

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING A 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.

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

Monday 23rd St Clement I, Pope & Martyr

9.15am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 24th St Andrew-Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

9.15am Deceased relatives & Friends RIP (M.M)

Wednesday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

12 noon Doug & Bobby Dew RIP Anniv. (Heughan)

Thursday 26th 9.15am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 27th 9.30am Marie Gilford RIP Anniv. (Crampin)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B (Year of St Mark) 29 November 2020

Saturday 28th 6.00pm The People of our Parish

Sunday 29th 9.00am No Mass at this time today

November 2020 11.00am Lady Joan Russell RIP Anniv. (Hoare)

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

MASS READINGS: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING A 22 November 2020

EZEKIEL 34:11-17 The Lord says, "I will judge between sheep and sheep and goats"

PSALM 22 The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

1CORINTHIANS 15:20-28 Christ will hand over the kingdom to God, the Father

MATTHEW 25:14-30 Christ will separate men from one another, like a shepherd

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

LOOK SHEETS for children are available in the porch for collection

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/bishopstortford

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for your generous Offerings: £800 in Standing Orders.

Some parishioners have kindly given in Offerings for our Parish to the Priest's House, for which we are grateful. Offerings can be handed in to the Priest's House or made to our parish online at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER: During November, we remember and pray for our dead, especially for 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 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 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING YOUTH SUNDAY 22 Nov. 2020

Dear friends,

Jesus said "When the Son of Man come in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory" (Matt.25:31-46). As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the Church directs our thoughts to the end of the world, when Christ's work of saving people and nations will be completed. He will return to judge the living and the dead and separate one from another, for his judgement will be true, since he is Truth. In his presence, no one will be able to manipulate or cover up the truth about their thoughts, words or actions, for all people will realise their need for God's mercy to save them from condemnation.

Ezekiel (34:11-17) shows a compassionate and merciful God wanting to heal the wounded, strengthen the weak and save people, especially the scattered. He will and is still a Good Shepherd and Saviour, even for those who do not recognise or have faith in him. By grace, which is his gift to us, we are able to turn to him, and ask him to save us from our sins and being lost. By his grace we are saved through faith, and delivered from condemnation to share in his glory.

When Christ comes to judge us, he will focus on how we expressed our love of God in terms of practical love and care for other people. Those who are the weakest and most vulnerable are the people who have the first and greatest claim on our love, and the way we treat them is the way we treat Christ himself. Do we love the hungry, homeless and impoverished; do we welcome refugees, asylum seekers and strangers; do we care for the sick, the vulnerable and those in prison? Christ will judge favourably and welcome into his kingdom those who show compassion, love and care for others and say to them, "as long as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me".

Today is Youth Sunday, and it is necessary for us to support young people in their faith journey through life, so that they will see Christ accompanying them, as a friend and brother. He will lead and guide them to be compassionate, caring and sharing, especially with and for those in need. We have many images of Christ, that help us understand his relationship with us, but one of the most helpful is the line of the hymn, "Hail Redeemer, King divine", which says "King most holy, King of truth, guide the lowly, guide the youth; Christ thou King of glory bright, be to us eternal light".

May Christ, our King, give us the grace to worship and serve him. 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/>

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Sadly, we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Market (Bazaar) this year. However, we are holding a Christmas raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets are now on sale. For details please see flyer below.

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: Following last Tuesday's meeting, copies of the Parish AGM reports are available from the porch by the sacristy and the Priest's House, or electronically by emailing the parish office.

CHURCH HEATING: A new heating system is to be installed in our church this week. The present system, installed 18 years ago, has problems, as the units are obsolete and not repairable, and necessary parts are no longer available. The new system will cost approximately £11,000 and should be completed in this lockdown week. Due to the work in the Church this week, Mass will be celebrated daily at the appointed times in the Priest's House. Regrettably, we cannot have people present due to Covid regulations.

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.

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!

