

OUR CHURCH, like others, is no longer open for people to attend Mass at this time, due to covid regulations. If you wish to go for private prayer or light a candle in the church, please call the Priest's House, and we will arrange access for you.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 8th NOVEMBER 2020

REMEMBRANCE DAY: We pray for all who died in the Great Wars & conflicts

Saturday 7th 6.00pm The People of our Parish
Sunday 8th 9.00am Ritchie Roche RIP Recently (Roche)
November 2020 11.00am Deceased of Two Great Wars & subsequent conflicts
You can join in the 11am Mass online – see details inside.

Monday 9th Dedication of the Basilica of St John in the Latern
9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 10th St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 11th St Martin of Tours, Bishop
12 noon Martin Curtin RIP Anniv. (Crouch)

Thursday 12th St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr – Saint for Christian Unity
9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

Friday 13th 9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY Ordinary Time A WORLD DAY of the POOR 15.11.20

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Sunday 8th 9.00am Giovanni Borelli RIP (Mansell)

November 2020 11.00am The People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on request at any time to the Parish Priest

MASS READINGS THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 8 November 20

WISDOM 6:12-16 Wisdom is seen and found by those who look for her

PSALM 62 For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

1THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 Jesus died and rose again, it will be for all who believe

MATTHEW 25:1-13 The bridegroom (Jesus) is here, go out and meet him.

CAFOD CHILDREN'S LITURGY <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

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/>

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings: £800 in Standing Orders and Offerings of £445.90 in church last weekend and £110 for Cafod. You can make online donations to our parish and to charities that our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER: During November, we remember and pray for our dead, especially those of our own family. We place the Register of our Dead at the Altar, and invite you to have the names of your dead placed at our Altar. Please use the form and envelopes that are in porch, at the side of the Priest's House, and we will place them at the Altar to be remembered and prayed for at Mass, daily during November.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory at the resurrection of the dead. Amen.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 8 NOVEMBER 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK & REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As we enter another period of more severe restrictions due to the COVID virus, it is somewhat prophetic that our readings at Mass this weekend should direct our thoughts to our vigilance and foresight.

- We should be encouraged always to be vigilant in seeking opportunities to please God in all that we do and say. The daily reflection on how our vigilance has enabled us to please God, and has presented us with opportunities to adopt good Christian values, helps us to fine-tune our relationship with God.

- As we struggle with the hustle and bustle of our normal lives, we should always be ready to recognise God's influence in all that we do, say and think. We need to be eager and willing to use this foresight in order to know that there may be times when we need to change our ways in order to please God. Are we always ready to do that?

- As good practising Christians, we all know that pleasing God is a full time pre-occupation for us, which we normally try to embrace with unstinted enthusiasm. Restrictions during the Coronavirus 'lockdown' may be an obstacle to our peaceful way of life, but the big picture of our loving God, overlooking his loving people, helps us to redouble our efforts to please him in all that we say, do and think. Exercising vigilance and foresight help us in this respect.

This Sunday we would expect to have several Remembrance ceremonies to honour those who gave their lives to safeguard our freedom. Most ceremonies cannot take place this year, but wreaths will be laid at War Memorials, and there is an opportunity for private prayer, particularly at 11am when a 2-minute National Silence will be observed. Also, The British Legion Service of Remembrance on Sunday at 9.10pm (BBC1) will provide a moving recognition of our debt to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

May they all Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

God bless you.

Deacon Duncan

WE NEED MORE STEWARDS & USHERS IN OUR CHURCH for all Masses, when the church re-opens again for Mass with a congregation. This is a simple but necessary role to ensure we comply with regulations to keep people safe in church. If you can help on a rota basis, please contact our Parish Office on 01992 572516 or email admin@eppingparish.plus.com or drop a note into the Parish Office.

FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages and monitors the input for security and relevance. If you wish to join this group, just click on the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

VOLUNTARY ACTION EPPING FOREST is a registered charity giving relief boxes to individuals and households who struggle financially, partly due to Covid 19. They have a base in Thornwood. See the poster in the church or contact Nick on 07967726851. It runs a befriending service that people can contact on 07708171116 for assistance Visit their website at: <https://vaef.org.uk/covidresponse@vaef.org.uk>

CHURCH HEATING: A new heating system is to be installed in our church in the last week of November. The present system, installed 18 years ago, has problems, as the units are obsolete and not repairable, since parts are no longer available for them. The installation of a new system should be completed during this present lockdown.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE paper is available free in the porch - do take one!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS for 2021 Details of plans will be published shortly.

