

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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 Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 17 July 2022

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th July 2022		
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C		17th JULY 2022
Saturday 16 th	12.30pm	Baptism of Penelope Holly Hunter
Saturday 16th	6.00pm	The People of our Parish
Sunday 17th	9.00am	Aidan Moffitt RIP Recently (Lavin)
July 2022	11.00am	Peter Protheroe RIP (Protheroe) <u>STREAMED</u>
Monday 18 th	9.15am	Whitehouse & Smith Families intentions (Whitehouse)
Tuesday 19 th	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 20	St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	
	12 noon	Deceased members of Scannell Family RIP (Scannell)
Thursday 21 st	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	
	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 22 nd	St Mary Magdalene	
	12 noon	Mrs Scannell's intentions (Scannell)
Saturday 23rd	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious & Patron of Europe	
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C		24th July 2022
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY		
Saturday 23rd	6.00pm	Colin Peter Mills RIP (Recently)
Sunday 24th	9.00am	The People of our Parish
July 2022	11.00am	Lynn Marsh RIP Recently (Dolan-Palmer) <u>STREAMED</u>
	3.00pm	Tridentine Rite Latin Mass

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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GENESIS 18:1-10 Abraham said, "My Lord, do not pass your servant by".

PSALM 14 The just will live in the presence of the Lord

COLOSSIANS 1:24-28 A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed

LUKE 10:38-42 Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary chose the better part

OFFERINGS: Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, in envelopes on Sunday 10 July £387.90, loose £272.92, for CAFOD £10. Donations to Sea Sunday to help seafarers, to whom we owe so much, came to £145. You can still contribute to that. You can give in donations to the Priest's House and for charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping

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/>

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The story of Martha and Mary in today's Gospel reading conveys an important message for we Christians in today's fast-moving and challenging world.

Many of us tend to be 'Marthas': we worry and fret about so many things – job, money, discord and violence in the community, responsibilities at home etc etc. There are so many practical things to be done and so many difficulties to be overcome, that we seem to have no time to dwell upon Mary's priorities of silent prayer and devotion which will improve our relationship with God and so keep everything in proper perspective, prevent a reduction in our religious sensitivities and make us more aware of the practical role of prayer in our Christianity, and so help our faith to play a truly active and supportive role in our life.

The story of Martha and Mary helps us to focus our thoughts on the practical balance of the true follower of Christ, who, like Mary – and like Jesus himself – can go aside at times to be alone with the Father and who, like Martha – and like Jesus himself – can also go about doing good to others. As Christians, we are not called to follow the 'Mary-way' or the 'Martha-way'. The authentic Christian needs to practise both roles as we do our best to lead a truly balanced Christian life.

God Bless.

Deacon Duncan

WELCOME: We welcome **Fr Fiacra Cotter**, of St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, to our parish. He has been a missionary priest in Malawi, Africa for almost 50 years and will be with us to the end of August. We have been friends since school days and I am sure that we are all most grateful to him for being here with us to supply during the summer holidays. **Fr John**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Application forms are in church for parents who wish to prepare their child for first Reconciliation & Holy Communion in **2023**. The **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS IS FRIDAY 19th AUGUST**. Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2022/23 and it is essential that families be attending Mass consistently. There will be a meeting for the parents in **September**.

COMMUNION CATECHISTS: We need more to help prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. You do not need to be a teacher or a musician. Please contact Fr John who will be delighted to hear from you.

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: Bernard Tong, Canon Daniel Harnett (16/7), Una Brown, Alec Asher, Mary Brown (17/7), Arthur Cepe, Henry Caughan (18/7), Dennis Ruane, Peter Barry, Theresa Ridge, Fr Edmund Dobson (19/7), Fr Patrick Taylor (21/7), Deacon David Balmer (22/7), Stephen Carroll (23/7), Mary McGill (22/7), Nebojsa Banjac (24/7). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NATIONAL SUMMER RAFFLE: Tickets for the SVP raffle will be on sale at all Masses this weekend. Please remember to bring your purses, wallets or cheque books! Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. First prize is £5,000, second prize £1,000. Proceeds go to help homeless people, locally and nationally, including refugees from the Ukraine.

CAFOD BOX: Donations put into the CAFOD box at the back of our church go to support our Parish CAFOD Project at Sebeya in Ethiopia. Details at the box.

PAX CHRISTI: The Pax Christi jar we had in church for years, for donations to the church's peace movement, is back in church for donations on Sundays.

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

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, chats, phone calls or e-mails can be a comfort to many people.

ADVENTURE IN FAITH - Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 - 27 in August 2023. Please see <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>.

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 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 consistently attended Mass.

TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: From September to Easter we will have a series of talks in the Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm on the Catholic faith, for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support family members in their faith. They will suit Catholics who may not have been Confirmed or not been practising or wish to renew or rethink their faith. There is no commitment by attending any or all sessions. We will welcome any Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved.

APF RED MISSIO BOXES: Please hand in boxes to the Sacristy or Priest's House and **do NOT** leave boxes with money in Church Porch. When emptied and counted, boxes are labelled and left in the Porch to be collected by the owners. **Your money helps Mill Hill Missionaries support poor communities overseas.** If you want a Red Missio Box to give change to this charity, contact Elaine Garwood, our Missio Organiser, on egarwood@live.co.uk. Every little helps! Boxes are available in the Church porch where there is a tray of unused boxes and you can take one.

PLEASE SANITISE YOUR HANDS AS YOU ENTER & LEAVE CHURCH

TRANSYLVANIA: Religion, History & Culture Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from **18th - 25th October 2022**. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The cost will start be £850 for one place in a double room, with an additional charge of £165 for single occupancy. Flights, half board at 3 and 4 star hotels, travel in Romania and tour guides are included in the price. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WE LIVE STREAM 11am SUNDAY MASS IN OUR CHURCH on youtube: [youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw](https://www.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



HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS: We wish all our parishioners and families, whether at home or away a blessed, safe, happy and relaxing holiday.