

<b>BOOK TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASSES:</b> It is advisable to book for weekend Masses. Contact Deacon Duncan, at <a href="mailto:duncanjcw@whitehouse@gmail.com">duncanjcw@whitehouse@gmail.com</a> or 01992 577173		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Baptism of Albert Victor Anthony Raymond Magri
<b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS YEAR B</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b></span>		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Intentions of Orla Ware (Taylor)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	David Mansell
October	11.00am	Bridget Dolan RIP Anniv (Dolan-Palmer) <b>Live Streamed</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9.15am	Special intention (SP)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – All Souls</b>	
<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>	9.15am	Pope Francis' intentions
	12 noon	Thecla Floor RIP Anniv. (Sr Susan)
	7.30pm	For all who died in our parish in past year RIP - Holy Souls
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>St Martin de Porres, Religious</b>	
	12 noon	Special intention (SP)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b>	
	9.15am	Tullia Borelli RIP Anniv. (Mansell)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	<b>The People of our Parish</b>
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>7<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b></span>		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	The People of our Parish
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	John Crawley RIP (Coyne Family)
November	11.00am	Sir David Amess MP, RIP <b>Live Streamed</b>
Presentation	12.30pm	Mass for First Reconciliation Children & Families
2021	3.00pm	Blessing of graves at Epping Cemetery

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

**READINGS FOR SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS B** **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

APOCALYPSE 7:2-14 I saw a huge number, impossible to count, in front of the Lamb  
PSALM 23 SUCH ARE THE MEN WHO SEEK YOUR FACE, O LORD.

1 JOHN 3:1-3 We shall be like him, and see him as he really is.

MATTHEW 5:1-12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

**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 weekly Offerings: £800 in standing orders, and on 24 October £280 and CAFOD £10. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House or for charities our parish supports online at:

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

**POPE FRANCIS: BBC THOUGH FOR THE DAY ON COP26 on Friday, 29 October**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-dont-waste-the-opportunity-to-challenge-the-unprecedented-threat-of-climate-change/>

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS B**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

*Dear Friends and Parishioners,*

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:1-12). This weekend we celebrate the feast of All Saints, the many good people, "a huge number, impossible to count, people of every nation, race, tribe and language" (Apocalypse 7:2-14), who have gone before us from this life to eternal life with God. On this feast every year we have the Beatitudes with Jesus teaching that God turns worldly standards, which may be our own, upside down. Some translations begin with "Blessed" and others "Happy", regarding the difficult or sad circumstances in life. Yet, the opposite of what each says might be what we would desire and choose in order to find esteem in a worldly way of thinking.

Jesus teaches that God is close to and blesses those who are poor in spirit, those who are gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for what is right, those who are merciful, those who are pure in heart, those who are peacemakers and those who suffer persecution in the cause of right. Many people who live by and go through these deprivations, trials and sufferings in life may or may not be Christian, but their humanity may show the power and grace of God is working in them, even though they may not believe or recognise it.

November is a month of remembrance of the dead, in Christian life and the nation. On All Saints Day, we remember those who have died and gone before us to the Lord and share in his glory. On All Souls Day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, and throughout November, we remember and pray for those still on their journey to God who are being purged (Purgatory) or purified from the contamination of this world, so that they might be purified and worthy to enter into the presence of the all-holy God.

This weekend the COP26 conference on Climate change starts in Glasgow. Pope Francis has met some and sent a message to the world leaders asking them to act with wisdom and courage. In making bold and wise decisions they can protect our planet from further damage and ruin in the future. It is appropriate in that context for us to read and ponder on Genesis Chapter 1, which gives the story of creation and how God made heaven and earth, and all things in them, "and God looked at what he had made and saw that it was good". In honouring and protecting nature and creation we honour the God, the Creator, and we also honour and protect people living in the poorest, most defenceless and vulnerable areas of the world.

*May the Lord let the light of his face shine on you and give you peace. Fr John*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** The next session for children will be on Wednesday evening, **3<sup>rd</sup> November, from 5.30pm to 7pm**, in our Hall.

