

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations 25 April 2021

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)	Streamed
<u>April 2021</u>	<u>3.00pm</u>	<u>LATIN MASS in the Tridentine Rite</u>	

Monday 26 th	9.15am	The People of our Parish	
Tuesday 27 th	9.15am	Nellie Green RIP (Scannell)	
Wednesday 28 th	10.30am	Patricia Rimmer RIP	Requiem Mass
Thursday 29 th		St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor	European Feast
	9.15am	Daphne McAdam RIP Anniv. (McAdam)	
Friday 30 April	12 noon	Franco Fernandes RIP Anniv. (Murray)	Note change of time
Saturday 1 May		Feast of St Joseph the Worker & Day of Prayer for Human Work	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B 2nd May 2021

Saturday 1 May	6.00pm	People of our Parish	
Sunday 2 nd May	9.00am	Pat Rimmer RIP Recently (Whitehouse)	Live Streamed
	11.00am	Joseph Stephenson RIP Recently (Vine-Morris)	
	5.00pm	Private intention	

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

MASS READINGS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25 April 2021

ACTS 4:8-12 The name of Jesus Christ, is the only one by which we can be saved.

PSALM 117 The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

1JOHN 3:1-2 Think of the love, God the Father, has lavished on us

JOHN 10:11-18 Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd who lays down his life....."

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 of £800 in standing orders and last weekend £74.70 (£209.50 in envelopes and £165.20 loose) and £10 CAFOD. You can hand in Offerings to the Priest's House or make your donations online to our Parish at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping///

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: Times of Masses were discussed at our recent Parish Council. It was decided to 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 any weekday Mass at 9.15am.

FROM SUNDAY 2nd May, we will have a Mass at 5pm on Sundays as well as at 9am & 11am. This should help relieve the pressure we have for places at Sunday morning Masses, and its continuation will depend on the attendance. It also gives an additional choice or option for people to attend Mass. **We urgently need volunteers to help steward/usher at this Mass. Please speak to Fr John if you can help.**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations 25.4.21

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday we are invited to join the rest of the world in the World Day of Prayer for Religious Vocations, otherwise called Good Shepherd Sunday.

Our clergy around the world do a wonderful job. Their devotion to their vocation is exemplary and we are dependent on their presence and leadership in their community to help us to maintain a proper loving relationship with God and our neighbours – often in very testing circumstances (of which the COVID pandemic has been and still is an unwelcome example).

Vocation to the priesthood is a 24/7 commitment. Some priests seem to be indefatigable, whilst others show more signs of 'wear and tear'!! Either way, they all need our loving support, by prayer and our regular involvement in whatever we can do to help in our parish and beyond. We thank them for their love and care.

This is also a time to pray for those being trained for the priesthood or for the religious life and for those still considering a vocation. This is a time for their strong dependence on their belief in the power of the Holy Spirit to help them in their discernment and we should be praying for their enlightenment – they are our future link with God's love.

Our prayer could be: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of all your faithful with the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit that all who are already ordained to the Priesthood and Religious Life may be encouraged and well supported and that all who are considering a vocation may be encouraged to respond to this call with love, reality and enthusiasm.

God bless us all as we pray for all Priests and Religious and for many more candidates to seek a vocation in the Priesthood or the Religious Life.

Deacon Duncan

HELP AS A STEWARD/USHER IN OUR CHURCH: We thank our Stewards & Ushers in church who help us comply with the Covid regulations. We need more help for this role to keep people safe and especially for the extra Mass on Sundays at 5pm. **If you can help, please contact our Parish Office: 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 the group, click on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

HELP FOR SHOPPING etc. In 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 will assist you.

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

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 at home.

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

LOOK & ICHTUS SHEETS for Primary School children explains the Mass

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY/ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.

We have nine seminarians in formation for our diocese at this time all to be ordained this year. At the Beda in Rome we have the Rev. Deacon Tony Grant. At Oscott College in Birmingham there are Rev. Deacon Michael Barwick Alexander Johnson, Jonathan Burden, Frank Westcott and Alex Wyndham. At Allen Hall in Westminster we have Damien Wade who is to be ordained deacon this year and also at Allen Hall are Matúš Meleg and Moses Itene, please pray for them all today and in the future.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: On **Saturday 15th May** from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?' Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has charity places for the **Virtual London Marathon** taking place over 24 hours on **3rd October 2021**. This can be run anywhere. On completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. If you would like one of our places and can raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for details.

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.** Requiem Mass will be celebrated for her 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: Hannah Robinson (22nd), Tom Geoghan, Eileen Luker, Joan Jennings, Fr Simon Sullivan (24th), Fr Myles O'Reilly (25th), Fred Taylor, Keith Hardy (26th), Rebecca Wlams, Peggy Murrhly, Mgr. George Stokes (27th), Jim Sullivan, Nancy Murrhly (28th), Fr Brian O'Higgins (29th), Christine Gallacher, Denis Tedder, James O'Sullivan (30th), Pamela Anderson, Cleonagh Jolly (1st May), Mary Ellen Carter, John Curran, Fr John Kennedy (2nd May). **Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, 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.** You can make Video calls to patients on John Snow & Locke Wards, Kingsmoor & 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>

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING The Immaculate Conception

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.