

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES FROM Saturday 12th to Sunday 20th FEBRUARY 2022		
SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C Racial Justice Day 13th February 2022		
Saturday 12 th	6.00pm	Dennis Dear RIP
Sunday 13 th	9.00am	Anne Lee's Intentions (Morris)
February	11.00am	The People of our Parish Live streaming
Monday 14 th		St Cyril, Monk and St Methodius, Bishop, European Feast
February	9.15am	Betty Harley's Intentions (Morris)
Tuesday 15 th	9.15am	Teresa Ryan (FM)
Wed 16 th	1.15pm	Robert Turner RIP REQUIEM MASS
Note Time		
Thursday 17 th		Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
	9.15am	Ida Morris' Intentions
Friday 18 th	12 noon	Sr Susan's Intentions (Moss)
SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME C 20th February 2022		
Saturday 19 th	6.00pm	Maria Costi RIP Recently (Wells)
Sunday 20 th	9.00am	Special Intention (SP)
FEBRUARY 22	11.00am	People of our Parish Live streaming

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon and on request.

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 13th February 2022

JEREMIAH 17:5-8 A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord

PSALM 1 Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

1COR. 15:12-20 If Christ has not been raised from the dead you are still in your sins

LUKE 6:17-26 Happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

DIocese OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net//>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED: 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 standing orders, and £260 in envelopes, £138.20 in loose plate, £10 for CAFOD & £100 donation to the parish on Sunday 6th February. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House and to charities our Parish supports via

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

WE LIVE STREAM 11am SUNDAY MASS IN OUR CHURCH:

[youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw) or search on google:

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping and visit the channel.

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

COVID REGULATIONS: To keep parishioners safe **we will continue to wear face coverings in church.** If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home. **You do not have to book seats to attend Mass. Our church is open daily from 8am to 7pm for people to make visits and pray.**

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SIXTH SUNDAY Year C RACIAL JUSTICE DAY 13th February.2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

“A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord; with the Lord for his hope” (Jeremiah 17:5-8). In the Beatitudes (Luke 6:17-26). Jesus speaks of the blessings God gives to people who place their trust in him in various situations. He teaches that God does not abandon people in their sufferings or difficulties, but that he is with them and blesses them. To understand this, we look to Jesus himself who was born in poverty and homelessness, whose life as an infant was threatened and became a refugee, who experienced rejection, condemnation and shared the suffering and death of the innocent by dying on a cross. Yet, in all his trials and difficulties he turned to God his Father in prayer and submitted humbly to him who saves people from condemnation, sin and death, through his resurrection..

Moses told the people, when God was making a Covenant with them; “See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse” (Deut. 11:26). In The Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that relationships with God and people are linked. God blesses people in different and testing situations and shows compassion and love, often in unrecognisable ways, to those going through difficult times. God blesses people in their trials and sufferings and sees them as brothers and sisters with Christ, who suffered to save people. Christ was dedicated to the will of his Father and to love for people and he calls us to have a commitment to love God and neighbour. Commitment is a grace that helps sustain relationships and should lead us live in hope and trust with God and people. Commitment helps bring the blessings of the Beatitudes on others as well as ourselves; by sustaining our relationships we grow in a love, which is greatly blessed, and is holy and human.

The lockdown restrictions to protect people from the Coronavirus have had a serious effect on all of us and on community life. Ways of thinking, visiting, relating and working together were affected and we need to think on how we rebuild and reintegrate again in a new normal. We need people to help rediscover and take forward aspects of our parish and community life that served the wider community and ourselves well in the past and may do so again. For families, and personally, one of the great losses was not having the freedom to visit people at home, in hospitals or care homes. We pray that the sense of hurt and loss people suffered with that in the past will be healed. With wisdom and caution, may we be able to go forward with faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

May Lord bless and protect you in difficult times and situations. Fr John

DECEASED: ROBERT TURNER RIP, who died on **Wednesday 29th December**. He will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass **at 1.15pm next Wednesday, 16th February**, followed by a burial at Theydon Bois Cemetery. Robert was an usher at 9am Sunday Mass in our church. As Robert has no family here, we invite parishioners and friends to his funeral. **May he rest in peace.**

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 22nd at 12 noon**, followed by Committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **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.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to the family of Isla Lee Han Imogen Porcher who were baptised in our Church on Saturday 5th February. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.

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 Wednesday 16th February at 8pm in the Priest's House.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: No meeting next week due to school half term.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Our Confirmation Programme will continue with the next session on Zoom on **Wednesday 23rd February** at 6 pm. There will not be a meeting next week due to the school half term.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: William Deary, Mary Cannon, George Hackett, Mary Fenton, Johnny Darcy, Fr John Garrett, Dezilwa Sperry (12/2), Hilda Darlington, Mary McCarron, Melville Gaughan, Edith Teesdale, Fr Charles Snell (13/2), Agnes Butcher (14/2), Margaret Rawbottom, Daisy Goulder (15/2), Kathleen Stanford, Anastasia Holtham, Clare Lafford (16/2), Dennis Verrall, Caroline Kirwan, Douglas Barker, Fr John Joyce, Alison Hoyes (17/2), Bridget Rose, Gerard Pines, Andy Codling, Bridget Rose (18/2), Fr Archibold O'Brien, Fr Thomas O'Connor, Reg Clements, John Bloomfield (19/2), Charles Ward, Kathleen Schofield, Tom Ryan, Connie Charlton, Robert Luker, Antoinette Bonito (20/2), **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

MUSIC IN CHURCH: 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.

THANK YOU TO USHERS AT MASS: We are advised it is no longer necessary for ushers to take the names of those attending Mass. We are **most grateful** to all who have given their time, for much longer than any of us envisaged, to carry out this important role in our church. We now return to having "Welcomers" at Masses who will distribute the Mass and Hymn books and we seek volunteers for this. We hope that the ushers may be able to continue helping with this and welcome anyone who may be interested. Please contact Fr John or the Parish Office if you can help.

CAKE STALL & BOOK STALL: **NEXT Sunday 20th February 9:00am-1pm** Please come along and buy some delicious treats before Lent begins and take advantage of some wonderful pre-loved books on offer. If you would like to volunteer on the day, donate a homemade cake or some books in good condition, contact Adriana Ruvalcaba 07828 118 909 or Emma Armstrong 07791 235 929. Please note that books **will not** be accepted on the day of the event.

PARISH SECRETARY: A vacancy has arisen for a part time Parish Secretary in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Wanstead. The post will be part-time approximately 20 hours per week). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Pat via the Parish email address: wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Closing Date for Applications: **25th February 2022.**

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 23rd - 30th JULY 2022:
Join the Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer, assisting pilgrims to Masses, services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, take part in retreats and a youth led reconciliation service, visit the baths and the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, experience the amazing Lourdes processions, as well as social nights, party and so much more! The cost is £625 for the week and is open to all those in school year 11 and above. (funding and grant opportunities are available!) Email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org or visit www.bcys.net/events/sl22 to find out more and apply now! **The deadline for applications is Sunday 20th February.**

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: **What do devotions to Mary tell us about her Son, Jesus?** Input will be by Fr Michael Barwick, assistant parish priest of Our Lady and St George, Walthamstow, **THIS Sunday 13th February, 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.** via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

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.**