

WELCOME TO CHURCH. To attend a weekend Mass in our Church you need to book a seat (s). Please change or cancel your booking if you will not be attending the Mass you have booked, so as to free up a place for another person (s).

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B World Communications Day 16th May 2021

Saturday 15 th	6.00pm	Dan Lynch RIP (Dean)	
Sunday 16 th	9.00am	People of our Parish	Mass live streamed
May 2021	11.00am	Frank O'Rourke RIP Recently (Darcy)	Mass streamed
Evening Mass	5.00pm	Private Intention	
Monday 17 th	9.15am	Fr Paul Dynan RIP (Anniv)	
Tuesday 18 th	9.15am	Richard Simmon RIP Anniv (Wyness)	
Wednesday 19 th	12 noon	Cicilia Fernandes RIP Recently (Murray)	
Thursday 20 th	9.00am	Private intention (SP)	
Friday 21 st	12 noon	Jameelia Simmon RIP Anniv (Wyness)	

PENTECOST SUNDAY – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH - 23 May 2021

Saturday 22 nd	6.00pm	People of our Parish	
Sunday	9.00am	John Hassey RIP Recently	Mass Live streamed
23 rd May 2021	11.00am	Dominic McCrudden RIP Recently (Crehan)	streamed
Latin Mass	3.00pm	SUNG LATIN MASS in The Tridentine Rite	
Evening Mass	5.00pm	Private intention	End of the Easter Season

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

MASS READINGS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B 16th May 2021

ACTS 1:15-26 The apostles choose Matthias as a witness to Christ's resurrection

PSALM The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all

1JOHN 4:11-16 If anyone acknowledges Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him

JOHN 17:11-19 Jesus prayed, "Father, keep those you have given me true to you"

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 £358.89 (£165.39 in envelopes and £193.50 loose) and £10 to CAFOD. In the donations box in the Sacristy you recently donated £64.68 for the Poor & Needy. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House and make donations to our Parish online at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/////

SUNDAY MASSES: We now have Mass at 5pm on Sundays as well as the Masses at 9am & 11am. This may help relieve the pressure for places at Sunday morning Masses - its continuance will depend on attendance until the 21st June. It is an extra choice for people to attend Mass. We need people to help as Stewards/Ushers at this and other Masses. Please contact Fr John if you can help.

FRESH START: With much hope being placed on a relaxation of Covid regulations on 21st June, we must plan for the new normal in our parish and church. It would be great to have the church open and a restoration of music and singing, serving, parish meetings and social activities, and pastoral visits to people at home, in hospital and care homes.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B World Communications Day 16.5.2021

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Jesus prayed, in his Priestly Prayer, "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us" (Jn.17:11-19). At the Last Supper, Jesus offered up this great prayer for his disciples and for all, including ourselves, who would come to believe in him through the ages. His prayer in a time of danger was not focused on himself or his own deliverance from evil, but for others and fulfilling God's will. He prayed that God's plan to save people from evil, sin and death would be fulfilled through his sufferings and death.

Jesus prayed that no one be lost and that all be saved. Sometimes people think and speak as if an individual is not very important. Our faith tells us that every person is important, for God has created each one in love and has destined them to "know, love and serve him on earth and to share in his glory in heaven". Jesus shows how precious each person is in the eyes of God as he prays that all will be saved from sin, death and condemnations. He also prays that God, his and our Father, will protect people from the evil one, the Devil, who destroys lives by leading people into falsehood and sin. We need to join in Jesus' prayer, so that God may protect his people and that they may live in the way of truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father, except through me", Jesus said. He prayed in his Priestly Prayer: "Father, consecrate them in the truth, your word is truth". Today, some people are more ready and willing to believe what is not true than they are to believe the truth, which is in Sacred Scripture. That truth contained in the Bible is the Word of God for us and is articulated and amplified in the Church's teaching tradition. We need to consecrate ourselves in the truth and not treat it as something optional or no longer relevant. By living in the truth, we protect ourselves from falsehood and the deceits of the Devil and others, and we sustain right relationships with God and people. The truth sets us free and unites people to Christ and one another.

We are now in the novena or nine days of prayer leading up to Pentecost. If you have not yet started to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your own life and the lives of others, especially in family, please start that prayer today. All of us want the Spirit of Wisdom, Truth and Love in our life and the lives of others, and that is what the Holy Spirit offers to us at Pentecost.

