| THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B Remembrance Sunday 14 Nov. 2021 | | |
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| Saturday 13 th | 6.00pm | The People of our Parish |
| Sunday 14 th | 9.00am | Jim Hayes RIP (Coyne Family) World Day of the Poor |
| <u>November</u> | 11.00am | Dead of Two Great Wars & other Conflicts Live Streamed |
| Monday 15 th | St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor | |
| | 9.15am | Adrian Fleming RIP Recently (Ball/Harrison) |
| Tuesday 16 th | St Edmund of Abingdon (Secondary Co-Patron of our Diocese | |
| | 9.15am | Private intention |
| Wednesday 17 th | St Hilda of Whitby, Religious | |
| | 12 noon | Des Toohey RIP (Toohey) |
| Thursday 18 th | Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul in Rome | |
| | 9.15am | Fr Stewart Foster |
| Friday 19 th | 12 noon | Judy Atkins RIP Anniv (Poole) |
| Saturday 20 th | 12 noon | Baptism of Millie Rose Maria Kavanagh |
| SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING B Youth Day 21 November 2021 | | |
| Saturday 20 th | 6.00pm | People of our Parish |
| Sunday 21 st | 9.00am | Lily McAdam RIP Anniv (McAdam) |
| November 2021 | 11.00am | Kirk McLaughlin RIP Anniv- |
| | 4.00pm | Bereavement Service |

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

READINGS FOR THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 14th November 2021

DANIEL 12:1-13 There is going to be a time of great distress, since nations first existed PSALM 15 Preserve me, O God, I take refuge in you

HEBREWS 10:11-18 By one single offering Christ has achieved perfection for all

MARK 13:24-32 Christ will come again to gather his chosen ones from the four winds

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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: £800 in standing orders and on 7 November £198.34 in loose plate, £341.50 in envelopes and CAFOD £210. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House or for charities our parish supports online at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping///////

CHILDRENS LITURGY: https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgv

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY has launched an online newspaper at a special offer price of £20 for 3 months. If you would like to order your digital copy please go to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call Michelle on 0743661 7650.

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THIRTY-THIRD - REMEMBRANCE - SUNDAY O.T. B 14th Nov. 2021

Dear friends and Parishioners,

Jesus said, "And they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:24-32). Our scripture readings focus on the last things and the end of the world, as we near the end of the Church's year. Jesus used images from the Book of Daniel to speak of the destruction and end of the world, as we know it. "There will be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence" (Daniel 12:1-13) when there will be turmoil and disorder in the heavens, the earth and the seas and people will be overcome with fear at what will happen around them in creation.

The Cop26 meeting in Glasgow on climate change has been dealing with the risks of extinction and the dangers to people and creation from the irresponsible and selfish exploitation of the world's resources. We are called to think about the consequences of our way of living and our actions, and how they affect nature, creation and the lives and security of people in other parts of the world.

In the Gospels, Jesus speaks about the end of time and his second coming. For in that time of great turmoil, he will come to judge the living and the dead, and all of us will have to stand before his judgement seat. We will be judged on how we will have related to people and treated, mistreated, neglected or ignored them, in their time great need and distress.

In Matthew Chapter 25:32-46, Jesus defined the matters on which we will be judged for they are all to do with the way we treat people. Did we give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger (immigrants/ refugees), clothes to the naked, visits to the sick and those in prison? Jesus said that when we care for others in those ways, we are caring for him, and we neglect others we neglect him. That is shown in the story of the conversion of St Martin of Tours, whose feast we celebrated last Thursday. He was an unbaptised Roman soldier riding into the city on his horse, when he saw a naked beggar, and out of compassion threw him his cloak to give him warmth and cover. That night, in a dream, he saw Jesus dressed in his cloak, which led to his conversion and realisation that "so long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me". We all need to look behind the externals and the appearances to see Jesus in a person, and then seize the opportunity to serve our Lord in the other with care, compassion and love.

May the Lord bless us with a caring and generous heart. Fr John

MASS BOOKINGS: With immediate effect it is no longer necessary to phone or email to book seats to attend the weekend Masses. You will just be required to give your name and contact details as you enter church. Our church is open daily from 8am in the morning until 7pm in the evening for visits and prayer.

<u>CHANGE IN COVID REGULATIONS:</u> Regulations in church presently oblige us to wear face coverings, sanitise hands and protect each other.

WE LIVE STREAM SUNDAY MASSES at 11am on youtube: you go to: youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw or search on google: The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping and visit the channel.

On a mobile phone simply scan the QR code to take you to the channel

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Children will celebrate their First Reconciliation in our Church at the following times on both days: 5.45pm – 6.45pm for Cohort 1 on Wednesday 17th and Cohort 2 on Thursday 18th November. Parents are invited.

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 23rd 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 22nd November.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: We invite to 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 to become Catholic. They are held in the Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm - 9pm. These are suitable for anyone wishing to return to the practice of their faith and for adults who were Baptised Catholic but did not receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation Please contact Fr John if you are interested in attending.

<u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u> William Thornhill, Michael Lyons (13/11), Janette Mulligan, Fr Terence Howes, Edna Overs (14/11), Lilian Ford, Molly Firth, Fr James Allis, Francis Kenna (15/11), Thomas Hughes, Charles Fallon, Fr Richard (Dick) Ashton (17/11), Margaret O'Reilly (18/11), Bernard Candy, Josephine Andrews, Barry Stimpson, Fr John Harden (19/11), Anne O'Halloran, Fr James Linburg (20/11), Kirk McLaughlin (21/11). Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD: It is part of Christian tradition to celebrate, remember & pray for our dead during November. We have envelopes and sheets in the church for the names of our dead for placing at the altar and prayed for each day in our church, during the month of November.

On Sunday, 21st 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.

HELP! We would be grateful to parishioners who could advise or help with regard to renewing the white lines in our car park. We also would like to know of an electrician, whom we could reliably turn to as required. Obviously, people need to make their living so the parish will pay for any work that would be done.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: May the Lord heal them with power of his Holy Spirit.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021: This year, NEXT Sunday, 21st 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.

RETREATS: World Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offers retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. If you would like to offer your support you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

SHOEBOX APPEAL: The deadline for donations for the shoebox appeal has been extended to **21 November**, and in addition to small toys etc, basic toiletry items are needed – flannels, toothbrushes, combs and toothpaste. Please leave your donations, marked '**Shoebox'**, in the side porch (off the carpark). Many thanks for the generous and much appreciated donations already received.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK urgently needs: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned peas, tinned carrots, 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, shampoo, soap, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol) deodorant, reusable face masks, laundry tablets,! **Epping Forest Food Bank has now opened in Epping Forest Council Offices.**

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will launch a virtual Tree of Angels in November, to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who died. Visit https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels or click Tree of Angels portal https://visufund.com/treeofangels to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have questions about lighting an angel on the tree, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: Why should we listen to the *Church?* takes place by Zoom on Sundays 14th and 21st November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Stephen Morrison, O Praem, Chelmsford. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk