

WELCOME TO CHURCH. To attend a weekend Mass in our Church you need to book a seat (s). Please change or cancel your booking(s) if you will not attend a Mass you have booked, so that the places are freed up for other people to attend Mass. **For the next two weeks only** bookings should be made to the Parish Office by 1pm on Friday, by email to epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01992 572516.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B SEA SUNDAY 11th 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) **Live streamed**
Monday 12th 9.15am David Keevil RIP & Family
Tuesday 13th **St Henry II, Holy Roman Emperor**
9.15am Kathleen Devaney RIP Recently (Darcy)
Wednesday 14th **St Camillus de Lellis, Priest**
12 noon Matt Conrad RIP Recently (Palmer)
Thursday 15th **St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor**
9.15am Desmond Anthony's intentions (Joseph)
Friday 16th **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
12 noon In Thanksgiving (T.C)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B 18th July 2021

Saturday 17th 6.00pm Alfie & Jack Burns RIP (Anniv.)
Sunday 18th 9.00am The People of our Parish
July 2021 11.00am Private intention (B.C.) **Live streamed**

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

READINGS FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 11th July 2021

AMOS 7:12-15 Amos said, the Lord said to me "Go, prophesy to my people"
PSALM 84 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help
EPHESIANS 3:1-14 Before the world was made God chose us in Christ
MARK 6:7-13 He sent them out in pairs giving them authority over unclean spirits.

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/

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

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous Offerings of £800 weekly in standing orders and last weekend £249 in envelopes, £165 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/////

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Year B 11th July 2021

Dear friends and parishioners,

"They set out to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them (Mark 6:7-13). In the Gospel Jesus summons the twelve apostles and gives them authority over unclean spirits and the power to exorcise and to heal. Their mission is to be carried out with total trust and faith in Jesus and his word. They are to take nothing for their journey except a staff; they are not to carry food, no baggage, no spare tunic and no money. They are to leave everything behind and trust that "the Lord will provide" for them.

Going on a long journey or mission, we usually make sure that we have everything we could possibly need. The first time I went to Burkina Faso, in Africa, I carried everything I could possibly need for the two weeks. On the plane from Paris, I felt my luggage had not been transferred to the flight, which was confirmed on arrival at Ouagadougou. For the next five days, I learned that I could live with just the clothes I stood up in and the food provided by others. Sadly, what was at then a peaceful country has now become very dangerous place, with attacks by terrorists from outside coming across the Sahara, perpetrating havoc, arson and murder. We pray for the people there, that they may be delivered from evil and again have peace.

Jesus tells the apostles not to waste their time on those who do not welcome them or refuse to listen to the Word of God. So often the Word of God, though spoken in English, is like a foreign language to people who do not have the understanding or ears of faith. When the twelve reported back to Jesus on what had happened on their mission, they can hardly believe it. It is a gift to be given the grace of faith, which many desire, but do not have. Faith enables us to see things in the light of God's action in the world, in the lives of others and in our own life. For growth in faith, we need to hear anew each day the message preached by the apostles calling us to repentance and conversion, so that we reject temptations and sinful ways, and pray asking the Lord to "Let us see your mercy and give us your saving help" (Ps.84).

This weekend we have Sea Sunday and pray for seafarers and all who work at sea. For many of them conditions have worsened in recent times. Some have not been allowed on shore, ships turn around are quicker and relationships and family life are put under greater strain. Yet, all of us owe a huge debt of gratitude to seafarers and fishermen who provide so much of what need. *May God bless you. Fr John*

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 20th AUGUST.

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: We are most grateful to our Catechists who prepare children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We are now planning the programme for 2021/22 that will commence in September. There will inevitably be a higher than normal number of parents wishing to prepare their children for these sacraments as we were unable to run the programme last year for obvious reasons. Whilst we have a dedicated and loyal team of Catechists there are simply not going to be enough of them to support the number of children we anticipate enrolling on the programme. We are therefore in **desperate** need of some more parishioners who would be willing to assist with this important work for a couple of hours per week. You do not have to be a teacher or have any special skills we just need you. Please, please don't just think someone else will do it – if not you then who? If you can help then please contact Fr John or our Parish Office.

HELP AS A STEWARD/USHER IN CHURCH: We are grateful to our Ushers/Stewards in church who help us comply with Covid regulations and keep safe. We need more helpers for Saturday evening Vigil Mass. If you can help, please contact Fr John: 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/>

BAPTISMS: *Congratulations to the family of Alby Tom Hosford who was baptised in our Church on Saturday 3rd July. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

STAY SAFE IN CHURCH: We must still wear a mask or face covering in the church, except when reading. We must sanitise our hands on entering or leaving church, keep social distance of 1 meter, not interact with people not in your group, inside or outside church, and scan the QR code or register on entering or leaving for track & trace. If you have Covid symptoms, tested positive for Covid19 or been told to stay at home/quarantine, you must follow NHS directions and not come to church.

SEA SUNDAY – 11 JULY 2021 On Sea Sunday we pray for and make offerings to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea at Stella Maris, Tilbury, the official Catholic charity to support all working at sea. This collection is vital for Stella Maris to support seafarers and fishermen in the UK and around the world.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

PETER ANTHONY BURNS RIP who died on Tuesday, 22nd of June. His Funeral Service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 15th July at 2.30pm. **May he rest in peace.**

OSCAR MICALLEF RIP, who died on Monday 5th July. His Funeral Service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 20th July at 2.30pm.

May he rest in peace.

JOHN CRAWLEY RIP, who died on Wednesday 7th July. Funeral arrangements pending. **May he rest in peace.**

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Samuel Whitehouse, Fr Walter Walsh (10/7), Dennis Verrall, Malcolm Silver (11/7), Gerald Heath, Patrick Heath, Linda Chandler, Maureen Golden, Fr John Watson (13/7), Canon Daniel Harnett (16/7), Alec Asher (17/7), Henry Gaughan (18/7). **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.**

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

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 at this time.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: On most Sundays of 2021 we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark's material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and also on the page entitled 'Faith Talks'

BIBLES & RELIGIOUS GOODS FOR SALE: The New Revised Standard Version Catholic edition of the Bible is on sale in church reduced to £10. It has the references for all the Sunday Mass readings and pages of Catholic prayers. We also have some quality cards for all occasions, crucifixes and religious goods in the church porch.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK We thank generous parishioners who give 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, tinned fish, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned instant mash, potatoes, snack bars, chocolate bars, small/medium bags of rice, sponge puddings, small jars of coffee, savoury crackers, chocolate spread, reusable face masks, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), laundry tablets, shampoo, deodorant, soap. **Your donations are most welcome!**

PRAYER FOR ALL AFFLICTED IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

We pray for all suffering from the pandemic. May God the Father grant health to the sick, strength to all who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to the dead. "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.

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How to stream Sunday Mass from Epping at home. We live stream Sunday Masses at 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.

HELP FOR SHOPPING etc. People who need prescriptions collected, goods 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.

YOU STILL NEED TO BOOK TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS IN OUR CHURCH

- **For the next two weeks, bookings should be made to our Parish Office.**
- **You STILL need to book a place in church for a particular weekend Mass.**
- Seats will be filled as the bookings are made.
- If you have booked a Mass you then cannot attend please notify us of the change
- If you have not booked in good time for a specific weekend Mass, it may not be possible to enter for Mass, if places are already taken or the church is full.
- You must not come to church if you are vulnerable or have Covid symptoms.

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 St Joseph's, 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 Holy Family Dagenham to St Basil's, Basildon,
Fr Tarciziu Erdes 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