

**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!

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A** 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Maggie Roast RIP Recently (Cowley)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Fr Tom Jordan RIP (Recently)

August 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr  
9.15am Tullia Borelli RIP(Mansell)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare, Virgin  
9.15am Gina Ryan's intentions (Stokes)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
12 noon The People of our Parish (2Au)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> St Pontian, Pope & St Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
9.15am Private intention

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr  
7.30pm Norah McGrath RIP (Recently)

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Eileen McCaffrey RIP Recently (Christie)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am The People of our Parish

August 2020 11.00am Fr Tom Jordan RIP Recently (Whitehouse)

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

**READINGS at MASS: NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 9 August 2020**

**READING** 1Kings 19:9-13 The Lord comes to Elijah in the gentle breeze

**PSALM 84** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

**ROMANS 9:1-15** Paul would willingly be cut off from Christ to save his brothers

**GOSPEL** Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus asks Peter to walk on water and then saves him

**OFFERTORIES:** Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders and £496 in church last weekend, and for £50 Cafod, and the Yemen Disaster Appeal which you can still support. For online Offerings to our parish go to:

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

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

**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/bishopstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford)

**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.

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A** 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

*Dear Friends,*

“Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind he took fright and began to sink and cried out ‘Lord, save me’”(Matthew 14:22-33). This Sunday's Gospel tells us of the turmoil the disciples with the storm on the lake and their boat far out from the land. There can be turmoil and storms not only on the sea but on the land, between and in countries, and in our own lives. Sometimes people, and ourselves too, can feel that we are being buffeted and uncertain and we want to cry out to God or Jesus, “Save me”.

Elijah, the prophet, was confronted with the forces of nature in the storm, the earthquake and the fire (1Kings 19:9-13). Whilst God, the Creator, is always present whatever the situation, but it was only in the gentle breeze, the “still small voice of calm”, that the prophet recognised the God, who was present but unseen. We can recognise situations in which people find themselves beset by the storms of life; health problems, troublesome relationships, threats from the forces of nature or the terrible disaster in Beirut this week, in which many lives were lost or destroyed. In all those situations and circumstances, we look for a Saviour and like Peter in the storm on the lake we can cry out, “Lord save me or us”.

In our noisy world, we need to hear the voice of God in gentleness and quietness. His voice is quiet and gentle for it is the voice of love. He speaks in the most hidden parts of our being and the promptings of our conscience. For those who know how to listen, God's voice can make itself heard even in the midst of storms and turmoil. Over the roar of wind and the waves, the apostles heard the gentle voice of Jesus saying to them, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid’ (Matt 14:22-23). Like Peter we may set out confidently across the waters of life, but as soon as the wind of troubles rise against us and the waves of adversity buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink. Jesus' rebuke, ‘Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?’ is directed at us too. We ask the Lord to help us keep focused on him to strengthen our faith as we call on him to “Save us”. *May God bless and save you. Fr John*

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS** and we are grateful to the **Stewards/ Ushers** who have managed the church for Masses over the past few weeks.

We must comply with statutory and diocesan conditions and precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus and remain open. The most important principles are:

- **Face coverings are obligatory in the church unless you are exempt**
- **Please maintain a social distance of 1 metre from the people who do not live in your household unless you are exempt from wearing a face covering. Then you must maintain a social distance of 2metres.**
- **Enter by the Church door & leave by the Sacristy, in a one way system**
- **Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.**
- **Do not touch things in the church other than at the place where you sit.**
- Each family will have a pew for 4/5 people. Two single people from different houses will share a pew to keep social distance or a couple and one other person from a different household can share a pew.
- Arrive early for the Ushers to direct you to your seat. Special arrangements are 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//>
- 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.
- **Communicants should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace their face covering.**
- **Holy Communion will be given to you 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 to avoid breaching social distancing. The Church has to close for cleaning after each Mass, in preparation for the next Mass.
- 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.**

**FACEBOOK GROUP:** Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes and activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages 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. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

**USHERS/ STEWARDS NEEDED IN CHURCH FOR ALL 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](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) or phone 01992 572516 or drop a note in to the Priest's House.

**PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:**

**FRANCES WELLS RIP,** died on Tuesday, 28 July. She will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass at 11am on Tuesday, 18 August, followed by interment at North Weald Bassett Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

**FR TOM JORDAN,** Parish Priest at St Edward's Church, Romford, who died following a long illness, on Wednesday, 5 August. **May he rest in peace.**

His funeral will be at St Edward's on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

We offer our sympathy and prayers for their families and for all who mourn at this time. **May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:**

Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coughlan, Fr Hugh Verity (8/8), Marie Longton (9/8), Mary Boland, Elizabeth Pantin, Fr David Papworth (11/8), Rodney Wyness (12/8), Mabel Whitehouse, Herbert Smith (13/8), Fr Stephen Keane (14/8), Des Kelly (16/8). **May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net) to arrange a 10 minute video call and find out how to link their call on a secure video line.

**18 HOUR CHALLENGE: Lourdes in your Living Room.** Someone who watched last week's pilgrimage said, **"I feel like I have been in Lourdes for the last five days. Thank you. I even bought croissants for breakfast!"**. For pilgrims of all ages the week had a great impact, and if you have missed it or want to watch and pray again, it is on YouTube – turn a Staycation into a pilgrimage! You'll find it at [www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys](http://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys). Any comments or questions, simply email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) or phone 01277373959. **The 18 hour challenge has raised over £5,250** so far, to be split between Cafod and BCYS. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you to all who has donated. details [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**CATHOLIC PAPERS, MAGAZINES, BOOKLETS** will no longer be supplied in our church. Even before the lockdown few were sold, and as the sale or return system ended earlier this year, we have had to pay for the unsold, which is most of them most weeks. These publications can be ordered directly from the publisher or a local newsagent. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause to anyone.

**WE PRAY FOR** doctors and nurses, all working in hospitals and care homes, in the Health 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.

**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.

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

**TOGETHER WE MOVE** is a new challenge from The Passage Centre for the homeless that is open to everyone; no matter how fit you are, how much time you have or where you live. Simply set your own challenge and choose a distance to run, walk or cycle **between Tuesday 1 September and Sunday 27 September**. The aim is to raise money for The Passage by requesting sponsorship for your challenge from friends, family or colleagues. You can carry out your challenge alone or together with others in your household or with friends, family and church members (following the latest government guidance). The challenge can be completed in one day or split throughout September depending on the size of the challenge!

**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.