

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 attend the Mass you have booked, so that a place is freed up for another person(s) to attend Mass.

SOLEMNITY of CORPUS CHRISTI: The Holy Body & Blood of Christ - 6 June 21

Saturday 5th 6.00pm Leslie & Kathleen Black RIP (Black)

Sunday 6th 9.00am People of our Parish **Live streamed**

June 2021 11.00am Matthias McGrath RIP **Live streamed**

Evening Mass . 5.00pm Private intention .

Monday 7th 10.00am Private intention Week 10 of Ordinary Time

Tuesday 8th 9.15am Private intention

Wednesday 9th **St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor**

12 noon Private intention

Thursday 10th 9.15am Private intention

Friday 11th **Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

12 noon Nicholas Coomers RIP Recently (Ching)

Saturday 12th **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 13 June 2021

Saturday 12th 6.00pm Thanksgiving on Golden Jubilee of Fr John's Ordination

Sunday 13th 9.00am In thanksgiving

June 2021 11.00am The People of our Parish

Evening Mass 5.00pm Matthias, Bridget & Matthias McGrath RIP

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays from 11am to 11.30am & on request.

MASS READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI 6 June 2021

EXODUS 24:3-8 This is the Blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you

PSALM 115 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name

HEBREWS 9:11-15 The Blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions

ALLELUIA, Jesus said "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven"

MARK 14:12-26 At the supper, Jesus said: "This is my Body. This is my Blood".

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 Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea: <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 £370.25 and £10 to CAFOD. You can hand in Offerings to the Priest's House and make donations to our Parish and charities we support online at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/////

SUNDAY MASSES: Presently, we have Mass at 5pm on Sundays as well as at 9am & 11am to relieve pressure on places at morning Masses. Sunday, 20th June, will be our last Sunday evening Mass. **We need more people to help Steward/Ushers at Sunday Masses. Please speak to Fr John or by email if you can help.**

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021: There are copies of our Diocesan Directory in the Sacristy, that we are giving away free. It contains lots of information on our Diocese and Catholic procedures and organisations. Please take one for free.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6th June 2021

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, anyone who eats this bread will live forever" (John Ch.6). On this feast of Corpus Christi we celebrate the immense gift Jesus gave us at his Last Supper – His Body and Blood, His whole life and his Real Presence. In Holy Communion Jesus gives us the privilege of entering into Holy Communion with himself and shares his life and love with us at the deepest level. In receiving Holy Communion we share in his sacrifice when he laid down his life not just for his friends, but for us, while we were still his enemies, in a self-centred and hostile relationship with God. He says "This is my Body which is broken for you .. this is my Blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins".

Most moving descriptions of Christ's presence in Holy Communion are given in the reflections of the French Jesuit priest, Fr Pierre Teilhard de Chardin in his book, *Le Milieu Divin*. As a chaplain to French troops in the trenches in the First World war he reflected that he was carrying the Host, Holy Communion, in a pyx next to his heart. There he and the soldiers, were blessed to have the God of love in the person of Jesus, sharing his life and love with them in midst of terrible sufferings and the evils of war. He also reflected on the Host in the Monstance radiating out God's love for people and the world. For us too, it is our privilege and blessing to receive Christ in Holy Communion, to share in his life and love and to be brought into a holy communion with him and one another, in the Christian community, the Body of Christ, the Church.

Next Saturday, the 12th June, will be the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, with twenty-three other young men, at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Thurles, Co Tipperary. I consider this an occasion of "humble thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest", for having called me to share in his life and ministry and the privilege of being able to minister his grace to his people in different places and circumstances. I am most grateful to Bishop Alan for his kindness in coming to our Mass next Saturday evening to join in the thanksgiving. It has been a privilege for me to serve God and his people in this Diocese of Brentwood, which I consider to be my spiritual home. ***May God bless you and keep you in a holy communion of love. Fr John***

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations and best wishes to James Ryan & Maria Byrne who married, at St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church, Richmond, Surrey on Saturday, 29th May. We wish them every blessing and happiness for the future.

