

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES FROM Saturday 27th Feb to Sunday 6th March 2022		
EIGHT SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME C DAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED 27 February 2022		
Saturday 26 th	6.00pm	The People of our Parish
Sunday 27 th	9.00am	Special intention (AM)
February 2022	11.00am	Kathleen Hill RIP Recently (Banting) Live streamed
	3.00pm	Tridentine Rite Latin Mass
Monday 28 th	9.15am	Kathy's Intentions (Morris)
Tuesday 1 st		St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
March	9.15am	Mrs Ann Mann's intentions
Wednesday 2nd	ASH WEDNESDAY: Day of fasting & abstaining from meat products	
Lent begins	12 noon	Matthias McGrath RIP
today	8.00pm	Leslie Banting RIP Recently (Banting)
Thursday 3 rd	9.15am	Mary Henry's Intentions (Browne)
Friday 4 th		Women's World Day of Prayer
	12 noon	Ann Fitzpatrick's Intentions (Browne)
Stations & Mass	7.30pm	Station of the Cross: Mass for Choir & Steward
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 6th March 2022		
Saturday 5 th	6.00pm	Rocque Fernandes RIP Anniv (Murray)
Sunday 6 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
March 2022	11.00am	Bridget Crouch RIP (Crouch Family)
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross in Church

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

READINGS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 27th February 2022
ECCLESIASTICUS 27:4-7 Do not praise a man before he has spoken for this it the test
PSALM 91 It is good to give you thanks, O Lord, to make music to your name
1COR. 15:54-58 Thank God for giving us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ
LUKE 6:39-45 A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

WE LIVE STREAM SUNDAY MASS at 11am FROM OUR CHURCH:

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

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 £91.50 in envelopes, £266.65 in loose plate on Sunday 20th February. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House and for charities our Parish supports via www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

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

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 27th February 2022

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The restrictions under which we have been living for the last 2 years may have made us cautious about catching the COVID virus, but they have also given us less opportunity to have as many conversations with others. It is as though we have been partly shut away from contact, but now we can slowly return to the new normality whatever that might be!

Our first scripture reading in today's Mass is from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which was written about 180 years BC by a Jewish scholar, Jesus ben Sirach, whose Book is the accumulation of years of observations and teaching about human behaviour and life under God's love and rule. The reading reminds us that we always reveal something of our character in the words we speak and the way in which we speak them,

It's always good to chat, particularly with our friends and most particularly with those friends with whom we share common values. Today we are encouraged to remember that, as committed Christians, we need always to promote love and goodwill as we speak. May what we say during all our conversations be pleasing to God and helpful to our neighbours.

God bless.

Deacon Duncan

LENT MASSES: On the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm we will offer Mass for people in various groups and activities in our parish that God will bless them in their good work in and for our community.

The dates & intentions are as follows:

4th March: Musicians & Singers

11th March: Confirmation & Communion Catechists

18th March: Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist

25th March: St Vincent De Paul Society

1st April: Parish Council & Finance Committee

8th April: Stewards, Ushers, Welcomers & Counters.

WE PRAY FOR MRS KATHLEEN POMEROY RIP who died on Tuesday, 15th February. Funeral arrangements pending. May she rest in peace.

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

CHOIR & MUSIC: We are most grateful to all who have helped with music in Church over the past two years. We now wish to restart our choir, initially on a once a month basis. We will restart at the 11am Mass on Sunday, the 13th March. If you would like to join in this, and we would love you to join, please contact Michele Garwood or Fr John at the Priest's House. Let us lift up our voices and hearts to praise God.

JOURNEY IN FAITH TALKS for 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 those 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 9th March at 8pm in the Priest's House**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Preparation in the hall on Wednesday at 5.30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Our Confirmation Programme will continue with the next session on Zoom on **Thursday 3rd March** at 6 pm.

COVID REGULATIONS: To keep people safe **we continue to wear face coverings in church.** If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home. **Our church is open daily from 8am to 7pm for people to make visits and pray.**

MUSIC IN CHURCH: We wish to enhance our music with musicians & singers. Our thanks 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.

CAKE SALE & BOOK STALL: Many thanks to Adriana and Emma for organising last Sunday's Cake & Book Stall fundraiser, to everyone who made the delicious cakes, gave in books and to all who sold and bought them after the Masses. It raised **£365.50.**

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Nugent, Christopher Carroll, Mgr Jules Van Meenen, Fr Clifford Becroft (26/2), Connie Charlton, Edna Gooding, Fr David Chapman (27/2), Elizabeth Farrell, John Turner, Teresa Negri, Fr John Wall (28/2), Victor Blunt, Genevive Richardson, (1/3), Theresa Walsh, Robert Wood (2/3), Sharon Reeves, Reginal Wright, Mark Dower, Mgr Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Francis Hastings, Fr Brian Galvin (4/3), Lawrence Ryan, Sadie McAniskey, Samuel Palmer, Fr Malachy Kelly (5/3), Nancy Maddin, Ian Cook (6/3). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

CHILDREN'S LENT BOOKLETS: My Day by Day booklets for Infants and Junior children are available free in the church. Please take one for your child.

LENT LUNCHES: A chance to meet friends and support local charities. Each Saturday in Lent one of the Churches in Epping offers a simple lunch **from 12.30pm to 2pm.** Everyone is welcome! The first Lent Lunch will be held at **12.30pm on Saturday 5th March at the Methodist Church, High Street, Epping.**

LENT READINGS: The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

EPHING 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 in need of help at this time, please contact Fr John or our Parish SVP.**

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT on **Saturday 26th March** at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Six people per table maximum. £5 for adults, under 18's free (pay on the night). Please contact Emma on 07791 235929 to book your place.

REPOSITORY: We are most grateful to Janet Abbot has managed, amongst many other things, our Repository, religious goods and card stall, in the church porch, for very many years. There are cards for every occasion and lovely religious goods in the stall. We now need some more helpers to open it after weekend Masses. Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office if you are willing to help us with this.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: Fr Pachal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester, will speak on "What is new about the new Evangelisation?" **THIS Sunday 27th February**, 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join the meeting send contact email adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

LENTEN REVISION YOUTH RETREAT: **2nd - 3rd April**, Walsingham House. In years 11 -13 and preparing for exams this year? Get a change of scenery and a fresh perspective at Walsingham House this Lent for times of prayer, socialising, but mostly to revise, alongside friends and the Walsingham House team. The chapel is there for times of quiet reflection and prayer. Book via www.bcys.net/events.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Fully escorted, **23rd May 2022.** £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. wheelchair accessible rooms. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.