

**WELCOME TO MASS & CHURCH** on Sundays & weekdays. You must book for a weekend Mass in our Church. See below to comply with the current regulations.

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B) SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm The People of our Parish

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00am The Toohey Family

January 2021 11.00am The Crowley Family

**You can join in our 11am Sunday Masses which are streamed online – details inside.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Lectionary readings at Mass: Weekdays Year 1, Sundays Year B

Week 1 Year 1 9.15am Sophie Knight's birthday (Sr Susan)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot – “The English saint for friendship”

9.15am Holy Souls

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor

12 noon Toohey Family

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Private intention

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Irene Bassett RIP

REQUIEM MASS

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B PEACE SUNDAY 17 January 2021**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Michael Carrig RIP Recently (Doherty)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00am People of our Parish

January 2021 11.00am In Thanksgiving (MH)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on request to the Parish Priest**

**MASS READINGS: FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10 January 2020**

ISAIAH 55:1-11 Come to the water. Listen and your soul will live.

PSALM Isaiah 12:2-6 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation

1John 5:1-9 Jesus Christ came by water and blood, and with the Spirit as a witness

**MARK 1:7-11 You are my son, the Beloved; My favour rests on you.**

**DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: [www.churchservices.tv/timetable/](http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)**

**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/>**

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your Offerings of £800 last week in standing orders and £319 in Church and £20 for CAFOD. Offerings can be given to the Priest's House for our parish online at: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping//)

**STAY SAFE IN CHURCH:** We have heard churches are being checked to ensure correct procedures are followed to prevent the spread of Covid19. Cleaning and ventilation are essential. Three times in two weeks our Diocese has sent us instructions to protect people and limit the spread of this dangerous virus. In Epping Forest, we are in one of the most infected areas of England. Everyone must wear a mask or a face covering in church, except when reading. **We must sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church, **keep social distance of 2 meters** (6 feet), **not interact** with people inside or outside church who are not in our group - **scan the QR code or register our attending church** for track and trace as we enter or leave the church. If you display Covid like symptoms, have tested positive for Covid19, or been instructed to quarantine, you must not come to church but follow the directions given by the Government and the National Health Service.

## **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**



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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang

**Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B) SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

*Dear Friends,*

“When Jesus came up out of the waters, he saw the heavens torn open, and the Spirit descending on him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven said, ‘You are my beloved sons, my favour rests on you’ (Mark.1). Three of the four Gospels describe the Baptism of Jesus, which identifies him as Son of God, the Beloved One, Anointed with the Spirit. It marks the beginning of his public life and ministry, and prepares him for it in the desert.

We are chosen as the beloved son or daughter of God our Father and anointed with the Spirit in our Baptism. It begins our faith journey as we are taken as children, or choose to go as adults, from our home to the church where we are at home with God and become members of his family.

There can be a comparison made between baptism and marriage. Both express commitment to relationship. In baptism, promises are made by God to love the person being baptised unconditionally and totally. Promises are made by the parents and Godparents to bring up their child in the love and knowledge of God, or by adults who makes the promises themselves. God anoints the person being baptised with his Spirit and the pouring of water effects that anointing with the Spirit and being in communion with Christ.

In Christian marriage, promises are made by a man and woman, who commit themselves totally to each, “till death do us part” and there are no conditions or reservations. God blesses and anoints the couple in their receiving, giving and sharing of love. That love of a couple is creative, and shows a sharing in the creative love of God when a child is born from the couple's relationship.

Baptism is the foundation of the nature and mission of the Church. It is given by Christ, who said to his followers, “Go and make disciples of all nations, Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all that I command you” (Matthew 28:19). As we renew the promises of our Baptism may we become more aware of the fact we and our brothers and sister are beloved anointed children of God.

*May the God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless & protect you. Fr John*

**HELP US LIVESTREAM MASS:** We need more people to help live-stream parish Masses on a rota basis. The system has been set up but we need people to help with the process. You only need to help every few weeks. You don't need to be a technical wizard, just at ease with a laptop and able to follow a system. Training and step-by-step instructions will be given. Please contact Fr John if you can help!

**PLEASE HELP AS A STEWARD / USHER IN CHURCH:** Thanks to our ushers & stewards who ensure we comply with Covid19 regulations in church. We need more helpers for this role to **keep people safe in church. Please contact our Parish Office if you can help: email [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) or phone 572516.**

**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/>

**UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS:** Please complete a Parish Register Form if you are new to our parish, changed your address or did not receive a Parish Christmas card from us. Forms are available at the back of the Church and when completed should be returned to the Priest's House, so that we keep our Parish Register up-to-date.

**CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 11 am until 12.30pm Dom Henry Wansbrough be present a live stream talk on 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator'. Dom Henry is the editor of the *New Jerusalem Bible* and recently published *Revised New Jerusalem Bible*. The event will be presented by Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to [www.sspilford.org.uk](http://www.sspilford.org.uk) and will be available to download subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to [catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com)

**SHOPPING HELP ETC.** In this lockdown, parishioners and people who need a prescription collected, something from the shops, letters posted or someone to chat to by telephone, please call Fr John at the Priest's House on 01992 572516 and he will put you in touch with a willing helper who would like to assist you.