May the Lord send his Holy Spirit into our lives in new ways. Fr John

PRAYER FOR THE COMING THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HELP AS A STEWARD/USHER IN OUR CHURCH: We are most grateful to our Stewards & Ushers in church who help us keep safe and complying with Covid regulations. We need some more helpers for this important 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 would like to join the group, please click on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

HELP FOR SHOPPING etc. Parishioners and local people who need prescriptions collected, something from the shops, letters posted or someone to chat to on the phone, please call the Priest's House on **01992 572516** and Fr John 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.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS: www.righttolife.org.uk/news was launched to reach a wider audience of people with the latest pro-life news to keep people informed and help change more hearts and minds on life issues. It is the most viewed pro-life website in Europe.

There is growing concern that some media outlets present themselves as journalists who are 'campaigning' for abortion access; the most recent example being changes to the Guardian's guidelines on how they report on abortion, a move that follows long-term bias from the BBC guidelines. If this trend continues, it will be increasingly difficult for the mainstream public to be honestly informed on the pro-life issues such as abortion, ethical principles to do with life issues and "treatments" at the end of life.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY is on this Sunday. We pray for all involved-in and the use of many different means of communications in our time, that they may use them wisely and well, to spread truth and not mislead with falsehoods or lies, and thus enable people to promote understanding, reconciliation, peace and justice.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **DOMINIC McCRUDDEN RIP**, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We offer our sympathy to and prayers for his sister, Marie Crehan and family, and for the repose of his soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernadine Potrykus (15/5), Fr James (Jim) McCormack, Eric Slade, Ronnie Barrett (16/5), Arthur Williams, Angela Riccoboni, Fr John William Hayes, Fr Paul Dynan (17/5), Bridie O'Loughlin, Leslie Wilson, Ann Allshire (18/5), Canon Thomas Clark (19/5), Robert Luker, John deVos, Tom Clark, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Shepherd (20/5), Mgr William O'Grady, Patricia Gandy (21/5). **Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: May the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit down upon them and free them from every ill of mind, body and spirit. Through the ministry of all who care for them may bring them comfort, healing and peace.

BIBLES FOR SALE: The Catholic edition of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is on sale in church at a reduced price of £10. It contains the references for all the Sunday Mass readings and an excellent selection of Catholic prayers.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL **Send Messages to your Loved Ones in hospital.** Family members, relatives and friends of inpatients can send or collate personal messages to paht.messagestoalovedone@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 thank our very generous parishioners who have donated much food and goods for Epping Forest Food Bank, in the basket in our church porch by the Priest's House & Sacristy. It urgently needs: UHT Milk, Instant Mash, Small Couscous Packs, Tinned Spaghetti, Microwaveable Rice Pouches, Vegetable Noodle Packs, Sponge Puddings, Small Jars of Peanut Butter, Small Jars of Coffee, Hot Chocolate, 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 church porch basket will be most welcome!**

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://vae.org.uk/covidresponse@vae.org.uk>

REDUNDANCY COACHING: <http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> gives free online advice and information on Job Hunting, Self-employment & Active Retirement for anyone adversely affected workwise by the pandemic. Please share link with anyone affected.

NEW ST BON'S ALUMNI NETWORK: Open to all former students & staff of St Bonaventure's School in Forest Gate. Please join and spread the word - news, events and opportunities to give back: <https://www.stbons.org/alumni/>

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING The Immaculate Conception

HOW TO STREAM MASS FROM EPPING at HOME

We live stream Sunday Masses at 9am and 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

Churches were permitted to reopen for people to attend services last July on completing risk assessments and compliance with Covid regulations. **In our church we are allowed only 23 single individuals, or 55 people** of family groups from the same bubble or house, at any one time. The gallery in our church is not 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.
- After booking for a Mass, if you cannot attend or must change time, please notify Deacon Duncan immediately so that others can have those places.
- If people have not booked in good time for a particular weekend Mass, it may not be possible for them to enter for Mass, if places are already taken or the church is full. Those who book will be allowed to take their places first.
- You must not come to church if you are vulnerable or have Covid symptoms.

These procedures cause problems for all of us and we 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.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY – The Blessed Virgin Mary: Pope Francis has asked us to pray The Rosary daily in May, even if only one decade, asking the intercession of our Lady, that the present pandemic may be ended and that people may have healing, freedom and peace.

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

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

LOOK and ICHTUS SHEETS on the Mass for Primary School children.