

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 the place is freed up for another person(s) to attend Mass.

Saturday 3rd 12 noon Baptism of Alby Tom Hosford

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 4th July 2021

Sat 3rd July 6.00pm People of our Parish
Sun 4th July 9.00am Sergio Maraldo's intentions - ill (Maraldo)
June 2021 11.00am Joseph Guglielmi RIP Anniv (Sheldrick)
Monday 5th St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest
9.15am Desmond Anthony (Joseph)
Tuesday 6th St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
9.15am Teresa Ryan RIP (FM)
Wednesday 7th 12 noon Penny North RIP Recently (Sr Susan)
Thursday 8th 9.15am Jeremiah Kingston RIP Anniv. (FM)
Friday 9th St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
12 noon Pam Kershaw's intentions (Goode)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B SEA SUNDAY 11 July 2021

Saturday 10th 6.00pm The People of our Parish
Sunday 11th 9.00am Yvonne Durkan's intentions (Goode)
July 2021 11.00am Peter Protheroe RIP Anniv. (Protheroe)

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

READINGS FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 4th July 2021

EZEKIEL 2:2-5 Whether they listen or not they will know there is a prophet

PSALM 122 Our eyes are on the Lord, till he show us his mercy

2Corinthians 12:7-10 I am happy with my weaknesses, for the power of Christ

MARK 6:1-6 And he could work no miracle there due to their lack of faith

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 £144.54 in envelopes, £105.50 loose plate, CAFOD £10 and £1260.48 online donations for the month of May.

You can hand in Offerings to the Priest's House and make online donations to charities our Parish supports www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/////

SUNDAY EVENING MASS at 5pm has been discontinued since Sunday 20th June.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 4 July 2021

Dear friends and parishioners,

“The Spirit of the Lord came into me and made me stand up and speak and I heard the Lord speaking to me” (Ezekiel 2:2-25). The readings at Sunday Mass show that what Jesus teaches and does in the Gospel is a fulfilment of a prophecy in the Old Testament. Jesus work and mission began with his Baptism “when God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and healing all who had fallen into the power of the devil” (Acts 10:38). Ezekiel testified that he was empowered by the Spirit to speak the Word of God to people, whether they are prepared to listen to it or not – for the people of Israel were rebelling against God at that time. We all rebel against God and choose our way rather than his, and we do not always welcome the messengers of God who challenge and call us to conversion and to change our way of life in our thinking, judging or acting. Yet these people are our real friends when they speak the truth to us in love, rather than telling us what we might like to hear.

Jesus returned to Nazareth, his home town, where people think he is just one of us. They do not see that he has the power of the Spirit in him and is doing the work of God. They question “where did he get this knowledge, what is this wisdom that has been granted to him and these miracles that are worked through him. Because of their lack of faith, he could work no miracles there” (Mark 6:1-6).

Faith is a gift of God to us which enables us to see things in the light of God, his presence and work in people, the world and ourselves. Through faith we enter into a relationship with God in Holy Baptism and are strengthened in that relationship in Confirmation. By faith we listen to the Word of God and understand he is speaking to us in the Sacred Scriptures. By faith we recognise the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion, the Eucharist. With the gift and grace of faith we go to God in prayer, believing he will transform our situation or problems, so that we do not struggle on alone in difficult circumstances but that he is with us to help and save us. Our prayer could be that of the father of the sick child who came to Jesus with little faith, and said, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24).

People look for certainty on preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for next year. Unfortunately, we are not able to give clear answers yet as we struggle with the present Covid regulations and hope for an improvement in the future. *May God bless & protect you all. Fr John*

MASS BOOKINGS: For the next two weeks only bookings for places at the weekend Masses should be made via the Parish Office by 1pm on Friday. Please either email eppling@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01992 572516.

PRAYER CARD: Please take a prayer card with the Prayer of St John Henry (Cardinal) Newman on our mission in life, with a print of the back remembering Fr John's Ordination to the Priesthood fifty years ago, and this Golden Jubilee year in humble thanksgiving for the graces received and ministered.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Application forms are in church for parents wishing to prepare their child for first Reconciliation & Holy Communion in 2022. **THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS IS FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER.** Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2021/22 and it is essential that families be attending Mass consistently. Parents who completed forms earlier this year for 2021 first Holy Communion programme do not need to complete another form as these will be carried forward, unless we hear otherwise. There will be a meeting for the parents in **September** in the Hall. However, our arrangements are conditioned by the Covid regulations regarding the use of our church hall. Further details will follow,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS NEEDED: We are most grateful to our Catechists who prepare children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. However, we need some more parishioners to assist with this important work in September. If you can help please contact Fr John or our Parish Office.

HELP AS A STEWARD/USHER IN OUR CHURCH: We are grateful to our Stewards & Ushers in church who help us keep safe and comply with the Covid regulations. We desperately need more helpers at our Saturday evening Vigil Mass. If you can help, please see Fr John after Mass or contact our Parish Office: email admin@epplingparish.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/>

HALL HIRE: We regret that due to Covid guidelines and Diocesan guidance, our Hall is only for use by the Montessori Nursery. We hope for an easing of restrictions, that will enable us to take bookings again and facilitate other activities in our Hall.

FRESH START: With hope of a relaxation of Covid regulations on 19 July, we need to plan for a new normal in our parish and church. Open the church more, have music & singing, altar serving, parish meetings & social activities, and visit people at home.

BAPTISMS: *Congratulations to the family of William Alexander & George Oliver Conway who were baptised in our Church on Saturday 24 June. Also to the family of Sophia Helena Laskowska who was baptised in our Church on Wednesday 30th June. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

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

SEA SUNDAY – 11 JULY 2021 On Sea Sunday we are asked to pray and make financial contributions to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea at Stella Maris, the official charity of the Catholic Church to support those working at sea. This collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishermen in the UK and around the world.

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Carter, Gordon Easton, Peter Prothero (3/7), Fr Patrick Curran (4/7), Fr Patrick Carty (5/7), Michel DeClaiterosse, Canon Thomas Barrett (6/7), Veronica Boynton, Fr Peter Brady (8/7), Tony Flower, John Welch, Canon Francis Gilbert (9/7), Samuel Whitehouse, Fr Walter Walsh (10/7), Dennis Verrall, Malcolm Silver (11/7), **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: **May the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit upon them at this time.**

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.

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.

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!**

CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING The Immaculate Conception

HOW TO STREAM MASS FROM EPPING at HOME

We live stream Sunday Masses at 11am from Epping Catholic Church on YouTube 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](https://www.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.

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

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.

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

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

Churches were permitted to reopen for people last July on completion of risk assessments. **In our church we are now allowed 75 people** in compliance with Covid regulations. The gallery is not for general use due to the lack of screens, social distancing problems and the danger of spreading the virus by aerosols. Changes are coming in church regarding some Covid regulations.

- **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 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.

PRAYER FOR ALL AFFLICTED IN THE 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.

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

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

BISHOP ALAN has made the following appointments in our Diocese:

PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Sean Connolly from Manor Park to Chadwell Heath

Fr Joseph Whisstock from Halstead to Frinton & Harwich

Fr Jijo George from Canning Town to Springfield

Fr John Victor Drabeesan from Walthamstow, St George's to Manor Park

Fr Sabu Pariyadan RCJ from Springfield to Basildon, Holy Trinity [with
Fr Saji Thomas Puthuparambil RCJ (Kerela)]

Fr Daniel Kelly from Basildon, Holy Trinity to Royal Docks

Fr Michael Halsall (Ord) to Upminster

Fr Rick Fernandez from Basildon, Holy Trinity to Lexden

Fr Rob Page (Ord) is appointed Parish Priest of Hainault & Clayhall.

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Michael Barwick St George's Walthamstow,

Fr Tony Grant, St Margaret's Canning Town

Fr David Pearce from HF Dagenham to St Basil's, Basildon,

Fr Tarcziu Erdeş from Romania to Hainault Parochial Administrator

Fr Felix Adiele Broomfield Hospital Chaplain, to Halstead

PRIESTS RETIRING IN SEPTEMBER

Canon Martin O'Connor, from St Bede's, Chadwell Heath

Fr John Touhy, from St Joseph's, Upminster

Fr Frank Jackson, from Frinton & Harwich

Fr Jean-Claude Selvini, from The Assumption, Hainault

NEW CANON: Fr Maurice Gordon, Parish Priest, Elm Park