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL, LOUGHTON: We urge parents whose children will start in Reception Class in Primary School in September 2021 to consider sending their child to St John Fisher School for a very good education in a Catholic school.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL **Messages to Loved Ones in the hospital.** Family members & friends of inpatients can send or collate personal messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net A dedicated phone, 01279 868128 is available from 10am to 12noon on weekdays. Video calls can be made to patients on John Snow & Locke Wards, Kingsmoor and Harold, Lister Wards, from 2 to 4pm every day. More information available at paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net

REAL LIVING WAGE WEEK: 9th - 15th NOVEMBER 2020. After months where key workers and care workers have been at the “front line” it is the case that many are not paid enough to support their families. The Diocese of Brentwood is committed to the Real Living Wage, that lifts such hard working families from poverty. This is an integral part of our faith. For information please look at <https://livingwage.org.uk/>. From 9th November there will be a campaign to ensure workers in care homes are paid the real living wage. This campaign is supported by a number of Catholic Bishops, including our Bishop Alan. Find out more at www.citizensuk.org

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD: May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

RECENTLY: MRS MARY McGOVERNEY RIP, who died on Tuesday, 3rd November. Her funeral will be celebrated in our church at 9.30am on **Friday, 20th November**, followed by cremation at Parndon Wood. **May she rest in peace.**

MRS BRIDGET DOLAN RIP, mother of Sinead Dolan-Palmer, who died on Wednesday, 28th October. **May she rest in peace.**

MRS SHIRLEY STAUNTON RIP who died Tuesday, 27th October. Her funeral will be celebrated at Forest Park Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Cardinal John Heenan (7/11), Frances Richards, Fr William Philpott, Gladys Saunders, Deacon Norman Wiseman (8/11), Eunice Scanlon, James O'Reilly (10/11), Eugene O'Loughlin, Canon Denis Petry (11/11), William Thornhill (13/11), Edna Overs, Jannette Mulligan, Fr Terence Howes (14/11), Lilian Ford, Molly Firth, Frank Kenna, Fr James Allis (15/11). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.**

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL: May the Lord touch them and comfort them with the healing power of his Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMS: *Congratulations to the families of the children who were baptised recently in our Church: George Leon Tattersall-Barnes, Constance Amy Nyhan, Ivy Mae Papworth, Laurie Ophelie and Miguel Blu Saint Laurent Nougher and Eloise Lee Ming Annabelle Porcher. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND THE FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL:

2020 marks 150 years since the First Vatican Council and the definition of papal primacy and infallibility. In this live-streamed event Professor John Morrill, emeritus professor of history at the University of Cambridge, will speak on 'St John Henry Newman and Vatican I'. He will explore the reaction to the Council in the Newman's writings and set it in today's context. The study day will be on **Saturday 21 November** from 11 am. Due to Coronavirus it will only be live streamed. To access go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services.

BRENTWOOD CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will launch their virtual Tree of Angels initiative that allows you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died and make a donation to 'bccs' work. You can read more about this Please visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> where initiative or click directly onto the Tree of Angels portal here <https://visufund.com/tree-of-angels> to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

LOCKDOWN AND PARISHIONERS AT MASS

Dear Friends,

I am very sorry to tell you that due to the latest Covid regulations and lockdown we are yet again not permitted to celebrate Mass with people present. As happened earlier in the year I will celebrate Mass daily in church and pray for the protection of our people.

This afternoon Shea Lolin, a parishioner, set up a youtube channel to stream Mass from our church. This Sunday, 8th November, we will offer the 11am Remembrance Sunday Mass, for all who died on in the Two Great Wars and subsequent conflicts. It will be streamed from our church at 11am Sunday and the links to join in are in the instructions overleaf.

We hope that a new heating system will be installed in our church, on the last week of this month. It will still be fan assisted due to the nature of the building, but should be much quieter and more efficient than the present system. Some of the present units are now obsolete and beyond repair as parts are no longer available.

It is sad that this lockdown or “lockout” in church has happened again. However, people are welcome to our church for private prayer or to light a candle. If you would like to gain entry to the church at any (*reasonable!*) time, please ring the bell at the side door of the Priest’s House and Sacristy and if at home, I will be happy to let you in to the church.

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy time.

With prayerful good wishes. *Fr John*



HOW TO STREAM MASS AT HOME CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING The Immaculate Conception

During the time of church closure, Mass will be streamed on YouTube. You do not need an account to watch this. If you have a laptop, computer or mobile phone, simply follow the instructions below. You will also need speakers or headphones if your device does not have them built in. If you have a smart TV, you can pair a device (such as mobile phone or iPad) to watch on your home TV.

To view Mass simply search: **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping** and visit the channel where you will find the live stream. All you then need to do is click on the live video.

If you cannot find it, you can type the URL (web address) directly into the address bar:
youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw

If you have a mobile phone you can simply scan this QR code to take you to the channel :



Please let us know if you have any problems and we will try our best to help,