

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 26th June 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Jesus called his disciples to “Follow me” (Lk.9:51-62) and Elijah called Elisha, his disciple, to follow him (1Kings 19:16-21). In these readings Elijah and Jesus were preparing to leave this world but arranged for God’s word and work, to be continued through other people. Their successors, the prophets and apostles, were chosen, not just by people, but by God’s Spirit who would anoint them with power, so that they could speak God’s Word to people in a prophetic way to save them. Elisha, had to keep his focus on Elijah, his master, “so that he would be able to inherit a double share of his spirit”. The apostles had to keep their focus on Jesus in order to be able to carry out, with faith, the mission he entrusted to them. Peter was even able to walk across water, with faith, when he kept his focus on Jesus, but as soon as he took his eyes off the Lord, he began to flounder and sink.

The disciples were amazed at the wonderful things God did in and through them, when they did what Jesus told them. When we follow the call of Jesus’ by obeying him, looking to him and listening to him, great things can happen that transform our lives and the lives of others. Whether we are young, middle aged or elderly; poor or rich, healthy or sick; weak or strong, educated or illiterate, married or single, widowed or divorced, the Lord calls us to, “Follow me”. It matters not who we are, what we do or what our condition of life is; God loves each one of us and Jesus calls us to “Follow me” in that time and place. When addressing the problems and burdens of life, He says to us, “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross daily and follow me”.

Our thanks to everyone in our parish who has given so generously of their time and talents in the service of others in our community over the past year, i.e. since last September. In a way parish life follows the school or academic year as things tend to start in September and then end in July. We particularly thank Martin Griffin and the team of Catechists who prepared a two years group of children for first Holy Communion this year. We now need to start planning again for the start in September for next group of first Holy Communion children and would like to hear from parishioners who are willing to be Catechists. I would be most grateful to hear from suitable parishioners who may be willing to help with this key task of faith formation. It will also give the time to make the preparations necessary, to undertake this most important role of forming children in their Catholic faith.

May God bless us with the ability to listen to and follow his call. Fr John

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 25th June to Sunday 3rd July 2022		
Saturday 25 th	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
June 2022	2.00pm	Baptism of Sophia Castro Bass
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Saturday 25 th	6.00pm	Tommy Holmes RIP Recently (Coyne)
Sunday 26 th	9.00am	Julian Ruvalcaba RIP Anniv (Ruvalcaba/Vianna)
June	11.00am	Lynn Marsh RIP Recently (Dolan-Palmer) STREAMED
2022	12.30pm	Baptism of Jacob Daniel Newman
	3.00pm	LATIN MASS in Tridentine Rite
Ordinary Time Week 13 - Lectionary Readings: Weekdays Year 2 - Sundays Year C		
Monday 27 th	St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor	
	9.15am	People of our Parish
Tuesday 28 th	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	
	9.15am	Matt Conrad RIP (Palmer)
Wednesday 29	FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	
NOTE TIMES	10.00am	Fr James Hawes RIP Anniv (Murray)
	7.30pm	The People of our Parish
Thursday 30 th	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	
	9.15am	Special intention (TC)
	2.00pm	Valerie Thornhill RIP FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday 1 st July	St Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr	
	12 noon	Mandy Murphy RIP Recently (Hersom)
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 3rd July 2022		
Saturday 2 nd	6.00pm	Fr James Hawes RIP Anniv (FM)
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am	Tommy Holmes RIP Recently (Coyne)
July 2022	11.00am	Joseph Guglielmi RIP Anniv (Family) STREAMED

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

DIocese of Brentwood Website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>
CHURCH SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/
 Sunday Mass at 11am streamed live from our church on youtube – see inside

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1Kings 19:16-21 Elisha rose and followed Elijah, the prophet

PSALM 15 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself are my prize

GALATIANS 5:1-18 When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free – not slaves.

LUKE 9:51-62 Jesus resolutely took the road to Jerusalem – to suffering and death.

OFFERINGS: Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and in envelopes on Sunday 19th June £211, loose £232.61, 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

PLEASE SANITISE YOUR HANDS AS YOU ENTER & LEAVE CHURCH

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

VALERIE THORNHILL RIP who died on Tuesday 7th June, will be received into our church for the celebration of her Funeral Service on **Thursday 30th June at 2pm** followed by interment at Theydon Bois Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

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

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 Lord heal & comfort all who are ill with his Holy Spirit.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Reginald Browne (24/6), Michael O'Reilly (25/6), Anne Dollard, Canon James Dacey (26/6), David Nicholson (27/6), Jack Higham (28/6), Antony Williams, Fr James Hawes (29/6), Margaret O'Regan, Noel Hunter, Fr James Littleton (2/7), Therese Robinson, Gordon Easton, Patricia Kirrane, Charles Carter Charles Kienzle, Peggy O'Regan, Peter Prothero (3/7),, **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.

POST TO PRIEST'S HOUSE: When dropping off Mass intentions, offerings or post please use the main letterbox at the front door of to the Priest's House. Please do not leave under the door of the side porch or utility area as these areas are not secure.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: Baptismal certificates are ready to collect from Fr John for parents of children recently baptised in our parish.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Marriage and Family Life at Brentwood Cathedral with Bishop Alan on **Saturday, 16th July at 3.00pm** followed by a reception afterwards in the Cathedral Hall. We have some invitation cards and all couples and families are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you, or anyone you know, wishes to have Mass offered for anyone living or dead, please contact Fr John at The Priest's House, by phone, letter or e-mail or stating the intention, and Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible. Mass cards are available from the Priest's House. If you require a specific date or a weekend Mass, please book as soon as possible as weekend dates here are now being booked for many weeks ahead.

EPHING CHORUS will hold their Golden Anniversary concert **Saturday 9, July, at 7.30pm**, at St John's Church, Epping. Please see our outside noticeboard for details. It would be great to have your support on this special anniversary occasion.

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

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

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN announces its next Scripture talk by Fr Adrian Graffy, Parish Priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on 'Jonah: Prophet for Today'. You can attend in-person at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, on **Saturday 9 July** from 11.00am or join the livestream on www.whatgoodnews.org at 11 a.m. on the day, where it will also be available subsequently on You Tube.

NEED OF URGENT HELP: If you or someone you know urgently needs help, please contact the Priest's House. We will endeavour to assist through parishioners who have volunteered to help, the Church, Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like a phone call or e-mail can be a real comfort to many.

DAVENANT FOUNDATION SCHOOL is seeking to recruit to the Governing Body, that provides support and challenge to the school leadership, and is refreshing its membership in line with good practice of governance. They wish to recruit up to five Governors with relevant skills and commitment to strategically steer the school through the next five years. The current (retiring) and previous Chair of Governors were from our Epping Parish and a significant number of young Catholic people join the school each year. Information is now available on their website: [Davenant Foundation School - Governor Vacancies \(davenantschool.co.uk\)](http://davenantschool.co.uk) Applications are expected by **30th June** and interviews will be held in the following two weeks. Successful applicants will take up their roles starting in September 2022.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023: Parents and carers wanting a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2023 must be attending Sunday Mass consistently over the years. If parents say they go to Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. There is no point in seeking a Priest's reference if you have not been attending Mass consistently.

WE LIVE STREAM 11am SUNDAY MASS IN OUR CHURCH on youtube: youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw or search on google: **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping** and visit the channel.

On a mobile phone simply scan the QR code to take you to the channel

