

BOOKING TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASSES: It is advisable to book places for Mass at weekends. If you cannot then attend, please notify bookings and cancellations to Deacon Duncan, at duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com or 01992 577173		
Saturday 3 rd	St John Henry Newman, Priest – National Feast	
	12 noon	Private Intention
TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B Prisoners week 10th October 2021		
Saturday 9 th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 10 th	9.00am	Mary Cooney RIP Anniv (Keeling)
October 2021	11.00am	For Joey Kennedy on his Birthday (Sr Susan) Live streamed
	2.00pm	Baptism of Erin Alivia Ryan
Monday 11 th	St John XXIII, Pope	
	9.15am	Margo Brannon RIP (Whitehouse)
Tuesday 12 th	St Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthburga, Religious	
	9.15am	Private Intention
Wednesday 13 th	St Edward the Confessor, King	
	12 noon	Private Intention
Thursday 14 th	St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr	
	9.15am	Sir Evelyn Russell RIP Anniv (Hoare)
Friday 15 th	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin, Religious & Doctor	
	12 noon	Private Intention
Saturday 16 th	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	
October 2021	12 Noon	Baptism of Millie Kavanagh
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B 17th October 2021		
Saturday 16 th	6.00pm	Kieran Jolly RIP Anniv (Jolly)
Sunday 17 th	9.00am	John & Jovita Darbyshire RIP Anniv (Hollinshead)
October 2021	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 11.30am and at anytime on request

READINGS FOR TWENTY-EIGHT Ordinary Time B 10th October 2021

WISDOM 7:7-11 Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

PSALM 89 Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice

HEBREWS 4:12-13 The Word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

MARK 10:17-27 Jesus said, “Go and sell everything you own and come follow me”.

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/

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 in standing orders, on 3 October £263.50 in envelopes, £171.20 loose, CAFOD HARVEST FAST £556.45 & Haiti Appeal £50. You can give Offerings to the Priest’s House or online at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

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TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY: Ordinary Time B 10th October 2021

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

A man ran up to Jesus, knelt before him and asked, “Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life” and later on Peter asks the Lord, “What about us? We have left everything and followed you” (Mark 10:17-30). I remember a very committed Christian who was very involved in their church and community life, who felt like they had suddenly woken up and asked themselves the question, “What am I getting out of this?” Then, feeling they were getting nothing out of it, they just fell away from their previous commitment to and practice of their faith.

Moving on in life at times calls us to leave where we are at in ourselves and make sacrifices. It can require us to sacrifice things, places or even people to whom we are attached. Jesus presented a great challenge to the very moral and idealistic young man when he “looked steadily at him and loved him, and said, “There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me”. We read: that “his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth”. The first Blessing or happiness that the Lord speaks of in the Beatitudes is “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5).

Our wealth can be what we want to cling to; money or things, attitudes or mind sets, hurts or resentments, loves or wrong attachments. We may not so much possess them, but they possess or control us and determine the way we act, think, judge or relate. By giving them up we can be set free to grow in better and new ways. When people join a religious community and this is not only for a Christian, they make a vow or commitment to poverty. They freely surrender their right to exclusive use or ownership of their property but share it for the common good, like the first Christian did in the early church (Acts 2:43-37). With us too, we share and sacrifice for others in poverty or need at home and abroad. St Vincent de Paul Society members say in their prayers, “Lord help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves” and St Ignatius’s prayer says, “Lord teach us to be generous, so serve you as you desire, to give and not to count the cost ... to labour and not to seek reward, save that of knowing we do your will”.

