

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B PEACE SUNDAY 17 January 2021

Saturday 16th 6.00pm Michael Carrig RIP Recently (Doherty)
Sunday 17th 9.00am Holy Souls RIP
January 2021 11.00am People of our Parish **This Mass is streamed weekly**

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY from 18th to 25th January

Monday 18th 9.15am Lois Gosnell RIP (FM)
Tuesday 19th St Wulstan, Bishop
9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 20th St Fabian, Priest & Martyr
12 noon Private intention

Thursday 21st St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

Friday 22nd St Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon & Martyr
9.15am The Holy Souls RIP

THIRD SUNDAY of Ordinary Time B Sunday of the Word of God 24 January 2021

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm The Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 24th 9.00am The People of our Parish
January 2021 11.00am Joan Scannell RIP Anniv (Vine) **This Mass is streamed**
3.00pm Tridentine Rite Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on request to the Parish Priest

MASS READINGS: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 17 January 2020

1SAMUEL 3:3-19 Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

PSALM 39 Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

1 Corinthians 6:13-20 Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in you.

JOHN 1:35-42 Jesus invited them to “Come and See”, and they stayed with him.

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

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your Offerings of £800 last week in standing orders and £ in Church and £ for CAFOD. Offerings can be given in to the Priest's House for our parish, or online at: 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 on entering and leaving church and 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 on 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 National Health Service and the Government.**

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

SECOND (PEACE) SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 17 January 2021

Dear Friends,

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”, Eli, the priest, told the boy Samuel to say to the Lord, when he heard him call (1Sam.3:3-19). In Baptism our ears and mouth are blessed by the priest, so that we may listen to God’s word with our ears, and offer prayer to him with our lips. It is easier for us to talk than to listen; but we need to listen to God’s word and hear him speak in our heart and through people, so that we may know his way and plan for us.

Eli, the priest was not a holy man, but he was chosen by God to lead a young boy on the way to holiness and to become God’s prophet for the people. The hymn “I the Lord of sea and sky” reflects the obedient words of this young boy who said; “Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart”.

John the Baptist points out Jesus as the “Lamb of God” who is to lead people to God. Some of John’s disciples left him immediately to follow Jesus. They recognized him as the Messiah and tell others they have found the Christ. Do I choose to follow Christ as his first disciples did? Do I desire to spend time with him in quiet and in prayer? Do I listen to his Word and accept the teaching and guidance he gives to me through the Church? Does his word and what he says inform my way of thinking and acting, or am I led by what everyone says and does or what I think myself? Do I cut out the busyness and noise of the world, even for a short time, to listen to the Lord in silence and prayer? Am I present to him in prayer during the day or at night?

If our being present to Christ has been limited to Sunday Mass, we are so to speak, running on the minimum. We need to let God communicate daily with us in private and public prayer, so that we grow in relationship with him. In our busy life, we need some quiet and silence, so that God’s “still small voice of calm”, may be heard in our heart, when speaking. We can pray and turn to him at home on our own or with family, at work, in the car or walking. Our prayer should be formed by the principles Jesus gave us in Lord’s Prayer: to praise God, ask him for our needs and pray that his will be done. ***May God bless you with a listening ear and heart. Fr John***

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021: We ask parents who wish to prepare their children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion in 2021, to please complete the Application Form attached to this Newsletter. Please post or email it to our Parish Office with the completed details for your child. Children should be in school Year 3 or older in 2020/21 and the family should have been regular Mass attenders, with the exception of the lockdowns. Details will follow once we know the numbers applying.

HELP US LIVESTREAM MASS: We need a helpers to assist live-stream Sunday Masses 11am. The system is set up but we need more helpers. You only need to help every few weeks on a rota basis. You can be youth to senior, and do not need to be a technical wizard - just at ease with a laptop and follow a system. Step-by-step instructions and training 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 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/>

HELP FOR SHOPPING etc. In this lockdown, parishioners and people who need prescriptions collected, something from the shops, letters posted or someone to chat to on the 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 households and individuals who struggle financially, partly due to Covid 19. They have a base in Thornwood. Contact Nick on 07967726851. People can contact its befriending service on 07708171116 or <https://vaef.org.uk/covidresponse@vaef.org.uk> for help

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: Dom Henry Wansbrough will give a live stream talk on 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator' from 11am to 12.30pm on **23 January**. Dom Henry is the editor of the *New Jerusalem Bible* and recently published *Revised New Jerusalem Bible*. Dr Sean Ryan of the Catholic Biblical Association will lead. It will be live at www.sppilford.org.uk & later www.whatgoodnews.org Questions and queries for Fr Henry can be directed to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

AUSTEN IVEREIGH LIVESTREAM: Dr Austen Ivereigh will speak on a book he has recently co-authored with Pope Francis, on Saturday **30 January** from 11 am to 12.30pm. 'Let us Dream' presents Pope Francis' vision for a post-pandemic future and how we go forward from multiple coronavirus crises?! For livestream go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on livestream remote services. Sponsored by Gidea Park Parish & Brentwood Interfaith, it will be available later at www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Austen to answer may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE & ALL WHO TEACH IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES: May the Lord protect them from all danger and enable them to grow in wisdom and love, and use their talents for their own benefit, the good of society and the glory of God.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Lois Gosnell, Fr Neville Banks, Fr Gilbert Pearson (16th), Fr Kenneth Green (17th), Les Black, Canon Charles Kuypers (18th), Carole Ring, Mgr David Donnelly (19th), Fr John Meehan (20th), Edward Tredgett, Fr Christopher Quirke, Bishop Bernard Ward (21st), Joyce Hannant, Eileen Tedder (22nd), John Ryan, Sheila O'Connor, Bishop Arthur Doubleday (23rd), Harry Ginn, Mary Meagher, Fr John O'Sullivan (24th). **Eternal rest grant unto 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.**

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please save used postage stamps 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 SPECTACLES APPEAL, Thanks to all those who responded to the appeal for Used & Discarded Spectacles. These have now been sent onwards. For the time being, the recovery workshop has a backlog of recovery work, so we are asked not to send any more at present.

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 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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: ONLINE: The Sunday of the Word of God falls on January 24th, and the Catholic Biblical Federation has organised a conference online with participation from around Europe for **Friday, January 22nd** from 5 pm to 6.30 pm GMT. Reflections will be shared on Jonah 3:1-5,10 and Mark 1:14-20. Online it can be followed via c-b-f.org/streaming or YouTube and Facebook at the Catholic Biblical Federation. Fr Adrian Graffy, the English representative at the Catholic Biblical Federation, explains: 'In the rich but fragmented European continent we come together around the Word of God. In a post-pandemic world we need to get from Scripture guidelines for our relationships with God and our brothers and sisters around the continent and beyond to protect our planet. Pope Francis' giving us the Sunday of the Word of God is welcome and timely and this is an excellent way to prepare for that day.'

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HOW TO STREAM MASS FROM EPPING 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

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.

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.

WORKSHEETS FOR CHILDREN BASED ON READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

LOOK SHEETS for young children are available in church for collection

ICHTUS SHEETS for older Primary School children explains the Mass

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

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK TO ATTEND A WEEKEND MASS IN EPPING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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!

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - OCTAVE 18-25 JANUARY

“Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, Peace I leave you, My peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.