

PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO ALL MASSES and our church will be open around the times of Mass for people to visit for private prayer. You will be most welcome!

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 2nd August 2020

Saturday 1st 6.00pm Frances Wells RIP
Sunday 2nd 9.00am Doug & Bobby Dew RIP Anniv. (Heughan)
August 2020 11.00am Christopher Hayes & Family (Goswell)
Monday 3rd 9.15am Special intention (PMcG)
Tuesday 4th St John Mary Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Priest
9.15am Fr Bill Nix's intentions
Wednesday 5th Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome
12 noon Special intention (EA)
Thursday 6th The Transfiguration of our Lord, Jesus Christ
9.15am Sharon Palmer's intentions (Sr Susan)
Friday 7th St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs
7.30pm Private intention
Saturday 8 August St Dominic, Priest

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 9th August 2020

Saturday 8th 6.00pm Maggie Roast RIP Recently (Cowley)
Sunday 9th 9.00am The People of our Parish
August 2020 11.00am Private intention

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

READINGS at MASS: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 2 August 2020

READING Isaiah 55:1-3 "God will provide good things in abundance for his people"

PSALM 144 "The Lord is close to all who call on him from their hearts"

ROMANS 8:35-39 "Nothing can come between us and the love of God visible in Christ"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fish

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders and Offerings of £187.90 in church last weekend, and £10 for Cafod, and £50 for the Yemen Disaster Appeal which you can still support. For online Offerings to our parish go to: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//>

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be collected at any time during the day or after Masses from the porch, at the side of the Priest's House and Sacristy.

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.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

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My dear Mass-starved Friends,

During the last four months, we have all experienced the dreadful influence of the Coronavirus pandemic. You have all been in our prayers, especially to support you in your quest to find an alternative to the parish weekend Mass. Whilst we continue to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died due to the virus and for those who are suffering from its terrible influence, it is heartening to note that we are now being allowed to move slowly towards leading normal lives again, albeit whilst taking care and particularly in continuing to observe social distancing.

For some time now, daily Parish Masses have been said and several parishioners have shown that they welcome this step towards normality. **For the last three weekends, we have celebrated weekend parish Masses with a congregation and are pleased that we can now invite more parishioners to join us, albeit with care and social distancing.** The Masses at 6pm Saturday (Vigil Mass), 9am Sunday and 11am Sunday have been reinstated.

Social distancing makes it necessary to restrict the number of seats available, but this has not proved to be a problem so far. Stewards will see you to your seats and they work from a list of those who have reserved places, having informed us by phoning the Priest's House or an email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com or to Deacon Duncan on 01992 577173 (to be received by Fridays) - this helps to provide seats for all those attending.

We look forward with joy to seeing you at a weekday or weekend Mass.

May God bless you all.

Deacon Duncan & Fr John

CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS: Our church is open for Mass. We are most grateful to the **Stewards/ Ushers** who have attended the Masses over the past few weeks and to **Sandra Torello** for doing the cleaning after every Mass.

We need to comply with diocesan conditions and precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the main important features being:

- Maintain social distance of 2 metres in Church with all people who do not live in your household. The Hall toilets cannot be used at this time.
- Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.
- Please do not touch things in the church other than at the place you sit.
- Each family will have a pew for 4/5 people. Two single people from different houses will share a pew to keeping social distance.
- Please arrive early to allow the Ushers to direct you to your seat. Special arrangements will be made for people with a disability.
- The Offertory collection is taken as you enter the church, or donate online at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//>
- Enter by the Church door and leave by the Sacristy, in a one way system.
- To receive Holy Communion or a blessing, do not leave your seat until guided by the Ushers. On Sundays, please take your belongings with you, as you will not return to your seat. Holy Communion will be given only from the host into the flat of your outstretched hand, as you stand.
- When you have received Holy Communion, leave the church immediately by the Sacristy & sanitise your hands at the dispenser in the Sacristy porch.
- Please disperse quickly and avoid breaching social distancing. The Church has to close for cleaning after each Mass, in preparation for the next Mass.
- 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.

FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes and activities around our Diocese. We are grateful to James Ryan, who manages it and monitors input for security and relevance. If you wish to join, just click on the link below. 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/>

USHERS/ STEWARDS NEEDED FOR CHURCH MASSES

Our thanks to all who offered to help as Ushers/ Stewards for Mass. If you would like to help, please contact our Parish Office by email admin@eppingparish.plus.com or phone 01992 572516 or drop a note in to 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.

FRANCES WELLS RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Wells, who died on Tuesday, 28 July. **May she rest in peace.** The funeral arrangements are pending. We offer our sympathy and prayers for her family, and for all who mourn at this time. **May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to them**

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:

Harry Day, Maureen McClean (1/8), Tony Mullen (3/8), Bernard George (4/8), Vera Nolan, Mary Doherty, Deacon Frederick Wall, (6/8), Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coughlan, Fr Hugh Verity (8/8). **May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

WE PRAY FOR doctors and nurses, all working in hospitals and care homes, in the NHS and Emergency Services; for all who are ill at home or in hospital; for carers looking after all who are vulnerable at home or in care homes; for all who feel stressed or isolated or dependent on others. We ask Jesus, the Light of the World to be a light and Saviour to people at this time and Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, to pray with us and for us.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL Messages to Loved Ones in hospital.

Family members & friends of PAH inpatients can send personal messages or collate messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net. A dedicated phone line 01279 868128 is available from 10am and 12noon each weekday when a member of staff or volunteer will write down your dictated message and get it to the patient. Video calls are available for patients on Kingsmoor Ward, Harold Ward, Lister Ward, John Snow Ward & Locke 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 link their call on a secure video line.

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 attending Sunday Mass consistently over the years. If parents go to Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. Please contact Fr John in September if you have been attending Mass in our parish and require a reference for your child, for a school.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to have Mass offered for a special intention, or for a person, living or dead, please contact Fr John by phone, letter or e-mail, stating the intention. Mass cards can be collected from the Priest's House.

18 HOUR CHALLENGE: To mark Lourdes week, Fr Dominic and 44 young pilgrims are using the 18 hours they would have spent on a coach to Lourdes in a variety of creative ways. Each of them - including Fr Dominic - plans to walk 18 miles (commemorating Our Lady's 18 appearances to St Bernadette), the total mileage walked equates with mileage from Brentwood to Lourdes! Money raised will go to The BCYS and CAFOD "Summer of Hope" Appeal. The sponsorship target is £1800 and can be made at www.bcys.net/donate or post to Fr Dominic, '18 Hour Challenge', Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH (cheques to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service" please).