - we will seat from the front, you will not be able to choose where you want to sit. Special arrangements will be made for people with a disability.
- The Sunday Offertory collection will be taken in a basket as you enter the church, or you can make an online donation at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//>
- As you enter the church please sanitise your hands.
- There will be A one-way system in operation.
- Do not leave your seat until instructed for Holy Communion, when it is your turn, please take your belongings with you.
- Holy Communion will only be given in one form, the Host on the hand. One's hand should be stretched out fully to preserve distance.

- Once you have received Holy Communion, leave via the Sacristy and sanitise your hands as you leave, from the unit in the sacristy porch.
- Father John invites you to pray by the Crucifix in the Car Park after Holy receiving Holy Communion whilst keeping 2 metre distance for others.
- Please disperse quickly as the Church will be closed for cleaning and avoid breaches in social distancing.
- Toilets will be closed to the public unless for exceptional circumstances
- If you have symptoms of COVID –19 or live with someone who has the symptoms, please do not come to church but stay safe at home.
- There is no obligation on people to attend Mass at this time due to the risks and dangers from the coronavirus pandemic.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** Our Church will be open for private visits and prayer, in addition to the Mass times, next week - on Monday from from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Wednesday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Friday from 7.00pm to 7.30pm (Mass at 7.30pm). On Saturday the Church will be open from 10.00am to 11.00am. The Church must be cleaned before each period of opening.

**CHURCH UPDATES Re CORONAVIRUS:** For the latest updates visit: [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) and also go to [www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html)

**USHERS/ STEWARDS NEEDED FOR CHURCH & FOR MASSES**

Thanks to all who offered to help as Ushers/ Stewards for the opening of our church for private visits, for prayer. If you or a family member (s) can help, please contact our Parish Office by email: [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) or phone 01992 572516 or drop in a note or this slip to the Priest's House.

**I / We wish to be an Usher/Steward for Saturday or Sunday Mass:**

**Times** .....

**NAME(S)**.....

**Address**.....

**e-mail**.....

**Telephone number(s)**.....

**PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:** Fr Patrick Curran (4/7), Fr Patrick Carty (5/7), Michel DeClaiterosse, Canon Thomas Barrett (6/7), Fr Peter Brady, Veronica Boynton (8/7), Canon Francis Gilbert, Tony Flower, John Welch (9/7), Samuel Whitehouse, Fr Walter Walsh (10/7), Dennis Verrall, Malcolm Silver (11/7). **May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.** Amen

**BILL DOWD RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Dowd, our parishioner, who died on Thursday, 18 June. **May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to his wife and family, and pray that the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter to console & strengthen them at this time.**

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL:** Please contact a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative, or a parishioner, is ill in hospital or at home.

**FACEBOOK GROUP:** Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates, and links to parishes and activities around our Diocese. James Ryan manages it and if you wish to join, just click on the link below. All requests to join and all posts will go through James before they go into the group so that he can monitor it for security and relevance. We hope this will be a great way for our parishioners and people to connect with one another in our parish community  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

**WE PRAY FOR doctors, nurses, all working in hospitals, care homes, the NHS & Emergency Services:** For all who are ill at home or in hospital, for carers looking after those who are elderly or vulnerable in care homes or at home. For all who feel stressed on being isolated, alone or dependent on others. We can ask Jesus, the Light of the World to be a light and Saviour for God's people in this time of need, and ask Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church to pray for us.

**NEED OF URGENT HELP:** If you or someone you know urgently needs help in this time, please contact the Priest's House. We will endeavour to assist through parishioners who have volunteered to help, the church, Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like a phone call or e-mail can be a real comfort to many at this time.

**WOODLAND GROVE FIRE:** A fund has been launched to aid those affected by the Woodland Grove fire. Dozens of residents have been forced out of their homes following the recent blaze in which a man sadly died. **May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to his family and pray that the Lord sends his Holy Spirit, the Comforter to console & strengthen them.** The fund is being co-ordinated by St John's Church in Epping in conjunction with Epping Forest District Council. It was decided to raise money rather than collect items because of COVID-19 implications. St John's Church will liaise with the District Council on the distribution of monies to those affected. The fundraising account will be open until Sunday, July 12. You can donate by Text WOODLANDGROVE followed by the amount you wish to give to 70085. To donate £5 text WOODLANDGROVE5. Donors will be charged the cost of a standard text message by your phone provider. **Bank Transfer.** Donations should be marked with the reference "Woodland Grove" and can be transferred to: Account: Epping District Team Ministry Account Number: 40202260 Sort Code: 090666.

**CATHOLIC PAPERS, MAGAZINES & MAGNIFICAT** are available by the side door of the Priest's House & Church Sacristy. It is open every day and you can find Newsletters, The Tablet, Catholic Universe, Catholic Herald or Magnificat.

**JUMBLE & JUMBLE SALE:** We very much regret that we are unable to take jumble at the moment as the storage shed is full and we are unable to say when we may be able to have a Jumble Sale due to the need to protect everyone.

## KID'S CORNER

### 14th Sunday of the Year A Word Search

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Children	Heart	Humble
Rest	Light	Soul
Hiding	Yoke	Father
Reveal	Bless	Burden
Shoulder	Heaven	Earth
Learned	Clever	Son
Labour	Gentle	Rest

**Humour: Why did the teacher wear dark glasses?**

Because the children in the class were so bright!

**SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED** by an Asylum Seeker mother in Epping, sizes 12-14, whom a number of parishioners have generously supported already with clothes for her two young children. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**Offertory Envelopes are available in the porch by the side of the Priest's House.**

**PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL:** Messages to a Loved One in hospital. Family members & friends of PAH inpatients can send personal messages or collate messages to [paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net](mailto:paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net). There is a dedicated phone line 01279 868128, available between 10am and 12noon each weekday when a member of staff or volunteer will write down a message and get it to the patient. Video calls are available for patients on Kingsmoor Ward, John Snow Ward, Lister Ward, Locke Ward & Harold Ward between 2-4pm, seven days a week. Family & friends of inpatients can email [paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net](mailto:paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net) to arrange a 10 minute video call and find out how to join their call that to be hosted on secure video line