

OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN at limited times, for people to visit for private prayer around the times of Mass, with people now welcome to attend all Masses.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 19th July 2020

Saturday 18 July 6.00pm Catherine & Anthony Steel: Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 19th 11.00am The People of our Parish

July 2020 6.00pm Special intention (G.P.)

Monday 20th St Appolinaris, Bishop & Martyr
9.15am Special intention (Gibbons)

Tuesday 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
9.15am Mrs Dabek RIP (Recently)

Wednesday 22nd St Mary Magdalene
12 noon Lynn Borrer RIP & Karen Cahill RIP (Steel)

Thursday 23rd St Bridget of Sweden, Religious - Patron Saint of Europe
9.15am Private intention

Friday 24th St Charbel Makhlof, Priest
7.30pm Private intention

Saturday 25th St James, Apostle

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 26th July 2020

Saturday 25th 6.00pm Frances Wells intention

Sunday 26th 9.00am Private intention

July 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish

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

READINGS at MASS: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 26th July 2020

READING: Wisdom 12-13-19 God has given hope - after sin he will grant forgiveness.

PSALM 85 O Lord, you are good and forgiving

ROMANS 8:26-27 The Spirit states our plea in a way that cannot be put into words

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43 The farmer said, "Let them both grow until the harvest"

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders, for Offerings given in to the Priest's House and over £200 in church in the past week, and for online Offerings 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

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

Bishops Stortford: St Joseph & English Martyrs: www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford

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

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: 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

UNIVERSALIS: www.universalis.com Daily Mass readings, Lectio Divina, Prayer of the Church in The Divine Office and Spiritual Reading for each day.

THERE IS NO OBLIGATION ON PEOPLE TO ATTEND MASS at this time, due to the risks and dangers to health from the Coronavirus pandemic.

Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception

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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang Parish
in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

19th July 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

All the parables told by Jesus during his 3-year ministry give us food for thought, but none more so than the story of the wheat and the darnel, which we hear in this weekend's Gospel reading.

Today's parable of the wheat and the weeds teaches us, that we have to lead good, wholesome lives in the sight of God, recognising that each of us will be called to account for our actions, good or bad, and it will be for God to pass judgement on each of us, at which point, God will sort the good from the bad. For both good and bad, eternity beckons. It will be the good who will spend eternity with God, whilst the bad will be refused entry to heaven. Every day, in prayer, we should think carefully of the enormity of this future moment.

In today's world we are never short of opportunities to imitate God's concern, gentleness, lenience and patience. We imitate God's loving ways every time we offer a helping hand to someone who is in need, or whenever we show that we are sensitive to the wrongs done to others, or even when we overcome selfishness, thoughtlessness or an unwillingness to help others.

For the present, we need to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to ensure that, in the language of the Gospel parable, our life choices will result in there being a good crop of wheat to be seen by God and little evidence of darnel, when our judgement day comes.

God bless. Keep safe!!

Deacon Duncan

CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS: Our church is open for Mass and private prayer. We are most grateful to the **Stewards/ Ushers** who have been in attendance for Mass during the week and at weekends and **Sandra Tarallo** for doing the cleaning .

We must ensure we comply with all conditions and precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This requires Stewards/Ushers, the consistent cleansing of the church after each Mass and all of us following following the instructions below:

- That we maintain the social distance of 2 meters in Church with people who do not live in the same household. This determines how many parishioners we can accommodate in the Church at any time.
- Our church can safely accommodate in total a minimum of 23 single people or a maximum of 54 depending on the number in a family or household.
- Each family (max 4/5) will have a pew. Two single people from different households will share a pew. Not all pews can be used to keep distance.
- 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 Masses, you can do this by:
 - Email: admin@eppingparish.plus.com or Tel: 01992 572516 or 577173
 - A note/letter to The Priest's House at 11, Church Hill, Epping. If you can, it is advisable, to attend weekday Mass where there will be fewer people. Please follow the direction signs in the church, depending on numbers and you may have to queue to enter the Church in a safe and protected way.
- Please arrive early as our Ushers will direct you to your seat - we will seat you from the front and you will not be able to choose where you want to sit. Special arrangements will be made for people with a disability.
- The Offertory collection will be taken as you enter the church, or you can make your donation online at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//>
- As you enter the church please sanitise your hands and avoid touching things
- There will be A one-way system in operation – you enter by the front door and leave by the Sacristy and door by the Priest's House.
- Do not leave your seat until instructed by the Ushers for Holy Communion. On Sundays please take your belongings with you and leave.
- Holy Communion will only be given in one form, the Host on the hand, and one's hand should be stretched out fully to preserve distance from the priest.
- When you have received Holy Communion on Sunday, leave via the Sacristy and sanitise your hands as you leave, at the unit in the sacristy porch.
- Father John invites you to pray by the Crucifix in the Car Park after you receive Holy Communion, whilst keeping the 2 metre distance for others.
- Please disperse quickly to avoid breaching social distancing and the Church has to be closed for cleaning and the hall toilets cannot be used at this time.
- 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.