**PRESENTATION MASS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CHILDREN** and their family will be celebrated in our church, on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.30pm

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Bishop Alan will visit our parish and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people who have been prepared, on the evening of **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**. Preparation will begin soon for those in Secondary school years 9 and older. Application forms are available in church and should be returned completed to the Priest's House by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** We invite to a course of talks on the Catholic Faith anyone wishing to understand our faith, or who is not Catholic but comes to Mass, or wants to support the faith of family members, or become Catholic. They will be held in the Priest's House on **Wednesday evenings from 8pm - 9pm starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. They are suitable for anyone wishing to return to the practice of their faith or adults who may have been Baptised Catholic but not receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation Please contact Fr John if you are interested or wish to discuss the possibilities in attending.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Smallwood, Edward Rimmer, Canon Thomas Bishop (30/10), Terry Flood, Marie Flood, John Morrall, Canon Richard Gay (31/10), Denise Collett (1/11), Tullia Borelli, Thecla Floor, Dermot Healy (2/11), Mary Darwin (5/11), Veronica Munday (6/11), Cardinal John Heenan (7/11). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.**

**NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD:** It is part of our Christian tradition to celebrate, remember and pray for our dead during November. **All Saints Day**, is normally on 1<sup>st</sup> November but is celebrated this year on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

On **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day**, we pray for all in our Parish who died in the past year. At 9.15am, 12 noon & 7.30pm Masses, we remember and pray for those in our community whom the Lord has called from this life to eternal life. In the church there are sheets **and envelopes** for the names of **our** dead to be placed **at the altar and prayed for** each day **in our church** during the month of November.

On **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm** we will have a Service in Epping Cemetery, (note date), and remember and pray for deceased parishioners, including Fr John Ryan, former Parish Priest of Epping, who have been interred there. Prayers will be offered for the dead and we invoke God's blessing on their graves.

On **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November** at 4.00pm, our Annual Bereavement Service will be in Church, for all who have lost loved ones: spouses, parents, relatives, children or friends, whether recently or some time ago. It includes hymns, prayers, readings and remembrance by name of loved ones who have died, and lighting a candle before the altar in their memory. This symbolises that all who die in Christ are called by him to go into his light and presence, for he is "The Light of the World". After the Service we invite you to join us with friends for refreshments in the hall.

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

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:** Fr Stewart Foster, David Mansell Sergio Maraldo, Paula Hall, Toohey Family, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Peggy Flanagan, Albert Fuller, John Millward, James Bullen, Ann Dowd, Fr Liam Hayes, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Fr John Taylor, Fr Michael Butler. **May the Lord heal them with power of his Holy Spirit.**

**CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021:** This year, on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 10am-2pm**, we will hold a reduced Christmas Market, outdoors and have a gift stall, a cake stall & raffle ticket stall. If you are able to volunteer to help or contribute something to one of the stalls or donate a raffle prize, please contact **Adriana Ruvalcaba on 07828 118 909**. We hope the weather is on our side and that you will support this fundraising effort.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** This year's Christmas Shoebox appeal is well underway. We would appreciate the following donations: good condition small toys (but no war toys, books or battery-driven toys, please), small stationery items & presents suitable for teenagers, especially boys. Everything must be small to fit in a shoebox and we also need shoeboxes. Please leave your clearly marked gifts in the porch between the Priest's House and Sacristy, **by the 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

**COULD YOU READ AT MASS? ARE YOU ALREADY A READER?** From Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we plan to re-start the Reading Rota for existing Readers and anyone wishing to join the team on this important Ministry. Please email Deacon Duncan [duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com](mailto:duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com) or telephone 01992 577173, if you wish to join our team of Readers. For existing and new Readers, **REFRESHER SESSIONS WILL BE IN CHURCH** from **9.30am - 11.30am on Saturday 30 October & Saturday 6 November**. For existing and new Readers, it is important to attend one session and let Deacon Duncan know which one.

**THE NEXT THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS** by Zoom will be from 4.00 to 5.00 pm on Sundays 31<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November: "What does it mean to talk about morality?" Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral will give the talks. To join the meeting go to Events at [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**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 Office.**

**WE LIVE STREAM SUNDAY MASS at 11am** To join, search: The Immaculate **Conception Catholic Church, Epping** and visit the channel. Click on the live video or type:

[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**

**CHANGE IN COVID REGULATIONS:** Regulations in church presently oblige us to wear face coverings, sanitise hands and protect each other's health.