

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B **13 June 2021**

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

Sunday 13th 9.00am The People of our Parish
Live-streamed

June 2021 11.00am Matthias, Bridget & Matthias McGrath RIP **Livestreamed**

Evening Mass 5.00pm **In thanksgiving**

Monday 14th 9.15am David Keevil RIP (Anniv) Week 11 of Ordinary Time

Tuesday 15th 9.15am Private intention

Wednesday 16th **St Richard of Chichester, Bishop**

12 noon Penny North RIP Recently (Whitehouse)

Thursday 17th 9.15am Bill Dowd RIP Anniv

Friday 18th 12 noon Intentions of Breda Parish (Protheroe)

Saturday 19th 12 noon **Baptism of Niamh Mary Etherington**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B **20th June 2021**

Saturday 19th 6.00pm **Our Benefactors – those who do good to us.**

Sunday 20th 9.00am **The People of our Parish**

June 2021 11.00am **Fiona Garnier RIP Anniv (Crouch)**

Evening Mass 5.00pm **Private intention** **Our last Sunday evening Mass**

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

READINGS FOR ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B 13 June 2021

EZEKIEL 17:22-24 "I the Lord have spoken and I will do it", says the Lord.

PSALM 91:2-16 It is good to give you thanks, O Lord, to proclaim your love.

2Corinthians 5:6-10 "We are intent on pleasing the Lord".

ALLELUIA, Jesus said "I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia"

MARK 4:26-34 "The smallest of all seeds grows into the biggest shrub".

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 £254.50 in envelopes, £115.75 loose plate 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 EVENING MASS: We have Sunday Mass at 5pm as well as 9am & 11am. NEXT Sunday, 20th June, will be our last Sunday evening Mass. We need more help to Steward/ Ushers at Sunday Masses. Please contact Fr John

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021: We are giving away free copies of our Diocesan Directory that are in the Sacristy. 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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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang

Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B **13 June 2021**

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

"It is good to give you thanks, O Lord", we say in our response to Psalm 91. A key part of the life of a Jesuit in following the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola is to give thanks to God each day for at least one thing, no matter how difficult or bad the day might have been. This psalm reflects on the Lord being like a rock on which our life is founded. Being rooted in him, we can still bear fruit, even when old. We can all find things to moan or complain about, but there are always aspects of life that we can bring to God, and with faith and trust express our dependence on him and our gratitude to him.

This weekend we offer humble thanksgiving to God for the vocation to be a priest to which he called me, and to which I was ordained in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, Co Tipperary, fifty years ago this Saturday. I have much to be humble about and much to be grateful for, especially in the triumph of grace over nature. Many years ago on a priests' retreat, I was given a message from Psalm 29 that I have never forgotten, "I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me, you have not let the enemy rejoice over me". It has been a grace to minister God's Word and the Sacraments to people over the years, for we priests are ordained not for ourselves but for the Service of people. That is expressed in our Ordination Mass when our hands are anointed with the Holy Oil of Chrism so that they will serve and bless others. The kindness and support of people in the parishes I have worked in, in the London and county areas of our Diocese, has always amazed me and I am truly grateful to them.

I think of and thank my family at this time, those living and those who have gone before us to the Lord, for their love and friendship, hospitality and support over the years. I am grateful to Bishop Patrick Casey, Bishop Thomas and Bishop Alan for the lovely appointments they have given me to varied parishes and other aspects of service and ministry in our Diocese, which I think of as my spiritual home. There are times when I have caused hurt or let people down, for which I am sorry and ask the Lord to heal any hurt with his peace. I especially thank you, my friends and parishioners here in Epping, for your kindness and care during my time here, and especially during this past year.

May God give us the grace to offer praise and thanksgiving to him. Fr John

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.

CARITAS ANCHOR HOUSE, the diocesan social action charity at Canning Town, provides a home and support to up to 300 people experiencing homelessness each year. Their mission is to ensure that all who come through their doors grow in confidence and move towards independent, self-fulfilling lives. The Charity is looking for people willing to volunteer their time. If you are interested in supporting them, by organising a food drive, taking part in a bucket collection or giving a talk about their work, please sign up to their "Community Ambassador Programme". For information email volunteering@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk or phone Lauren on 07949312178. Details can be found at www.caritasanchorhouse.org.uk

LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL: "Lourdes at your Local" Talent Show! Do you think you could be worthy of Simon Cowell's golden buzzer?! We are looking for acts to share as part of our "Lourdes at your Local" Talent Show this Summer, which will be streamed online on **Friday 30th July**. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic, comedy or anything in-between, if you have a talent to share with the diocese please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org and be prepared to send a video recording no later than Friday 2nd July. For more information on "Lourdes at Your Local" this Summer, please visit www.bcys.net/events

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE WEBSITE has now been launched. This new online resource is the work of the Brentwood Diocese Vicariate for Adult Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Please have a look at the website and watch it develop over time. Do let us know what you think of it. The website address is www.thresholdofhope.co.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY NEWSLETTER:
https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/5916/2315/2865/bccs_Newsletter_Summer_2021.pdf

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Gabriela Momchilov Metodiev who was baptised at our Church on Saturday 6th June. May the Lord bless them and help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Rev Callum Young from St Michael's, East Ham will be ordained priest for the Neo-Catechumenate at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on 29 June. Callum went with the BCYS to Lourdes and World Youth Day.

Rev Joseph (Shaun) Bailham, OP will be ordained a priest for the Dominicans at St Dominic's Church (Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary), London, on **4th July 2021**. Joseph (Shaun) was part of the Team at Walsingham House in 2007/8 and served as a BCYS leader in Lourdes for several years, as well as travelling to World Youth Day in Sydney and Madrid. He was part of the parish of St Joseph the Worker in Hutton, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph's in Stock.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**
MRS THERESA MARY KNOTT RIP, who died on Friday, 4th June. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in our church on Friday, 25th June, at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Lambourne End Churchyard. **May she rest in Peace.**

MRS PENNY NORTH RIP, who died on Wednesday, 9th June. Penny was involved in many areas of parish life. Funeral arrangements pending. **May she rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy to and prayers for their families and for the repose of their souls. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen all who mourn and grant eternal rest and lasting peace to the dead.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Gallagher, Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson (12/6), Fr Thomas Carlin (13/6), Fr Gerard Hughes (14/6), Fr Ambrose O'Gorman (15/6), Bishop Bernard Wall, Violet Ben Gesser, May & Willie Morgan (18/6), Fr Vincent Dutton (20/6). **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's healing power come to them.

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 (reusable), hand sanitiser (70% alcohol content), laundry tablets, shampoo, deodorant, soap. **Your donations in the church porch basket will be most welcome!**

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.