

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!

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16th August 2020

Saturday 15th 6.00pm Eileen McCaffrey RIP Recently (Christie)
Sunday 16th 9.00am The People of our Parish
August 2020 11.00am Fr Tom Jordan RIP Recently (Whitehouse)
Monday 17th 9.15am Geoffrey Joel RIP (FM)
Tuesday 18th Feast of St Helena in Ongar and Colchester
11.00am Frances Wells RIP Requiem Mass
Wednesday 19th St John Eudes, Priest
Note time change 9.15am Alfie Terry Burns RIP & Family
Thursday 20th St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
9.15am Private intention
Friday 21st St Pius X, Pope
7.30pm Norah McGrath RIP (Recently)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 23rd August 2019

Saturday 22nd 6.00pm Gina Ryan and family
Sunday 23rd 9.00am Private intention
August 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: We are now contacting parents to arrange the First Holy Communion Masses for their children in the Saturdays of September.

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

MASS READINGS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

READING for Vigil Mass 1 Chronicles 15:3-16;2; Feastday; Revelation 11:19-12:10

PSALM Vigil Mass Psalm 131; Feast: Psalm 44 The Queen stands at your right hand.

VIGIL MASS 1Corinthians 15:54-57; Feastday: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

GOSPEL Vigil Mass: Luke 11:27-28; Feast: Luke 1:39-56 The visitation & Magnificat

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

UNIVERSALIS: www.universalis.com Daily Mass readings & Prayer of the Church

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders, Offerings of £145.60 in church last weekend and £650 for Cafod for the Yemen Disaster Appeal, which you can still support. For online Offerings to our parish, CAFOD or charities we support go to: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be collected any day or after Masses from the porch, by the side of the Priest's House and Sacristy. If you would like to join our Gift Aid scheme or have Offertory envelopes please contact our Parish Office.

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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

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TWO THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

This weekend we celebrate the joyful feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. From the very early days of the Christian Church, all Christians have celebrated the 'Dormition of Mary', but since 1950, Roman Catholics celebrate the 'Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary'. There is no scriptural record of exactly when Mary died, (she will have been in her late 40s at the time of Jesus' death on the Cross) but there has always been the belief that, as the Mother of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, and following the Ascension of her son into heaven, it must be a recognised fact that Mary herself was similarly received body and soul into heaven at the end of her mortal life. With great joy, we celebrate Mary's Assumption into heaven this weekend.

For the last five weekends, an increasing number of parishioners have celebrated weekend Mass in our church (73 last weekend). It is hoped that this trend will continue as we exercise great care and social distancing and, in accordance with the latest governmental advice, we now wear face coverings in Mass. Our COVID-19 restricted seating capacity still allows for more parishioners to attend each of the three Masses, but please continue to pre-book your seats (by Fridays), phoning the Priest's House, emailing admin@eppingparish.plus.com or phoning Deacon Duncan on 01992 577173.

We look forward with joy to celebrating Mass with an increasing number of parishioners on a weekday or at a weekend.

May God bless you all and keep you safe from the virus.

Deacon Duncan

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/>

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

We must comply with statutory and diocesan regulations 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.**
- **In wearing a mask or face covering maintain social distance of 1 metre from the people not living in your household. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering you must maintain a 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 you sit.**
- Each family will have a pew for 4/5 people. 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 an usher. **On Sundays**, please take your belongings with you, as you will not return to your seat, but leave by the Sacristy.
- **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 at a distance from the priest.**
- On Sundays when you have received Holy Communion, leave the church immediately by the Sacristy & sanitise your hands in the Sacristy porch.
- Please avoid breaching social distancing disperse. 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.**

USHERS/ STEWARDS NEEDED IN CHURCH FOR ALL MASSES: Our thanks to all who consistently help as Ushers/ Stewards at Masses. 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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL 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 next Tuesday, 18th August, followed by interment at North Weald Bassett Cemetery. **May she rest in peace. Attendance at the Requiem Mass is restricted to the family and close friends.**

FR TOM JORDAN, Parish Priest, St Edward's Church, Romford, died following a long illness, on Wednesday, 5th August. **May he rest in peace.** His funeral will be celebrated at St Edward's, on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th of August.

We offer our sympathy and prayers for their families and 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:

Des Kelly (16th), Edie Taylor, Jack Bell, Canon Peter Prendergast (18th), Clive Tricker, Canon Vincent Hurley and Fr Andrew Hurley (19th), Eric Hollster (20th), Liam Downey, Josephine McGlynn, Benito Pascale, Fr Sean Gresley, Fr Sean Sheils (22nd), Joyce Peck, Mike Collett, Canon Vincent Cameron (23rd). **May their souls & the souls of the faithful departed through God's mercy rest in peace.**

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL Messages to Loved Ones in hospital.

Family members & friends of inpatients can send personal messages or collate messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net. A dedicated phone 01279 868128 is available from 10am to 12noon each weekday when a member of staff or volunteer will write your dictated message and get it to the patient. Video calls can be made to patients on Kingsmoor, Harold, Lister, John Snow & Locke Wards from 2 to 4pm every day. For families to arrange 10 minute video calls and find out how to link a call on a secure video line email paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net

18 HOUR CHALLENGE: Lourdes in our Living Room. Someone who has watched the pilgrimage said, **"I feel like I have been in Lourdes for the last five days. Thank you. I even bought croissants for breakfast!"** Pilgrims of all ages found the week had a great impact and if you missed or want to watch it and pray again, it is on YouTube – turn a Staycation into a pilgrimage! You'll find it at www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys Any comments or questions, email 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

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