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READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 30th January 2022

JEREMIAH 1:4-17 The Lord said, "I have appointed you a prophet to the nations" PSALM 70 My lips will tell of your help

1COR. 12:31-13:13 There are three things that last: faith, hope and love LUKE 4:21-30 Like Eiljah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent only to the Jews.

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<u>OFFERINGS</u>: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and £180.50 in envelopes, £115.20 in loose plate and £10 for CAFOD on Sunday 23 January. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House and to charities our Parish supports via <u>www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping///////</u>

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

<u>THE NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION BIBLE</u> is for sale in our church. It has references for the Sunday readings and a section with prayers.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 30th JANUARY 2022

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today, our Second Reading at Mass contains a special message, from St Paul in his letter to the people of Corinth, which can be seen as an important message from Jesus himself to people of all nationalities, including each of us, be we young or old, male or female, married or single, rich or poor, happy or unhappy. We should all listen attentively, because Jesus is addressing each and every one of us on the subject of LOVE.

We have all received the gift of life, which we should cherish, and bear in mind God's act of pure love in giving us our life and the freedom to lead it as we wish, but always in ways which are pleasing to him. We should always remember that, as Christians, we have received from God a gift which is actually a vocation for us widely to spread generous and unselfish love to everyone we meet.

Always being able to spread generous love, demonstrates the maturity of our discipleship and mirrors more than anything else the example of Jesus an example which we sometimes find difficult to follow, but an example which, as good Christians, we should always strive to copy.

God bless.

(1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13)

Deacon Duncan

RECENTLY DECEASED: LESLIE BANTING RIP, who died on **Tuesday 19th January**. Leslie will be received into our church on **Monday 21st February at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for him on **Tuesday at 12 noon** followed by interment at Parndon Wood Cemetery. **May he rest in peace**.

<u>ROBERT TURNER RIP</u>, who died on **Wednesday 29th December**. His Funeral Service will be celebrated in our church on **Wednesday 16th February** at 1.15pm followed by a burial at Theydon Bois Cemetery. **May he rest in peace**.

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to their families that the Lord may send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console and strengthen them at this time.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: We invite adults who wish to understand our faith, or who are not Catholic but come to Mass, or want to support the faith of family members, or become Catholic to talks on the Catholic Faith. They are for wishing to return to the practice of their faith, or who were Baptised Catholic but did not receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please contact Fr John if you are interested, and come to the Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8 to 9pm. The next meeting will be on <u>Wednesday 9th February</u> at 8pm in the Priest's House.

THANK YOU: For the last 20 years or so, Dr Davnet Barker has produced Rotas for Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion in our parish, and now enjoys a well-deserved retirement. We express our gratitude to her for this great service, which has sustained and enhanced our liturgy over many years. We are grateful to Margaret Steggle for taking on the future composition of the Rotas, which will ensure continuity at the Masses, as we are slowly advancing into a new normality.

MUSIC IN CHURCH: We are grateful to parishioners who have sustained music in our church over a difficult time when we have not able to have normal music and singing. We wish to develop our music with musicians and singers. We are grateful to Michele Garwood who has offered to coordinate this. We invite people who could be involved in parish music to let us know by email, phone or letter.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John (Jack) Clifford (29/1), Hugh McAdam, Kit Brown (31/1), John Bloomfield, Jim Milne, Fr Joseph Burns (1/2), Fr Enda Keenan, Frederick Fenson (2/2), Brenda Smith, Fr Eric Bindloss Smith (3/2), Adalgisa Simeoni, Deborah Parker, Gisa Similari, Margaret Vaughan (4/2), Mary Fenton, Johnny O'Sullivan, William Deary (5/2), Margaret Beales, Patrick O'Loughlin, Margaret George, Carmen Henry, Fr Francis Richardson (6/2). Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH WEBSITE: We are aware that there are problems with our website and are working to get it fixed and up and running again as soon as possible.

COVID REGULATIONS: To keep parishioners safe and following the latest Government advice regarding enclosed spaces and groups of people, we will be continuing to wear face coverings in church. If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home. **You are not obliged to book seats to attend Mass,** but are required to give your name and contact details on entering the church. Our church is open daily from 8am to 7pm for people to make visits and pray.

WE LIVE STREAM 11am SUNDAY MASS IN OUR CHURCH:

youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw or search on google: **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping** and visit the channel.

THANKSGIVING FOR CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS LIFE: We give thanks to God for His call to Consecrated Religious Life of Sister Susan, who keeps its tenth Anniversary on Wednesday 2nd February.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith? Input will be by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on **30th January** 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT: "Caritas Diocese of Brentwood invite people from the night of **April 8th to the morning of April 9th**, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout; Raising awareness and money to help local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Full information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org"

BCYS FEBRUARY YOUTH MASS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL WITH TALK FROM MILLION MINUTES – Thursday 3rd February: "From 6pm join the BCYS for pizza and drinks in Brentwood Parish Hall. At 6:30pm Beth Warren, former Walsingham House Assistant Manager and now Senior Parish Engagement Officer for "Million Minutes" will help us prepare for the Lenten Season, with their SiLENT campaign and other exciting ventures! Followed by Mass at 7:30pm, when we will be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and Fr Michael Barwick who will preach the gospel.All information about this and other events can be found on our website <u>www.bcys.net</u>, or you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching @brentwoodcys"

BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: "If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 373959, for information.

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,! **If you know of any people or families needing help at this time, please contact Fr John.**