

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN 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**

Monday 19th 9.15am Canon John Harvey
Tuesday 20th 9.15am St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
Private intention (A.E)
Wednesday 21st 12 noon St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
Oscar Micallef RIP (Recently)
Thursday 22nd 9.15am St Mary Magdalene, Feast
Fr Stewart Foster
Friday 23rd 10.00am St Bridget of Sweden, Religious – Patron of Europe
Peter Anthony Burns RIP (Recently) **PLEASE NOTE TIME**
2.00pm Marriage of Mary-Beth Angela Draycott & Robert Guise

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 25th July 2021

Saturday 24th 6.00pm The Toohey Family
Sunday 25th 9.00am The People of our Parish
July 2021 11.00am Martin Devaney RIP Recently (Darcy) **Live streamed**
3.00pm LATIN MASS in the Tridentine Rite

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

READINGS FOR SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 18th July 2021

JEREMIAH 23:1-6 “The remnant of the flock I will bring back to their pastures”

PSALM 22 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

EPHESIANS 2:13-18 Christ Jesus is the peace between us and made two into one

MARK 6:30-44 Jesus felt sorry for them – they were like sheep without a shepherd

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 £185.30 in envelopes, £166.70 loose plate, CAFOD £20 and for Stella Maris £32. Offerings can be given in to the Priest’s House and made online for our parish and charities our Parish supports

at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/////

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Dear friends and parishioners,

“You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while; for we were so many coming and going that the apostles have no time even to eat” (Mark 6:30-34). Every three years we have this Gospel reading, just as school and summer holidays are about to begin. This instruction given by our Lord to his followers speaks to us at a spiritual level of the nature of a retreat and holidays. We can find renewal and refreshment by retreating from the busyness, responsibilities and stresses of life. The past eighteen months, with the restrictions on movement and travel, and concerns not to spread the Covid virus has proved to be stressful for many people. Our ways of meeting up with family and friends, and going away has all been greatly affected and the word isolating has become a reality for many.

Even when we had the freedom to go away on holiday, many of us substitute one form of busyness with another as we engage in activities they had not taken part in since our previous holiday. When the disciples and Jesus went away, the people knew where they would go to and “hurried to that place on foot”. Jesus did not reject them, “but felt sorry for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd and he set himself to teach them at some length”.

Many people and families do not have that option of going abroad and even now may not be able to afford the expense of staycation holiday. It is also a concern that churches and places that have been traditionally open for people to visit or rest in are now closed because of regulations to protect people from the spread of the virus.

Often on holidays people, many of whom are not church goers, visit churches, and it might be as a tourist or as a committed Christian to pray. However, they recognise that there is something special about the nature of a church, for it is a place to pray for some and for others a place to wonder about. Yet, we know that the church, is a holy place, where God is present to and for his people, and through the mystery of his presence he can touch the deepest area of our life and the depths of our being. Even if we do not go away we can still and should retreat into our “secret room” in our own self and be alone there with God and bring others to him in our prayer.

This week schools break up for the holidays. We pray that after this difficult year, especially for families and children, the holiday period will be a blessed, safe and refreshing time for all of us and that we will be renewed for the months ahead.

May God bless and protect you and your loved ones. 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 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.

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, 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. We are waiting for directions on the latest changes in the regulations

DONATIONS FROM OUR PARISH: In addition to our donations to CAFOD over the past year, our parish has made charitable donations to: The SVP Epping, Smile Train, Mercy Ships, St Clare's Hospice, International Refugee Trust, The Passage, Providence Row, Cardinal Hume Centre, Aid to the Church in Need, Peter's Pence, St Francis Leprosy Guild, Epping Forest Foodbank, Norway House, Marriage Care, Brentwood Children's Society, Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, Promotion of Vocations, Orbis UK, World Communications, Day for Life, Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Education Service, Prisoner's Sunday, National Youth Sunday, World Mission Day, Pax Christi, Racial Justice and the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund.

PARISH MASS BOOK: Copies of the Parish Mass Book with texts of Sunday Mass are in the Sacristy to take away and use at home, We may not distribute them in the Church for use at Mass, due to Covid regulations. They will help you read and pray on the are especially helpful to reflect and pray on the Scripture readings at Sunday Mass.

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

OSCAR MICALLEF, who died on Monday, 5th July. His Funeral 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. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated in our church on **Thursday 29th July** at 11am followed by a burial at Theydon Bois Cemetery. **May he 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 strengthen and console all who mourn and grant eternal rest and lasting peace to the dead.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernard Tong (16/7), Alec Asher, Richard Saunders, Una Brown (17/7), Henry Gaughan, Arthur Cope (18/7), Fr Edmund Dobson, Peter Barry, Theresa Ridge (19/7), Fr Patrick Taylor (21/7), Mary McGill, Deacon David Balmer (22/7), Angila Gardener, Stephen Carroll (23/7), Mary McGill, Bernadine Leahy, Nebojsa Banjac (24/7). **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

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 are reading the Gospel of Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, shows the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how his material was used by later evangelists. The talks - free of charge – are on the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and on the page '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.

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/>

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.

YOU 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 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