HELP AS A STEWARD/USHER IN OUR CHURCH: We are most grateful to our Stewards & Ushers in church who help us keep safe and comply with the Covid regulations. We need more helpers for this role to keep people safe and for the Mass at 5pm on Sundays. **If you can help, please see Fr John after Mass or 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/>

FRESH START: With hope of relaxation of Covid regulations on 21 June, we need to plan for a new normal in our parish and church. Open the church more, have music and singing, altar serving, parish meetings & social activities, and visits to people at home.

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.

LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL From Monday 26th to Friday 30th July, Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will host "**Lourdes at your Local**" for Summer 2021. There will be a Mass celebrated each morning at 11am, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by a cup of coffee and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. These will then be streamed online each evening. There will be Daily Rosary and a Torchlight Procession. A Talent Show will be available to take part in virtually during the week. The Masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Canning Town, Wanstead and Brentwood to which you are warmly invited to join us. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events

ONGAR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Required for our Parish Office. Ideally, the successful applicant will be an administrator with substantial experience in office organisation and a good team player with excellent communication & Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. Applicants must be self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their initiative in the role. 20 hours per week at £9.50-£10.50 per hour. Closing date: **Friday 18th June 21.** Contact Parish Office at: ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org for application & details.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: On Saturday 12th June at 11 am Fr Jeremy Corley, lecturer in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will speak on 'Afterlife Hope before the New Testament'. This event is free of charge and can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org and following the instructions. No prior booking necessary. The event will be available subsequently on the same website. Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the day and take questions.

G7 INTERFAITH EVENT FROM LIVE STREAMED TRURO CATHEDRAL

The G7 summit will have the heads of government of seven of the world's richest countries, including President Joe Biden travel to Cornwall and discuss how the world can rebuild after the pandemic. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has a crucial role to play, as the UK holds the G7 presidency. We want him and G7 leaders to get a message that people of faith in the UK and around the world want them to plan for a global green recovery from the crisis, leaving no one behind. The pandemic means we can't travel to Cornwall to send a message to the leaders at the summit, but that doesn't stop us coming together online in an act of witness. So, instead of going to Cornwall, we can join in on our laptops, tablets or phones on **Thursday 10 June at 7:00pm** at an event that will be livestreamed from Truro Cathedral. We'll reflect on the impact of the pandemic, how we rebuild and send a digital message to the Presidents and Prime Ministers ahead of the start of their meeting the next day. So sign up on the Cafod website to join us at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/G7-interfaith-event-Truro>

ANNIVERSARIES: John Harris (5/6), Elaine Mannion (7/6), Hilda Silver, Ted Abbott, Fr Edmund Tyler (8/6), Fr Gerard Butcher (10/6), Ann Cleverly, Fr Thomas Crowe (11/6), Fr John Gallagher, Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson (12/6), Fr Thomas Carlin (13/6).. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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 to heal and free them from every ill of mind, body and spirit.**

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. We also have a wide selection of quality cards for every occasion.

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: long life milk, tinned tomatoes, instant mash, tinned fish, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, small/medium bags of rice, sponge puddings, small jars of coffee, snack bars, chocolate bars, savoury crackers, chocolate spread, face masks (resusable), hand sanitiser (70% alcohol content), laundry tablets, shampoo, deodorant, soap. **Your donations in the church porch basket will be most welcome!**

RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES: Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriage by attending and using the means provided. It helps through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for a programme starting with a Virtual weekend on **1st-4th July** call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 now allowed 75 people.** 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. Changes are coming in church regarding some Covid regulations. Most are minor at this time, but we still need to be careful, not only for our-self but for the sake of others. When we think of others rather than our-self, we have compelling reasons to act with charity and social responsibility for the good of all. In that way, we are witnesses to our faith and show Christ active in our life.

- **You STILL 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 1 meter, 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.

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

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