

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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<u>TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: Saturday 13th August to Sunday 21st August 2022</u>		
<u>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u>		
14th August 2022		
Saturday 13 th	6.00pm	Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 14 th	9.00am	Arthur Devereux RIP Anniv (Devereux)
Aug 2022	11.00am	People of our Parish STREAMED
Monday 15 th	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 16 th	St Stephen of Hungary	
	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wed 17 th	12 noon	Sharon Devaney's Intentions (Darcy)
Thursday 18 th	St Helena, