

**WELCOME TO CHURCH.** To attend weekend Mass in our Church it is advisable to book a seat (s). Please change or cancel your booking(s) if you will not attend be attending the Mass you have booked, so that places are freed up.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest - Founder of the Jesuit Order

**July 2021** 12 noon Baptism of Grace Betsy Joyce Ring

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B** **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** 6.00pm Private Intention

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** 9.00am Frances Wells RIP First Anniv (Wells)

**August 2021** **11.00am** **The People of our Parish** **Live streamed**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

9.15am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9.15am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** St John Mary Vianney, Priest – Patron Saint of parish priests.

12 noon Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome

9.15am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord (B)

12 noon Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** 6.00pm Udom Pongsaksiri RIP (Pongsaksiri)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am The People of our Parish

**August 2021** **11.00am** Fr Stewart Foster **Live streamed**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE available on request to the priest.**

**READINGS FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

**EXODUS 16:2-15** The Lord said, “I will rain down bread for from the heavens”.

**PSALM 77** “The Lord gave them bread from heaven”.

**EPHESIANS 4:17-24** You must give up your old way of life and put on the new self

**Alleluia, Alleluia!** “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come the Father except through me”. Alleluia!

**John 6:24-35** Jesus said ‘I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will not hunger’

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

**DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS:** [www.churchservices.tv/timetable/](http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)

**Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral:** [www.churchservices.tv/westminster/](http://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/](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford/)

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your generous Offerings of an average of £800 weekly in standing orders and last weekend £155.30 in envelopes, £219 loose plate, CAFOD £15. Offerings can be given in to the Priest’s House and made online for our parish and charities our Parish supports by going to:

[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/////](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/////)

**EPPING FOREST FOODBANK** is looking for volunteer delivery drivers [https://volunteer.trusselltrust.org/opportunities/19335-food-bank-river-delivery-driver-epping-forest-2021-06-9?\\_ga=2.106761728.2040570999.1626708403-1092072778.1611397708](https://volunteer.trusselltrust.org/opportunities/19335-food-bank-river-delivery-driver-epping-forest-2021-06-9?_ga=2.106761728.2040570999.1626708403-1092072778.1611397708)

## **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**



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**Registered Charity Number: 234092**

Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)** **1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

This Sunday’s Opening Prayer of the Mass is a vibrant summary and framework for our prayerful relationship with God.

- As a first priority when seeking a personal conversation with God, we thank him for giving us our life, recognising his everlasting and profound goodness to us and to all people. We acknowledge that God has created us, blesses us continually and is always our guide as we go about our life.
- We ask him to remain close to us and always to hear our prayers to him.
- We ask him, in his love for us all, to forgive the times that we offend him and to restore us to a faithful life with him.
- We ask him to guide us and keep us safe on our journey through our life here on earth.
- And then we rejoice at the wonderful privilege of having God as our ever-present guide and inspiration.
- And finally, we ask God to renew, enhance and preserve whatever in our life is pleasing to him.
- Then, having prepared for our personal conversation with God, we know that he will have listened to us and will be pleased with any of our proposals which are acceptable to him and we can then be sure that he will guide us appropriately.

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**Dear Friends and Parishioners,**

I again thank you for your many greetings, kindness and generosity in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood last month. I am most grateful to Canon Brian O'Shea, who will celebrate the Parish Masses next weekend, and Fr Gerald Gostling who will celebrate the Masses on the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> August, and to Fr Bijaya Chandra Nayak from St Joseph's Leyton for celebrating the Masses on the weekends of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of August. During the weekdays Deacon Duncan will lead Services of the Word and Holy Communion. This Sunday evening I go on holiday to my family in Ireland for the month of August. I hope and pray that you all keep safe and well and have a good holiday time. With prayerful good wishes. Fr John

**THE LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS:** While this is a welcome change, the Government and its advisers advise us to be cautious, especially in enclosed spaces. In our church, there are still restrictions, including wearing facemasks and sanitising of hands, until we have had time to reflect on the guidance from the Bishops' Conference and the Diocese on how best to introduce changes. Our first concern is to for the health and wellbeing of all members of our parish family and to protect people from danger.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 COMMUNIONS:** We are grateful to our Catechists who prepare children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Our programme for 2021/22 will commence in September. There will be a higher number of parents wishing to prepare their children for the sacraments as we could not run the programme last year. We have a dedicated of Catechists, but need more to support the number of children we anticipate on the course. We **desperately** need some more parishioners to assist with this important work for a couple of hours a week. You do not have to be a teacher or have special skills we just need you. Please, don't just think someone else will do it – if not you then who? If you can help, please contact Fr John or our Parish Office.

**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/>**

**LIVING LAUDATO SI' – Online Retreat – 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021,** open to all, to help with personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by some expert speakers. Details on the poster in church or email [laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:**

**CLAUDIO Del GIUDICE RIP** who died in hospital on Tuesday, 27 July. We pray for the repose of his soul and consoling of his family in their loss. **May he rest in peace.**

**MASS for FR TOM JORDAN RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv - 5 August, 6.30pm:** Mass will be offered for Fr Tom at St Edward the Confessor Church, Romford RM1 4AT on the first Anniversary of his death, Those who knew Fr Tom are warmly invited to attend. Mass will be Livestreamed via <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward>

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Harry Day, Maureen McClean, Anthony Commins (1/8), Walter Burgon (2/8), Marie Longton, Tony Mullan (3/8), Bernard George (4/8), Fr Tom Jordan, Theres Robinson, Jiri Zicha, Leonard Wing (5/8), Vera Nolan, Carmel Chaffer, Mary Doherty, Deacon Frederick Wall (6/8), Barbara Wilson, Thomas Staunton (8/8). **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**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.**

**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!**

**CYCLING FOR CHARITY ("Pedalling through the Pandemic"):** Fr Dominic Howarth, a priest of our Diocese, has been cycling for many months, towards 5,000km – and he now has just 500km to go. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. For details and to sponsor him go <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50>, or phone 01708740308 or email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) if you want to donate via cheque or cash. **Thank you** for any support you can give.

**JOB VACANCY: Cook & Kitchen Supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick at Navestock** Walsingham House are recruiting a cook & kitchen supervisor (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am–1.30pm & Monday 10.00am–1.30pm, with potential for overtime on weekdays), starting September 2021. If you or any family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on their website at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or by emailing [clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org). **The closing date is midday on 29<sup>th</sup> August.**

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC PARISH OF EPPING The Immaculate Conception**

**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](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.**

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

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