

<b>WELCOME TO CHURCH:</b> It is advisable to book a seat (s) to attend a weekend Mass in our Church. Please change or cancel your booking(s) if you will <u>not attend a Mass you have booked, so that places are freed up for other people.</u>		
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Presentation Mass for 2020 First Holy Communion Children
<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>		
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Intentions of Danny Remedios (SP)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mary Collier RIP Recently (Cullen)
September 2021	11.00am	The People of our Parish <b>Live streamed</b>
	3.00pm	Tridentine Rite Latin Mass
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	
	9.15am	Pamela Dowd's intentions (SP)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Wenceslaus, Martyr	
	9.15am	Private intention
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael, Archangels	
	12 noon	Ronan McVeigh RIP Recently (Darcy)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor	
	9.15am	Pamela Dowd's intentions (SP)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux) Virgin & Doctor	
<b>HARVEST FAST DAY FOR CAFOD TO AID PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING NATIONS</b>		
October	12 noon	Pamela Dowd's intentions (SP)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Holy Guardian Angels	
October 2021	12 Noon	Baptism of Louie Henry Campion-Morley
<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021</b>		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	6.00pm	Iza Holmes & Ray Patterson RIP & Intentions of all the Holmes & Patterson Families (Holmes)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021	9.00am	Kitty Reed RIP (Protheroe)
	11.00am	The People of our Parish <b>Live streamed</b>

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturdays 11am to 11.30am & anytime on request**

**READINGS FOR TWENTY-SIXTH Ordinary Time B 26 September 2021**

**NUMBERS 11:25-29** Moses said, "If only the whole people were prophets"

**PSALM 18** The Law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul and gives wisdom

**JAMES 5:1-6** An answer for the rich – your wealth is all rotting before you

**MARK 9:38-48** Jesus said, "Anyone who is not against us is for us".

**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 £800 weekly average in standing orders, and £154.50 in envelopes and £267.50 loose on 19<sup>th</sup> September. You can hand in Offerings to the Priest's House or make donations online to our parish & charities: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////>

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang

Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY: Ordinary Time B 26 September 2021**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What importance do we place on expressing our faith in action? Is it sufficient for us just to attend Mass each week, or do we look to put what we hear at Mass, and read during the week, into good, vibrant Christian activity? Most organisations would welcome you with open arms and there are plenty of organisations from which to choose.

St James, in today's second reading at Mass, presents us with several challenges. He is well known for identifying truly Christian activities which should be evident in the lives of good Christians. We are encouraged to be generous with our time, our energy and our financial resources in supporting those who are in need. Contact with needy neighbours is always welcome; there is a multitude of Charities and organisations which could be supported; remember that financial support is a life-blood for charities;

As we emerge from 18 months of COVID restrictions, we are preparing to **re-launch parish life** again and wish to encourage past enthusiasts and newcomers to join the Church Choir, the Altar Servers, Church Readers, Organisers of Events, such as the Christmas Bazaar, Jumble Sales and a social events by which, **with your help**, the parish can return to being a vibrant worshipping community. What special skill or interest do you have? To which team would you like to belong (or lead!!).

St James might say 'don't be shy! Everyone has something to offer; be bold ..... **let us know in what way you would like to help!!**

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**HARVEST FAST DAY FOR CAFOD** next Friday calls us to identify with and aid people in developing nations. Next weekend at all Masses, our retiring collection at all Masses will be to support CAFOD in this life-giving work. Please use your Special collection envelope or the Cafod envelopes which are being given out in church today, for your donations next weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** The next children's session will be on Wednesday evening, **29 September, from 5.45 to 7pm**, in our Hall.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Cooney, Kathleen McKenna (25<sup>th</sup>), John Saville (26<sup>th</sup>) Frederick DeBoise, Kathleen Russell, Fr Gordon Godfrey (27<sup>th</sup>), Helen Taylor, David Squires, Stan Holder (28<sup>th</sup>), Joseph O'Day, James Georgfrion, (29<sup>th</sup>), Fr Bernard Wakeling (30<sup>th</sup>), Richard Peck, Betty Tedder (1<sup>st</sup> Oct.), Frank Swan (2<sup>nd</sup>), Reginald Ivey, Fr Michael Hopkins (3<sup>rd</sup>). 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, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:** **May the Lord send the healing power of His Holy Spirit, down upon them, to free them from every ill of mind, body and spirit, and to grant the fullness of healing and peace.**

**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 going to Mass in another parish - then see the priest there. The attendance has to be consistent and not seasonal, at the time a reference is required. Please contact Fr John if you have been attending Mass in this parish and require a reference for your child.

**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/>

**BAPTISMS:** *Congratulations to the family of Albert Douglas Blackwell who was baptised in our Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

**HELP THOSE IN NEED LOCALLY:** Monday is the feast of St Vincent de Paul, a friend and benefactor of the poor. Epping is regarded as a comfortably off area, but that can make life more difficult for families and people who are less well off, poor or in need. If you know of a family or someone you think could do with some help, please contact Fr John in the first instance, to see how we as a parish and our parish St Vincent de Paul Society in might be able to assist them.

**BOOK TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS IN OUR CHURCH:** If you book places at Mass but then cannot attend, please notify bookings and cancellations to Deacon Duncan, at [duncanjwhitehouse@gmail.com](mailto:duncanjwhitehouse@gmail.com) or **01992 577173**

**RED MISSION BOXES:** Many parishioners have the APF Red Mission Boxes at home, for the small change to help spread the Gospel abroad. Though what you put in the box may be small, it can be a big help to spreading the Gospel. If you do not have a box, please pick one up in the church porch, at any time.

**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS** are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding and confidence when speaking about or questioned their Catholic Faith. These talks and discussion are on Zoom from 4pm - 5p.m. on Sundays. The talk on this Sunday, 26th September, will consider the question: "What is the relationship between faith and reason?" will be given by Fr Mark Swires, the 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](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) For information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**EPHING 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 now opened in Epping Forest Council Offices where people can give and receive as well in our church.**

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** "Do you enjoy gardening? Have you a few spare hours on a Monday? We are in need of volunteers to join the wonderful team who help look after the grounds at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There are a wide variety of things to be done, suiting all types of gardening experience! The friendly volunteers will welcome you with tea, cake, friendship and practical help. If you would like to know more please phone Joe Beattie, 01277 373959, or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)"

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR PEOPLE OF THE GYPSY, ROMA & TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES:** We need people to help prepare children from these communities for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to find out more on this, there will be two training sessions in The Canon Roche Pastoral Centre behind The Most Holy Redeemer Church, 21 Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, **on Thursday, 14 October, & Thursday, 21 October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.** For more information please phone the Billericay Parish Office on 01277 624891 or email [billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org). As this involves working with children, it will be necessary to have a DBS certificate issued by the diocese.

**CHANGE IN COVID REGULATIONS:** In church we still have restrictions, that include wearing face coverings and sanitising hands. Further guidance will come from the Bishops' Conference & the Diocese on changes, but our priority must be for the health and wellbeing of all members of our parish family.

### **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.

### **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](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>

### **PART-TIME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY – DUNMOW:**

A Parish Administrator to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be an administrator with experience in office organisation and must be a good team player with excellent communication & Microsoft office skills, including Word & Excel and some financial experience. Applicants should be self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their initiative in the role - 12.5 hours per week at £10 per hour. Closing date: **Thursday 30 September 21**. Please contact the parish office at [dunmow@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:dunmow@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a job description and application details.