Sacrifices and changes are also involved in our Personal Pledges in working to heal and protect our planet, for the service of others and to the glory of God. *May the Lord bless us and give us a sacrificing and generous heart. Fr John*

HARVEST FAST DAY FOR CAFOD Very many thanks for your generous offerings last weekend to support CAFOD's life giving and sustaining work to aid people in the poor and developing nations. The total you gave to date is **£556.45** but you can still donate, if you wish, by either giving your donation to Fr John or dropping it off at the Presbytery or online. Your generosity is greatly valued.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The next children's session will be on Wednesday evening, **13th October, from 5.30pm to 7pm**, in our Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Madeline Heagerty (9th), Sybil Mullen, Hugh Brett (11th), Thomas P Ryan, Fr John Dempsey, Fr Patrick Malin (12th), Sir Evelyn Russell, Jim Welch, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Mgr Michael McKenna (14th), Geoffrey Thompstone, Canon Roderick Grant (15th), Kieran Jolly, Catherine O'Reilly, Bernadette Jeffries, Mgr Christopher Creed (16th), Jovita Darbyshire, Charles Harrington, Hester Foster (17th). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace.**

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: May the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit down upon them, through all who care for them, and free them from every ill of mind, body and spirit.

BAPTISMS: *Congratulations to the family of Louie Henry Champion-Morley who was baptised in our Church on Saturday 2nd October. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

LAUDATO SI (Praise Be) Last weekend we had a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan on Pope Francis' Laudato Si, inviting us to pray and act to cherish God's creation and to strive for justice for the world's poorest people. Copies of Bishop Alan's Pastoral Letter are in the church with copies of the plan in our Brentwood Diocese leading up to The United Nations Conference on Climate Change, COP26, from the 31st October to 12th November. For more information on this go to <https://ukcop26.org/> or in our diocese www.dioceseofbrentwood.org/laudatosi **Please take a leaflet & Promise Card for your Promise & Commitment. Place part of the card in the box in our church, for display in our church, and the other half for display at home.**

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

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding and confidence when questioned or speaking about the Catholic Faith. The talks and discussion are on Zoom from 4pm - 5pm on Sundays. This Sunday's talk will be given by Fr. Mark Reilly, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford, on: **"What does it mean to speak about God?"** If you would like to join in discussion, please email your name & email address to: adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For information go to **The Thresholds of Hope Questions** at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE - Retrouvaille means 'rediscovery' and this programme offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples having difficulties in the marriage and even heading for divorce successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. Confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 21st -24th October 21 www.retrouvaille.org.uk or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Please advertise this to interested couples.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK The Foodbank urgently needs: tinned fish, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned instant mash potatoes, long life milk, 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 as in our church.**

IF YOU ARE AGED 11 – 18 THIS INVITATION IS FOR YOU! A YOUTH FESTIVAL, organised by Churches Together in Epping & District, will be held on **Saturday 16th October from 4pm -6pm** at The Box, St John's Road, Epping CM16 5DN. Organised for your enjoyment are Games, Mario Cart Competition, Table Tennis, Basketball & Craft, S'mores, Hot Chocolate, Pancakes: an exciting afternoon with friends. Hope to see you there! Entry free!

WE LIVE STREAM 11am SUNDAY MASS To join, search: The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping and visit the channel. Then click on the live video or type: [youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5A0augAT35hREw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5A0augAT35hREw) **On a mobile phone simply scan the QR code to take you to the channel**

CHANGE IN COVID REGULATIONS: In church, we still have restrictions, that include wearing face coverings and sanitising hands. Our priority must be for the safety, health and wellbeing of all our visitors and our parish family.

PRISONS WEEK <https://cte.org.uk/prisonweek2021/> For forty plus years Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community, individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those who work in the criminal justice system and many involved in caring for those affected by crime, inside and outside our prisons. Prisons Week generates prayer raises awareness and motivates volunteers to give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their communities. Annually it gives focus and reason for Christians to work together, build capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and out of mind. [Download the daily themes and prayers.](#)

HALL BOOKINGS now available Contact Arnold Verrall, preferably phone 01992 001995 (dial 01992, even in Epping), or mobile 07764404813 or email arnold_verrall@email.com. **Preferential rates for parishioners & for charities**

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