**VOLUNTARY ACTION EPPING FOREST** 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 poster in church or contact Nick on 07967726851. People can contact its befriending service on 07708171116 for assistance or go to: <https://vaef.org.uk/covidresponse@vaef.org.uk>

**AUSTEN IVEREIGH LIVESTREAM EVENT:** On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 11 am to 12.30pm Dr Austen Iverleigh will speak on the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. '*Let us Dream*' presents the Pope's vision for the post-pandemic future. How should we move forward from the multiple coronavirus crises? To access this livestream event please go to [www.sspilford.org.uk](http://www.sspilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services. The event, is sponsored by Gidea Park parish in conjunction with Brentwood Interfaith, will be available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Questions for Austen may be emailed to [adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**WE PRAY FOR DECEASED RELATIVES, FRIENDS & PARISHIONERS**  
**MRS IRENE BASSETT RIP** who died on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. She will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass at 10.15am on Friday, 15 January, to be followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. Funeral arrangements are subject to Covid regulations. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to her daughter, Valerie and family, that the Lord may send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them at this time. **May she rest in peace.**

**MICHAEL McCORMACK RIP** who died on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December. His Funeral Service will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Manor Park Crematorium. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to his wife, Doreen and family, that the Lord may send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them at this time. **May he rest in peace.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ernesto Bungay (9<sup>th</sup>), Anne Condon (10<sup>th</sup>), Clifford Boyd, Guisepe Rizi, Julie Eke (11<sup>th</sup>), Canon Francis Dobson (12<sup>th</sup>), Hilda Priestley (13<sup>th</sup>), Stefan Laszcak, Fr John King (14<sup>th</sup>), Lois Gosnell, Fr Neville Banks, Fr Gilbert Pearson (16<sup>th</sup>), Fr Kenneth Green (17<sup>th</sup>). **Eternal rest grant to to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. We our sympathy to and prayers for all who mourn and pray that the Lord sends his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them.**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:**  
**May the Lord heal them with the power of his Spirit.**

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS AT CHRISTMAS:** Please save postage stamps off Christmas Cards at Christmas (and throughout the year) and place them in the box at the **bottom of the bookcase in our Church Porch**. The stamps are delivered to St Clare Hospice at Hastingwood, where they sell them for Hospice Funds...a very worthwhile charitable donation. (Any queries to Deacon Duncan)

**USED & DISCARDED SPECTACLES:** Please let us send these spectacles for recovery and future use in developing countries. A retired Optician and member of Epping Rotary Club collects discarded spectacles to send them to organised workshops inside a secure prison, where people process them before sending them abroad to needy countries. As long as the lenses are in good condition, the recovered spectacles offer the opportunity of improved sight to someone with poor sight who may not be able to afford glasses. (Queries to Deacon Duncan).

**PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL** **Send Messages to Loved Ones in hospital.** Family members and friends of inpatients can send or collate personal messages to [paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net](mailto:paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net) A special 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**. Details from [paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net](mailto:paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net)

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE** is on sale in the porch! We can no longer supply it free but if you wish to order it please contact our Parish Office..

**BRENTWOOD DIRECTORY 2021** is on sale at the church for £2.80. It gives details of the parishes, churches and Mass times, prayer groups, schools & hospitals and chaplaincies and the Liturgical Calendar, etc.

**Children's Liturgy:** <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

**LOOK SHEETS** for young children are available in church for collection

**ICHTUS SHEETS** for older Primary School children explains the Mass

### **CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING The Immaculate Conception**

#### **HOW TO STREAM MASS at HOME**

**Sunday Masses at 11am in our Church are live streamed. The live stream from Epping Catholic Church will be on You Tube .**

You do not need a Youtube account to watch. Using a laptop, computer or mobile phone, you can simply follow the instructions below. You will need speakers or headphones if your device does not have a built in speaker. If you have a smart TV, you can pair a device (such as mobile phone or iPad or tablet) to watch the streaming on your television.

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

If you have difficulty, type the URL (web address) into the address bar:  
[youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw](https://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.**

**St AELRED – THOUGHTS ON FRIENDSHIP**

The reward of friendship is itself. The man who hopes for anything else does not understand what true friendship is.

No medicine is more valuable, none more efficacious, none better suited to the cure of our temporal ills than a friend to whom we may turn for consolation in time of trouble, and with whom we may share happiness in time of joy. (Feast of St Aelred - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January).

#### **IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS**

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic regulations the capacity of our church for people attending Mass is limited to 55, where people are from the same household, or 23 individuals. To avoid the possibility of people being told on coming to church that it is full and one cannot go in, it is most important to book a place at a particular Mass.

1. It is important to book a place(s) to attend Mass on a Saturday evening or Sunday. If you will attend that Mass every weekend, your name will be put on the list permanently for that Mass. If you cannot come to that Mass on a weekend(s) it is important that you notify us so that places that are free can be allocated to others.
2. Please notify Deacon Duncan by 5pm on the previous Friday for attendance at a weekend Mass on Saturday at 6pm or on Sunday at 9am or 11am. Bookings for multiple weekends can be made at the same time. If you are changing or cancelling a booking you have made for a particular Mass, please do so by Friday at 5pm.
3. To make bookings for weekend Masses, change or cancel a booking email **Deacon Duncan** at [duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com](mailto:duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com) or phone 01992 577173. If we are over-subscribed for a particular Mass, he will contact you. The 5pm deadline for bookings on Fridays allows time for you to make other arrangements and free up a place for others.

#### **PRAYER IN TIME OF CORONAVIRUS**

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us, You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and bodies. Look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief. Deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses, carers and volunteers, grant eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in time of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this of Thee, who with **your** Son and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Mary, Mother of health and hope of the sick, pray for us!**