KID'S CORNER

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time A

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Crowd	Sowed	Asleep
Enemy	Wheat	Servant
Field	Woman	World
Harvest	Angels	Shine
Jesus	Tree	Shelter
Barn	Flour	Fire
Weeping	Grinding	Hidden

Word-search based on this Sunday' Gospel
from St Matthew Chapter 13:24-43 on
The Sower sowing good seed and the weed.

Humour: How do electric eels taste? Shocking!

CAFOD & DISASTER APPEAL (dec.org.uk)

CAFOD and the DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE have launched an appeal to help save the millions of people in refugee camps around the world whose lives are threatened by Coronavirus. We hear little or nothing of the plight of these people in the news – only it seems of people in the West and the rich countries. Many of these camps are in the developing nations or areas affected by wars, conflicts and environmental dangers. In the Yemen, after 5 years of civil war, millions of families are now struggling to survive in circumstances where Corvid-19 could cause a major catastrophe.

In Yemen, coronavirus is a serious danger for children too. Two million under-fives need treatment for malnutrition. In 2018 it was estimated that 85,000 children had died of malnutrition in the previous three years. The pandemic is worsening food shortages in Yemen, threatening to push more children into malnutrition.

And for those who do fall ill, the situation is dire. After five years of civil war, 50% of health clinics and hospitals have been destroyed. Of those that do remain, only half have enough staff to operate properly. And after seeing the way hospitals were targeted during the war, many people are too afraid to go to hospital at all.

On top of this, the pandemic has led to a reduction in funding for aid programmes. The UN has been forced to close many of its programmes in Yemen, including nutrition programmes and programmes to supply hygiene and sanitation supplies to families.

The [DEC's Coronavirus Appeal](#) has been set up to raise urgent funds to help people in fleeing war and living in fragile states. DEC charities are already on the ground in Yemen helping those most in need, but they desperately need more funding to scale up their operations.

The people of Yemen have endured five years of civil war, a situation which is still ongoing. Millions have lost their livelihoods, their homes, and their loved ones. The hardships they have already faced only puts them more at risk from this new invisible danger. You can help by [donating to our appeal today](#).

The UK Government will match the first £5 million donated pound for pound to this appeal. Your support for people in need will go even further. Next weekend we will have a basket in the church porch for donations to this Disaster Appeal, for the suffering and threatened people in the Yemen.

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.

APOLOGIES: During this past week we have had problems with the broadband line to the Priest's House and the ISP. Consequently, it has not been possible to receive, answer, or deal with matters sent by email to the parish. We hope it will be sorted out by Monday with the installation of a new router.

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/>

Our thanks to James for continuing to post news and do updates on our Parish Facebook page, which serves as another means of communication at this time.

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 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 Masses:

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NAME(S).....

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PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR: Harry Gaughan (18/7), Fr Edmund Dobson, Peter Barry (19/7), Fr Patrick Taylor (21/7), Mary McGill, Deacon David Balmer (22/7), Stephen Carroll (23/7), Fr Michael Hannon, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr John Boardman, Fr James Cooney (25/7). **May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

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 ask Jesus, the Light of the World to be a light and Saviour for God's people in this time of need, and we ask Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church to pray with us and for us.

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

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. 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 to arrange a 10 minute video call and find out how to join their call that to be hosted on secure video line

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.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: Parents and carers who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in **September 2021** must have been consistently attending Sunday Mass over the years. If parents go to Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. This attendance record for families is obviously will not be affected by the difficulties which have prevented people going to church or Mass during the pandemic. Please contact Fr John in September if you have been attending Mass in our parish and you require a school reference for your child.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! Please visit <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/> for the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. The deadline to apply is **October 2nd 2020** and the start date is January 2021

MASS INTENTIONS: If you or anyone you know wishes to have Mass offered 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: We will soon announce details of the application process for those wishing to prepare their children for Reconciliation & first Holy Communion in 2021. Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2020/21 and it is essential that the families have been attending Mass.

CATHOLIC PAPERS, MAGAZINES & MAGNIFICAT are available by the side door of the Priest's House & Church Sacristy. It is open every day for you to get Newsletter, Catholic Universe, The Tablet, Catholic Herald & Magnificat.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are in the porch at the side of the Priest's House Thanks to our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, Michele Murphy, who has continued to process our Gift Aid Offertories and donations during this time.

