

<b>TIMES OF MASSES &amp; SERVICES from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>St Matthias, Apostle &amp; Martyr</b>	
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism of Ray Michael Wrsama</b>
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism of Nelly Catherine Millward</b>
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Cardinal Philippe Ouedraogo's intentions</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mick &amp; Sandra Nagle's ints (Protheroe) Streamed</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</b>	
	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Mary B Kelly RIP Recently (Darcy)</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>		
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Grace Kelly RIP Recently (Murray)</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mark &amp; Maggie Keane's intentions Streamed</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>LATIN MASS in Tridentine Rite</b>

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

**DIocese of Brentwood Website:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

**DAILY SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED:** [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/)

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**ACTS 14:21-27** They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

**PSALM 144** I will bless your name forever, O God, my kind

**APOCALYPSE 21:1-5** God will wipe away all tears from their eyes

**JOHN 13:31+ "I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you"**

**OFFERINGS:** Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and £170 online donations in April, and in envelopes on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, £278.10, loose plate £312.58, for CAFOD £10 and at first Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May £231.61. You can give in donations to the Priest's House and for charities we support at: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ADORATION:** We had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration in Church after morning Masses on weekdays, before the lockdowns. If some parishioners would like to resume this devotion, we can have the Blessed Sacrament placed on the Altar at the end of morning Masses.

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C**

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

*Dear Friends and Parishioners,*

Jesus said, "My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you must love one another" (Jn.13:31-35). Many people prepare to leave life, by making their will and stating their wishes for those who are special to them. Jesus was doing that in today's Gospel, as he told his followers that he will be taken from them and wishes them to live the "new commandment; to love one another as I have loved you".

Jesus sets love as the quality by which his followers will be recognised in their commitment to God and each other. He says, "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples". Everyone wants to love and be loved, but a love that follows the example of Christ requires sacrifices and must be total and without conditions. Jesus said; "even the pagans love and do good to those who do good to them, in expectation of a reward". We can fool ourselves when on judging the quality of our love and be blinded by self-interest.

St Ignatius of Loyola gives us a wonderful prayer of Christian love, which is printed inside the back cover of our Parish Mass Book, in the Prayers after Communion. We should use this prayer often:

**"Lord, teach us to be generous; to serve you as you desire;  
to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek reward,  
save that of knowing we do your will, through Christ, our Lord"**

Jesus showed his perfect love, by sacrificing his life out of love for his Father and sinful people. In his Word and the Sacraments, he brings the love of God to us and calls us to live in love of God and each other. St Paul gives us an agenda for love and life in his two great Christian hymns to love; in 1Corinthians 13:1-13 and Colossians 3:1-17. We could use these for prayer, reflection and examination of conscience. They will help us grow in love for God and one another.

**RIDE LONDON CYCLE EVENT:** On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May the Ride London Cycle Event will go through Epping and as a result there will be a number of road closures in the area. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> we will have Mass at 10am & 6pm. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> our Masses will be at 9am & at 6pm – there will be no 11am.

*May God bless us and help us grow and live in his love. Fr John*

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

**STEVE McDONAGH RIP** who died on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. **May he rest in peace.**

**MICHAEL (TOM) HOLMES RIP** who died on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Requiem Mass will be celebrated here for him at 11am on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium. **May he rest in peace.**

**GRACE KELLY RIP** who died on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Funeral arrangements later. **May she rest in peace.**

*We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to their families and to all who mourn at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and fill them with the hope and joy of new life through his resurrection.*

**FIRST COMMUNIONS:** On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**, a rehearsal, for the children and their parents, receiving their first Communion on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our First Holy Communion children and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time. Their Presentation Mass and presentation of their First Holy Communion Certificates will be on Sunday **12<sup>th</sup> June**.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** We have two more meetings for people who have been making their journey of faith into the Church and the Sacraments over the past year. They will cover the Sacraments of Marriage, Holy Orders & Catholic Devotions. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 9pm in the Priest's House.

**FACEBOOK GROUP:** Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages and monitors the input for security and relevance. If you would like to join the group, please click on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We invite adults, young people or children to serve Mass. We ask children who received first Holy Communion in recent times to consider serving the Lord at Mass. Please contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to serve

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:** Lord, Jesus Christ, you shared our human nature to heal the sick and save all mankind. Mercifully listen to our prayers for the physical and spiritual health of our brothers and sisters. May your Spirit console and comfort them and your strength heal them. By the power of your Spirit keep them firm in faith, certain in hope and joyful in patience, for you have given them a share in your passion. Through Christ our Lord.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernadine Potrykus (15/5), Fr James (Jim) McCormack, Ronnie Barrett (16/5), Angela Riccoboni, Fr John William Hayes, Fr Paul Dynan (17/5), Bridie O'Loughlin, Leslie Wilson, Ann Allshire, Margaret White (18/5), Canon Thomas Clark, Elva Robinson (19/5), Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Shepherd (20/5), John de Vos, Patricia O'Grady, Mgr William O'Grady (21/5). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord. May they rest in peace.**

**EASTER DUTIES:** In Catholic tradition we have an obligation to receive Holy Communion, and if necessary, prepare for Holy Communion by having our sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday

**FLOWER ARRANGING:** We are most grateful to our flower arrangers for their imagination and dedication in making our church look so beautiful each week with the floral displays. We now need more helpers with this important role. It is our aim to establish a rota. You do not need floristry experience as training will be given. If you think you can help please speak to Fr John or contact our Parish Office.

**"BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL AND THE FIVE CLASSICAL ORDERS":** a lecture to be given by the architect of Brentwood Cathedral, Quinlan Terry, on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at 8.15 p.m. in the Cathedral at CM15 8AT. This will be a unique opportunity to find out more about the classical inspiration that informed the distinctive style of Brentwood Cathedral. All are welcome.

**MAY - THE MONTH OF OUR LADY:** We honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Queen of Saints, who has maternal care for her children on earth and prays for us in heaven. Pope Francis said: "Our Lady, as soon as she heard that she was to be the mother of Jesus and that her cousin, Elizabeth was expecting a child, 'went to her with haste' and did not wait. She did not say, 'Now I am with child, I must take care of my health – my cousin has friends who can care for her'. Our Lady is always like this. She is our Mother, who always hurries to us whenever we are in need". We are encouraged to pray asking her intercession especially in the Rosary during this month, and particularly in the Joyful and Glorious mysteries.

**REPOSITORY – RELIGIOUS GOODS** stall in our church porch is open after the Masses and has suitable gifts for first Holy Communion children, like rosaries, icons, cards and mementos. Goods can also be obtained on request at other times.

**GIFT AID:** Please let Michele Murphy know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2021/22. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

**EPHING FOREST FOODBANK** 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, savory crackers, sponge puddings, shampoo, soap, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), deodorant, reusable face masks and laundry tablets.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** We have recently made donations from our parish funds to the following charitable causes: St Clare's Hospice, Carmelite Monastery, Aid to the Church in Need, Marriage Care, Cardinal Hume Centre, Providence Row, The Passage, Mercy Ships, CAFOD, International Refugee Trust, Orbis UK, Smile Train, St Francis Leprosy Guild, Columban Missions, Promotion of Vocations, World Communications, Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, Day for Life, St Peter's Pence, Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Education Service, Home Mission Day, Prisoners' Sunday, World Mission Day, Pax Christi, National Youth Sunday, Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund, Racial Justice. Some of these donations were in lieu of second collections which we should have taken up in church.

**COVID REGULATIONS:** Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church. Wearing a face covering in church helps prevent the spread of Covid and keep safe.