

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 12th June 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Jesus said “I have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now, but when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into the complete truth” (John 16:12-15). Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, and worship God our Father and Creator; Jesus, Son of God, our Saviour and brother; and the Holy Spirit, the creative power and presence of God in the world who makes us holy. Jesus recognised that there was only so much his apostles could understand or take in during his short time with them, so he told them that he would ask his Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them to deepen their understanding of the truths he had revealed to them. At Pentecost, last Sunday, we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and we know that he is with us too, to sustain us in truth and love.

We bless ourselves with Holy Water and make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of our prayers, to enter into the presence of the Most Holy Trinity - God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is in their names that we were Baptised and became members of God’s family. Through the waters of Baptism we share in the nature, life and love of the Most Holy Trinity.

At Mass and in private prayer we go to God our Father from whom all good things come, through Jesus his Son and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. All that Father does is done through his Son, Jesus, and everything we offer to God is offered up and given to us is through Jesus, “the mediator between God and people”. The Spirit who is at work in the world from the beginning of creation until the end of time is creative and makes all things holy, for he is the sanctifier. When he has purified the world and made it holy, Jesus will offer up to his Father a redeemed creation as an acceptable sacrifice.

Our congratulations to the children, and their families, who received first Holy Communion in our parish this year. We are most grateful to our team of Catechists who have given so generously of their time and talents to help the children and their parents prepare for first Holy Communion. It is a blessing for them to receive and a grace to be able to share in the preparation for the Sacraments, and we are all most grateful to them for their good work.

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless and protect you. Fr John

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th June 2022		
Saturday 11 th	St Barnabas, Apostle	
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Saturday 11 th	6.00pm	Fr Kieran Dodd’s intentions
Sunday 12 th	9.00am	The People of our Parish
June 2022	11.00am	Private intention in Thanksgiving Streamed
Ordinary Time Week 11 - Lectionary Readings: Weekdays Year 2 - Sundays Year C		
Monday 13 th	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor	
	9.15am	Fr George Towler’s intentions
Tuesday 14 th	9.15am	John Keating RIP (Graves)
	1.00pm	Mrs Elizabeth O’Connor RIP Funeral Service
Wednesday 15 th	12 noon	Penny North RIP Anniv.
Thursday 16 th	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop	
	9.15am	Fr John McKeon’s intentions
Friday 17 th	12 noon	Hilda Silver RIP Anniv.
SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST C CORPUS CHRISTI 19 June 2022		
Saturday 18 th	6.00pm	Bill Dowd RIP Anniv DAY FOR LIFE
Sunday 19 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
June 2022	11.00am	Sean Clohessy RIP Anniv (Clohessy) Streamed

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/

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/

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Proverbs 8:22-31 Before the earth came into being, Wisdom was born

PSALM 8 How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

ROMANS 5:1-5 To God, through Christ, is love poured into our heart by the Spirit.

JOHN 16:12-15 All the Father has is mine: All the Spirit tell you will be from me.

OFFERINGS: Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and in envelopes on Sunday 5th June £192, loose £430.48, for CAFOD £10. You can give in donations to the Priest’s House and for charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held in the Sacristy on Thursday at 7.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend and send in items or ideas for discussion to our Parish Office or to members beforehand. The names and identities of Parish Council members are on the noticeboard in the church porch.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

ELIZABETH O'CONNOR RIP who died on Thursday 19th May, will be received into our church for the celebration of her Funeral Service on **Tuesday 14th June at 1pm** followed by interment at Epping Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

MARGARET HEUGHAN RIP who died on Monday 6th June. **May she rest in peace.** We offer our sympathy to Malcolm, her son and family, our parishioners.

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to their families and 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion children:- Jack, Enda, Luca, James, Aoife, Molly, Oliver, Christopher, Blaise, Frederick, Grace, Stefan, Gabriella, Aine, Ronan, Evelyn, Heidi, Diego, Ronnie, Mia, Isla, Thomas, Elizabeth, Victor, Brayden, Cristian, Isabella, Tallulah & Teddy and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time. **Their Presentation Mass and presenting of First Holy Communion Certificates will be THIS Sunday, 12th June at 11am.**

FACEBOOK GROUP: James Ryan manages and monitors our parish Facebook Group., posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. To join go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

ALTAR SERVERS: We invite children, young people and adults 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:
May the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit down upon all who are ill.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Cleverly, Margaret Stubbs, Fr Thomas Crowe (11/6), Fr John Gallagher, Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson (12/6), Fr Thomas Carlin (13/6), Fr Gerard Hughes, Elizabeth Finn (14/6), Fr Ambrose O'Gorman, Carole Dubber, Muriel Hall (15/6), Bishop Bernard Patrick Wall, Bill Dowd, John O'Hallaghan, May & Willie Morgan, Violet Ben Gesser (18/6), Con Conneely (19/6). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

THE RELIGIOUS GOODS stall in our church porch is open after Sunday 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 and also ordered.

CHURCH ORGAN: Our church organ has been repaired at a cost of £2,140 with a lot of renewal work and is now fully operational. Any parishioner would like to learn to play the organ, please contact Fr John and we will see what we can arrange for tutoring and guidance. Andrew Wright, Director of Music in our Diocese, has also indicated that he is willing to help and be supportive.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: The Bishops of England & Wales ask Catholics to return to Sunday Mass from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June. Many have already done so, but we miss some parishioners who were active in our community, before the lockdowns. We invite them to return to Mass on Sundays to receive the Lord's Word in the Scriptures, and the Bread of Life in Holy Communion. **As a general rule if we are able to go shopping or socialising, we should be able to go to Mass**

THANK YOU to Michele Murphy who works so conscientiously as our parish Gift Aid Co-Ordinator. Please let her know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your Gift Aid total for the tax year 2021/22. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

SYNODAL PATHWAY: Pope Francis says he wants our Church to be a listening Church - not only for those who are committed members, but to all who count themselves as Catholics, without regard to their status, standing, sexuality, way of life or opinion. To this end, we are all invited to contribute to the discussion as part of the Pope's Synodal Pathway, which is intended to inform the meeting of bishops in Rome in 2023. Our diocese will hold a series of discussions via Zoom in the near future. If you would like to take part, please email peter_pleydell@hotmail.com

EPPING CHORUS are holding a Quiz Night, in our Hall, on **Saturday 18th June** 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of 6 to 8. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £10 per person available from Maggie Knope on telephone 01992 573101. Please make cheques payable to "Epping Chorus". There will be a raffle on the night.

"YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN" – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK:
On **Saturday 18 June** from **11 am** Fr Gerard Bradley, a parish priest in Southwark, who taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will lead a study day entitled '*Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace*'. This free live streamed talk will be on www.whatgoodnews.org Recording will be made available subsequently at www.whatgoodnews.org

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Mid Essex Deanery invite you to join in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, through the streets of Chelmsford **on Sunday 12th June at 3pm**. Starting at Our Lady Immaculate School, New London Road, Chelmsford. The Holy Eucharist will be carried in a monstrance by Abbot Hugh Allen and priests of the Deanery, accompanied by a band, Catholic organisations and groups, first Holy Communion children, parishioners and families. Bring your family and friends and join us as we witness to the presence of Christ. For information contact Des Kelly at kelly.clan@btinternet.com

EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK: the foodbank still requires the usual goods.

FLOWER ARRANGERS: we are appealing for flower arrangers for our church.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For information visit www.catholic singles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.