

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 15th NOVEMBER 2020

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Saturday 14th 6.00pm The People of our Parish

Sunday 15th 9.00am No Mass at this time today

November 2020 11.00am Giovanni Borelli RIP (Mansell)

You can join in the 11am Mass online – see details inside.

Monday 16th St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop – A Patron Saint of our Diocese

9.15am Ritchie Roche RIP Recently (Roche)

Tuesday 17th St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop

9.15am Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 18th Dedication of St Peter's & St Paul's Basilicas in Rome

12 noon Pope Francis' intentions

Thursday 19th 9.15am The People of our Parish (22nd)

Friday 20th 9.30am Mary McGoveney RIP **REQUIEM MASS**

Saturday 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING YOUTH SUNDAY 22 November 2020

Saturday 21st 6.00pm Lily McAdam RIP Anniv (McAdam)

Sunday 22nd 9.00am No Mass at this time today

November 2020 11.00am Kirk McLaughlin RIP Anniv.

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

MASS READINGS THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY Ordinary Time A 15 November 2020

PROVERBS 31:10-31 A perfect wife – her husband's heart has confidence in her.

PSALM 127 O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1THESSALONIANS 5:1-6 You are children of light, you do not belong to darkness.

MATTHEW 25:14-30 Having been faithful in small things, come & join your master

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.

Offerings for our Parish can be handed in to the Priest's House. To make donations to our parish online go to: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER: During November, we remember and pray for our dead, especially for 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 in porch, at the side of the Priest's House, and we will place them at the Altar to remember and pray for them as the Holy Souls at daily Mass, during November.

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

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 15 NOVEMBER 2020

Dear friends,

The master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness" (Matthew 25:14-30). In this parable, Jesus tells us of the importance of recognising the talents and opportunities given to us and using them for the benefit of people and to the glory of God. This is developed in a continuing passages from St Matthew that we will have next Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. On that feast, Christ is presented as the King who will return again to judge the living and the dead, and we will be judged by him according to our sharing and caring for other in the course of our life. The talents and opportunities he has given us are not just for ourselves by to give glory to God by serving others.

Our first reading today from Proverbs 31 speaks of "The perfect wife" who is busy and industrious and brings joy to her husband and family. Her charity and love is not limited to her own home or family for "She holds out her hand to the poor, and opens her arms to the needy". In this time of the pandemic it has been a stressful and testing time in terms of outreach and close involvement with others. There is a keep your distance mind-set which affects relationships in families as well as good friendships. People who live in different homes and especially in care homes have to keep distance, though for a good purpose, and the joy of meeting and being in touch with each other is diminished and even taken away.

Speaking personally, I have found this time of lockdown a limitation of outreach to people since the end of March. Our hearts go out to people that we, and I as a priest, have been unable to visit or attend to for the past seven months. The candle I placed on our altar at the beginning of the lockdown, I see as being deeply symbolic, for it represents our people being placed before Christ on the Cross. He is the "Suffering Servant" whose hands are reaching out to us from his Cross as a compassionate Saviour who is with us in our trials. Whilst each of us has our own particular calling or vocation, talents and opportunities, it has been difficult that we cannot be in touch with people we have always ministered to or visited. How we use our talents, for better or worse, in the course of our life is or a question we all have to face. We hope it will be wisely and generously, and that our Master and Lord and will judge us kindly and say to us, "Come and join in your Master's happiness" in heaven.

May God bless and protect you, your families and loved ones at this time. Fr John

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>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 17th November via Zoom

CHURCH HEATING: A new heating system is due 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 necessary parts are no longer available. The installation of a new system should be completed during this present lockdown.

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.

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK AGM & NETWORKING DAY on Saturday 21 November 11am - 3pm via Zoom: If you are interested in Justice & Peace issues, come and join us without leaving your armchair. A good way to hear about the excellent work going on around the country. Register through Eventbrite at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/njpn-agm-networking-day-tickets-121751701617?aff=ebdssbeac&keep_tld=1

BRENTWOOD CHILDREN'S SOCIETY launches a virtual Tree of Angels, this November, that lets you light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died and make a donation to the 'bccs' work. To read about this, please visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> or click directly onto the Tree of Angels portal at <https://visufund.com/tree-of-angels> to make your dedication in memory of (name) and to make a secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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

LOOK SHEETS for children are available in the porch for collection

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO DIED RECENTLY & ON ANNIVERSARIES:

MRS MARY McGOVENEY who died on Tuesday, 3rd November. She will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass at **9.30am on Friday**, 20 November, to be followed by cremation at Parndon Wood. **May she rest in peace.**

MRS JUDY ATKINS RIP, sister of Nora Poole, who died at home in Hertfordshire, on Wednesday, 11th November. **May she rest in peace.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Edna Overs, Jannette Mulligan, Fr Terence Howes (14/11), Fr James Allis, Lilian Ford, Molly Firth, Frank Kenna (15/11), Fr Richard Ashton, Charles Fallon (17/11), Margaret O'Reilly (18/11), Barry Stimpson, Fr John Harden (19/11), Anne O'Halloran, Fr James Linburgh (20/11), Kirk McLaughlin (21/11).

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

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

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: The Feast of Christ the King; next weekend we celebrate the place of young people in the church. St John Paul II said, "In the Church of today, you are the hope of tomorrow" and Pope Francis speaks about the "creativity and audacity" of the young". Brentwood Catholic Youth Service offers online opportunities for prayer and service, in wonderful ways, and has reached thousands of young people since March. To discover more with a series of short videos where young people share their experience of BCYS – go to www.bcys.net.

Donations: This year, in addition to lost retreat income, the lack of congregations at Mass will dramatically affect a collection that usually takes place. Please make a donation to support BCYS via www.bcys.net/donate or post a cheque to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service" or make an offering for their good work, through the letterbox at the Priest's House and we will pass it on to BCYS.

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. 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 reactions to the Council in Newman's writings in today's context, on **Saturday 21 November** from 11 am. Due to Coronavirus it will be live streamed only. Access at: www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL Messages to Loved Ones in 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

LOCKDOWN & PARISHIONERS STREAMING THE 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 in church daily and pray for the protection of our people.

Our parishioner Shea Lolin, has set up a youtube channel to stream Mass live from our church. On Sunday, 8 November, we streamed Remembrance Sunday Mass at 11am offered for all who died on in the Two Great Wars and subsequent conflicts. We will **continue** to live stream the Sunday 11am Mass from our church during the present lockdown in the churches. The links to join in are in the instructions overleaf.

We hope to be able to resolve the technical difficulties in connecting to the broadband in the Parish Office, so that it may be possible to continue the streaming when we have people back in Church for Mass, at the beginning of December – we hope! We would welcome any ideas or skills people may have to address these problems, so that it can be done safely and there is no danger of tripping up on wires.

We hope that the new heating system will be installed in our church, on the week beginning the 23rd of November. Due to the nature of our building, it will still be fan assisted but should be much quieter and more efficient than the present system. Some of the present units are now obsolete and beyond repair as the necessary parts are not available.

It is sad that the lockdown or “lockout” in church is with us again. However, people are welcome to our church for private prayer or to light a candle. If you wish to gain entry to the church at a (**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

The Immaculate Conception

Sunday Mass in our Church at 11am will be live streamed from our Church on You Tube, during the present church closures. You do not need an account to watch. Last Sunday 80 people joined in live and 70 joined in later. If you have a laptop, computer or mobile phone, simply follow the instructions below. You will 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 TV.

To view the 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,

HOW TO STREAM SUNDAY MASS AT 11am at HOME
CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING