

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **18th April 2021**

Saturday 17 th	6.00pm	The People of our Parish	
Sunday 18 th	9.00am	Irene Bassett RIP Recently (Tannahill)	Live streamed
April 2021	11.00am	Brendan Curtin RIP Anniv. (Crouch)	Live streamed
Monday 19 th	9.15am	Tess Doherty's intentions (Palmer)	
Tuesday 20 th	9.15am	Stella White RIP (Banting)	
Wednesday 21 st	12 noon	People of our Parish	
Thursday 22 nd	9.15am	Dennis Burcham RIP (Banting)	
Friday 23 rd	9.15am	St George, Martyr and Patron Saint of England - Solemnity Gunvor & Peter Edwards RIP Anniv	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations 25 April 21

Saturday 24 th	6.00pm	Hannah & Therese Robinson RIP Anniv. (McHardy)	
Sunday 25 th	9.00am	People of our Parish	Live Streamed
	11.00am	Patrick Lennon RIP Anniv (Lennon/Lechley)	
	3.00pm	LATIN MASS in the Tridentine Rite	

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: by arrangement or on request to the Parish Priest

MASS READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **18 April 2021**

ACTS 3:13-19 You killed the prince of life but God raised him up from the dead.

PSALM 4 Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord, and we shall be saved.

1JOHN 2:1-5 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins

LUKE 24:35-48 You see, it is written the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead

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

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

Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster

Daily Mass at Leigh-on-Sea: Our Lady of Lourdes Church at <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

St. Joseph English Martyrs Bishops Stortford www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings to our parish of £800 in standing orders, and £343.25 in church last week (£218 in envelopes and £125.25 loose), and £10 to CAFOD. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House. Recent online donations, you made to our Parish or parish charities, came to £320 to the parish and £10 to CAFOD: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping///

CHILDRENS LITURGY: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

LOOK & ICHTUS SHEETS for older Primary School children explains the Mass

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS for Infant & Junior children in church porch

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: Times of Masses were discussed at Parish Council last Wednesday. **It was decided we have the Masses on Fridays at 12 noon starting on 30th April, instead of the present 9.15am, as many more people attend 12noon Mass on Wednesdays, than at any weekday 9.15am Mass.**

Beginning Sunday, 2nd May, we will have Sunday Masses at 5pm as well as the 9am & 11am. This will be for a time to relieve the pressure we have for places at Sunday morning Masses, and its continuation will depend on the attendance.

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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER: **18th April 2021**

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Peter said to them, "Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out" (Acts 3:13-19). To repent or have a conversion or change of lifestyle is nearly always difficult and challenging. The Acts of the Apostles tells us of what happened in the life of the Apostles and beginnings of the Church. Following the ascension of our Lord into heaven the Apostles were fearful and locked themselves away, but when the Holy Spirit came down on them, they went out into the city and boldly proclaimed what Jesus said and did. Peter in his great sermon on Pentecost Sunday tells people; "neither you nor your leaders really knew what you were doing in killing the prince of life – but God raised him up from the dead". Jesus final prayer on the cross for those who were putting him through so much suffering and death was; "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". The lack of awareness of the implications of what we say or do applies to ourselves in relation to family and other people, so we have a constant need to review our life and see how we have affected others.

In the Gospels, Jesus, the risen Lord, tells his disciples that the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms foretold that the Christ would suffer and die and rise again on the third day. Jesus and his disciples were prepared for this on the mountain of Transfiguration when Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus, in prayer. As they came down from the mountain Jesus prepared Peter, James and John for these events, but they could not take them on board for Peter said to Jesus, "this must not happen to you Lord".

There is a problem of suffering as we struggle to understand it's purpose and to justify or rationalise it. Why do good people suffer, how come those who appear to be malicious seem to thrive and enjoy life while the good seem to go through hell. In looking at the person of Jesus we see one who "was filled with the power of Spirit and went about doing good", but was put through the worst forms of human suffering; betrayal and abandonment by friends, terrible tortures and crucifixion. Yet through all of this neither his life, humanity or divinity, was destroyed for he was raised up to glory at his resurrection from the dead. His triumph over suffering and death gives us Christians the hope of eternal life with God after our journey through this life is ended. It also gives us comfort when we think of our loved ones who have gone before us and are now at home with God.

May the Lord bless you with the joy of new life in this Easter season. Fr John

HELP AS A STEWARD/USHER IN OUR CHURCH: We thank our Stewards & Ushers who help us comply with the Covid regulations in our church. **We need more help for this role to keep people safe. Please contact our Parish Office if you can help: email admin@eppingparish.plus.com or phone 01992 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 phone, 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.

TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION Please lower your mask as you near the altar, so that as Holy Communion is placed in your hand, you immediately put it into your mouth, with the other hand, and avoid the danger of a particle being lost.

THE PARISH MASS BOOK: Due to Covid regulations, we may not use the Parish Mass Book at Mass. You can borrow a Parish Mass Book from the Sacristy to use at home to read the Scriptures and Prayers of Sunday Mass to pray at home.

CALAIS LIGHT: Hear first-hand the story of a refugee who is a Harvard graduate: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live her award-winning book: The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You. Dina escaped from Iran at 8yrs old to the USA with her Mother and won a Masters from Harvard. Register at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> for exclusive live reading on 22 April at 6.30pm with Q&A. Find more details at: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: One of the features of the Easter season is a daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book which can be accessed at any time free of charge by going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org This will be a very useful help to our daily reading from Acts.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK: Walsingham House at Abbotswick is seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at to start in late summer. Details can be found at: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager>. Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10th May 2021.

REGINA COELI Prayer in the Easter Season
Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia;
For he whom you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.
Has risen as he said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

NEW OFFERTORY & GIFT AID ENVELOPES for the financial year beginning 6th April can be collected from the church porch. If you do not have Offertory envelopes but wish to have them, please contact our Parish Gift Aid Organiser at our Parish Office. Parishioners who have Offertory envelopes, please contact us if your details or circumstances change for claiming Gift Aid. We encourage parishioners, especially taxpayers, to use Offertory envelopes and to Gift Aid your offerings to our parish. In this way you increase the value of your offerings to the church by **25%** at no cost to yourself, which is a tremendous benefit to our parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED: PATRICIA RIMMER RIP, who died on **Tuesday 13th April.** May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated in our church on **Wednesday 28 April at 10.30am** followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **We offer our sympathy to and prayers for her family, our parishioners, and for the repose of her soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console & strengthen them and all who mourn.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Brendan O'Neill, Agnes Ruocco (17th), Mr & Mrs Verani (18) Charles McGarry, Ellen Gladdon (19th), Dorothy Aylett, Tommy Power, Freda Vincent, Des Toohey (20th), Bob Nolan, Fr Arthur Ryan, Fr Michael Enright (21st), Ned Nihill, William Hunt, Hannah Robinson, Visitacion Matteos, Margaret Johnson, John Monroe, Canon Thomas Smith (22nd), Jim Parello (23rd), Tom Geoghan, Eileen Luker, Joan Jennings, Fr Simon Sullivan (24th), Fr Myles O'Reilly (25th). **Lord, grant that perpetual light may shine upon them and may they rest in peace.**

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

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

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK: We have a basket in our church porch by the Priest's House & Sacristy for Epping Forest Food Bank. It urgently needs: UHT Milk, Instant Mash, Small Couscous Packs, Tinned Spaghetti, Microwaveable Rice Pouches, Vegetable Noodle Packs, Sponge Puddings, Hot Chocolate, Small Jars Of Peanut Butter, Small Jars of Coffee, Chocolate Bars, Snack Bars/ Snacks, Halal Corned Beef, Reusable Face Masks, Hand Sanitiser(70% Alcohol), Female & Male Deodorant, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, Hair Shampoo and Conditioner, Laundry Tablets, etc. **Your donations in the basket will be greatly appreciated.**

VOLUNTARY ACTION EPPING FOREST, based in Thornwood, gives relief boxes to households & individuals struggling money-wise partly due to Covid 19. Contact Nick on **07967726851** or the befriending service on **07708171116** or go to the website at: <https://vaef.org.uk/covidresponse@vaef.org.uk>

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HOW TO STREAM MASS FROM EPPING at HOME

We live stream Sunday Masses at 9am & 11am from Epping Catholic Church on You Tube every Sunday.

You do not need a Youtube account to watch. Using a laptop, computer or mobile phone, you need speakers or headphones if your device does not built in speakers. If you have a smart TV, you can pair a device (such as mobile phone or iPad or tablet) to watch it 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

On a mobile phone simply scan the QR code to take you to the channel



Please let us know if you have a problem and we will try our best to help.

PRAYER FOR ALL AFFLICTED IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

Let us pray for all who suffer from the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to all who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

“Almighty and ever living God, support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of the pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to all who care for them, welcome into your peace all who have died, console all who mourn, and grant that we may all find comfort and consolation in your merciful love. We make this prayer, with faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who intercedes for us at your right hand and lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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

Most people will know of the intervention by police, at a Catholic Church in London, that brought the Good Friday afternoon service to an abrupt end and people being ordered to leave the church and go home. This leads us to look at our procedures and the necessity of booking places in our church for weekend and Feast day Masses to ensure we comply with Covid regulations.

Churches were permitted to reopen for people at services last July on completing a risk assessment and compliance with Covid19 regulations. **In our church we are allowed only 23 single individuals, or 55 people** of family groups from the same bubble or house. The gallery in our church is not available for general use due to the lack of screens, social distancing problems and the danger of spreading the virus over the balcony by aerosols.

- **You need to book a place in church for a particular weekend Mass.** In the plan of our church, seats will be filled as bookings are made to Deacon Duncan by email at: duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com or phone on 01992 577173 by 5pm on Friday evenings. Bookings sent to our Parish Office are forwarded to Deacon Duncan for completing.
- If you book places at a weekend Mass, have to change time or cannot attend, please notify Deacon Duncan as soon as possible so that places can then be allocated to other parishioners.
- If people have not booked in good time for a particular weekend Mass, there is no guarantee it will be possible for them to enter the church for Mass, if the places are already taken or it is full. Those who book will be allowed to take their places.
- You must not come to church if you are vulnerable or have Covid symptoms.

These procedures may cause problems for all of us and I regret having to go down this route for safety. However, we must not take the risk of spreading the virus by breaking regulations, having our services halted, people being sent home or our church being closed as has happened in other places. Fr John

STAY SAFE IN CHURCH: We must all wear masks or face coverings in church, except when reading. We must sanitise our hands as we enter and leave church and keep a social distance of 2 meters (6 feet), not interact with people inside or outside church who are not in our group and scan the QR code or register on attending church for track & trace as we enter or leave. If you show Covid symptoms, been tested positive for Covid19, or told to stay at home/quarantine, you must follow NHS directions and not come to church.