THE BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021 is now on sale in the porch by the side of the Priest's House and the Sacristy at £2.80. It gives details of parishes and churches, times of Masses, schools and the Liturgical Calendar.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES, FRIENDS & PARISHIONERS: ANNIVERSARIES: Kirk McLaughlin (21/11), Trudy Dutton (22/11), John Elliott, Mgr Edward Watson, Canon Martin Hancock (23/11), Bobby Dew (25/11), John Dorkin, Deborah Byrne, Lorraine Giblin, Fr Anthony Robson (26/11) Joan Russell, Marie Gilford, Jennifer Lucas, Gladys Parello, Fr John Aydon (27/11), Georgie Sparks, Fr Patrick Bennett, Deacon Anthony Collings (28/11) Fredrick Murcott (29/11). **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 May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console all who mourn.**

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

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: Today, on the Feast of Christ the King, 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 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.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL Messages to Loved Ones in hospital. Family members & friends of inpatients can send or collate personal messages to paht.messagetoalovedone@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

COMPASS IN #ADVENT. Our lives are turned upside down at the moment due to #COVID19 - Join the FCJ (Faithful Companions of Jesus) Young Adult Network to reflect on some of the characters in the #Christmas story whose lives were radically changed. Email us: CompassInAdvent@gmail.com For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent> . How is God speaking to us through these stories today? Each Friday will focus on one set of characters. The meeting will include a sharing of a contemporary story of vocation/call. There will be time for sharing, questions and discussion. **Who? – Young adults 18-35**

When? Fridays - 27th Nov, 4th, 11th, 18th Dec; Time? 7pm for one hour.
Zoom link: email us on CompassInAdvent@gmail.com for the link and for any other information. Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS for 2021 Details will be published shortly.

LOCKDOWN & PARISHIONERS STREAMING THE MASS

Dear Friends,

Due to the latest Covid regulations and lockdown we are yet again not permitted to celebrate Mass with people present. As happened earlier this year I will celebrate Mass 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. He has spent many hours trying to sort out the external interference that has affected the sound. For the weekends of the 8th & 15th of November we have live streamed the 11am Mass and will **continue** to live stream the Sunday 11am Mass from our church during this lockdown. 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 once people are 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.

The new heating system is to be installed in our church this coming week, beginning the 23rd 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 obsolete and now beyond repair as the necessary parts are not available.

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy time.

With prayerful good wishes.

Fr John (McGrath)
Parish Priest Epping

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING 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](https://www.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



Dear Parishioner,
We hope this note finds you and your families well.

Sadly, we will not be able to come together for our usual Christmas market this year, but we would like to offer some community festive cheer in the

form of a Christmas raffle.

We have been lucky enough to have fabulous prizes donated by local businesses, even at this difficult time.

There are two ways you can enter the raffle:

- 1) Fill in your name and number on the ticket stubs, tear them off and drop them into the Parish office in an envelope marked 'Christmas Raffle'
- 2) Enter remotely – let us know how many tickets you would like and we will assign tickets to you

Payment can be made in cash, or by bank transfer
(Reference your Surname and 'Raffle' to allow us to identify payments)

Sort code: 40-13-22 Account number: 81019821
Account Name: Catholic Church The Immaculate Conception, Epping
Books of tickets will be available in the Church porch to collect

If you are unable to get to Epping, please let us know and we are happy to come by and drop off or collect tickets

Emma 07791 235929

Adriana 07828 118909

The raffle will be drawn at 2pm on Sunday 6th December

Tickets are £1 each

Prizes Include:

Harold's Park Farm (Pick Your Own Christmas Tree)

Merry Fiddlers (Sparkling Afternoon Tea for 2)

Luxury Christmas Hamper

Poppy's Café Vouchers

Smith's Fish and Chips for 2

Epping Sports Centre Personal Training Sessions

Epping Barber Shop, gent's haircut

Bottle of Wine

M&S Beauty Gift Set

Wine Set (Opener, Thermometer, etc)

Piccola Cuddly Toy

Card Zone Christmas Candle Set

Sweetie Jar Filled with Sweets