

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 be attending a Mass you have booked, so that places are freed up for others.

Saturday 4th St Cuthbert, Bishop

September 21 12 noon Baptism of Theodore Francis Lord

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME B Education Day 12 Sept. 21

Saturday 11th 6.00pm Jim Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley)

Sunday 12th 9.00am Santos Ruvalcaba RIP Anniv (Ruvalcaba & Vianna)

September 21 . 11.00am The People of our Parish Live streamed

Monday 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

9.15am Private intention

Tuesday 14th The Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross of Christ

9.15am Private intention

Wednesday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

NOTE TIME 9.15am Private intention

Thursday 16th St Cornelius, Pope and St Cyprian, Bishop - Martyrs

10.30 am Mary Collier RIP **Requiem Mass**

Friday 17th St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

12 noon Special intention (T.C.)

Saturday 18th 12 noon Baptism of Albert Douglas Blackwell

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY: Ordinary Time B Home Mission Day 12 Sept. 2021

Saturday 18th 6.00pm Bridget Crouch RIP Recently (Morgan)

Sunday 19th 9.00am Marian Ward RIP Anniv (FM)

September 21 11.00am The People of our Parish Live streamed

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturdays 11am to 11.30am and anytime by request.

READINGS FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time B 12 September 21

ISAIAH 50:5-9 I offered my back to those who struck me and to those who tore at my beard

PSALM 114 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

JAMES 2:14-18 If good works do not go with faith, it is dead

MARK 8:27-35 The Son of man is destined to suffer grievously, to be put to death & rise

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DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster/

Daily Mass Wat 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 offerings of £800 weekly average in standing orders, and on 5th September £167.50 in Envelopes, £139.63 loose plate, £132.10 for the Haiti Disaster Appeal and £10 for Cafod. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House or make donations online to our parish & charities we support <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping////////>

FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages and monitors input for security and relevance. If you wish to join the group please click on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY: Ordinary Time B Education Day 12.2021

Dear friends and Parishioners,

Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:27-35). On Tuesday, we will celebrate the feast of the Triumph or Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Christ. On the following day we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows, uniting with Mary, the Mother of Jesus standing by the Cross of her dying son. Jesus made a number of prophecies about his sufferings and death, which his disciples and Peter felt unable to accept. Instead of being a support to Jesus in carrying out his mission in life, they become a temptation and discouragement to him.

Desirable options, the easy way and soft living are temptations for all of us. It is in facing painful challenges, which we may want to avoid or run away from, that we follow Jesus and carry his Cross. Our Christian life and vocation offers many joys and consolations, but can also involve making hard choices and sacrificing self in faithfulness to the truth, to our responsibilities and to our calling as Christians. Some people seem to find it easy to walk away from these, while others can appear to undergo an agony and crucifixion due to their integrity and faithfulness to God, to others and to themselves.

Christ's triumph on the Cross is shown in his resurrection from the dead to new life – a risen life he shares with all of us. He calls us to follow him and to "learn from him who is gentle and humble of heart". None of us need to be boxed in by our past, by our way or thinking, relating or acting. We have a risen Saviour who comes to our aid and invites us to follow him, especially in the trials and sufferings of life. We instinctively honour and admire people who make sacrifices for others – especially in sacrificing themselves. Most of us are only asked to make small sacrifices, but when we do so for the sake of Christ, we grow in wholeness and holiness and come closer to God and others.

This is Education Sunday and we think of and pray for all who teach and work in education. Jesus was addressed as "Rabbi" meaning teacher, and we are told that he grew in wisdom, grace and favour with God and people. We ask the Lord, to bless young people now starting school, or going to secondary school, college or university, so that they may grow in wisdom and knowledge, and honour God and humanity through their learning and contribution to society. *May God bless and protect you all. Fr John*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: There will be a meeting for the parents NEXT Wednesday evening, 15th September at 8pm in our Church Hall. If you are unable to attend, for a serious reason, please contact our Parish Office.

WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

MARY COLLIER RIP, who died on Wednesday, 25th August. Mary will be received into our church on Wednesday, 15th September at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for her on Thursday at 10.30am and be followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May she rest in peace.**

BRIDGET CROUCH RIP, who died on Saturday 4th September. Bridget will be received into our church on Wednesday 22nd September at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for her on Thursday at 11am followed by interment at Waltham Abbey Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

MARGARET & PETER GREEN RIP: Peter died on the 2nd August & Margaret, his wife, died on the 16th August. Their Funeral Service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday, 17th September at 11.30am. **May they 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 them and all who mourn for their loved ones at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elsie Hayes, Fr Charles Johnson, Fr Conrad Smith (11th), Joseph Pinto (12th), Fr Theophilus Borer, Archbishop George Andrew Beck, Canon James Hemming, Deacon Arthur Woods (13th), David Ridge, Joh O'Halloran, Peggy Curran, Fr Louis Heston (14th), Elaine Gaughan, Peter Coneely (15th), Edward Morell, Fr John Bergin (16th), Fr Anthony Mayston (17th), Mary Cox (18th), Marian Ward, Canon Fredrick Gahagan (19th). **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 his Holy Spirit to touch and comfort them with his healing power.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2022: Parents and carers who require a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in **September 2022** must have been attending Sunday Mass consistently over the years – excepting the pandemic restrictions! If they go to Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. The attendance record will not be affected by the difficulties that prevented people going to church or Mass during the pandemic. However, attendance has to be consistent over the years and not seasonal at the time when a reference is required. Please contact Fr John if you have been attending Mass in our parish and require a reference for your child's admission to a school for next year.

YOU NEED TO BOOK TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS IN OUR CHURCH: If you have booked a place at Mass and you then cannot attend please notify us. Please notify bookings and cancellations to Deacon Duncan, at duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com or 01992 577173

BAPTISMS: *Congratulations to the family of Marco Edoardo Gio Concadoro who was baptised in our Church on Saturday 4th Sept. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

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

CHANGE IN COVID REGULATIONS: There are changes, but Government and its advisers urge us to be cautious, especially in enclosed spaces. In church we still have restrictions, that include wearing face coverings and sanitising hands. We will have further guidance from the Bishops' Conference and the Diocese on changes, but our priority must be for the health and wellbeing of all members of our parish family and to protect people from the Coronavirus.

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 Priest's House & Sacristy. The Foodbank urgently needs: long life milk, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned instant mash potatoes, small jars of coffee, chocolate spread, snack bars, chocolate bars, small/medium bags of rice, savoury crackers, sponge puddings, reusable face masks, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), laundry tablets, shampoo, deodorant, soap! **Epping Forest Food Bank has opened in Epping Forest Council Offices where people can give and receive as well in our church.**

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS: A series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding and confidence when questioned or speaking about their Catholic Faith. Talks and discussion will be on Zoom from 4.00 to 5.00 pm. on a Sunday afternoon. The first talk is on the **19th September** to consider the question: "What is the relationship between faith and reason?" and be given by Fr Mark Swires, Chaplain at the University of Essex. If you would like to join the discussion please email your name and a contact email address to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

THE JOURNEY HOME RESOURCES: The second of "Journey Home" in Church leaflets is for interested groups or individuals. You can download it in the resources section of www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk website. The leaflets aim to be an encouragement to people to deepen their participation in the Mass and the Holy Eucharist, "which is the source and summit of Christian life".

OUR PARISH RESPONSE TO THE HAITI DISASTER: Many thanks for your most generous response to this Appeal. You can still donate by handing your donation to Fr John or dropping it off to the sacristy. The final total will be published in next week's Newsletter.

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 in 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.

JOB VACANCY: Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick

(15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting in January 2022. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is midday on 18th October 2021, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive.

HOW TO STREAM MASS TO YOUR HOME We live stream Sunday Masses at 11am from Epping Catholic Church on You Tube.

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 have 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.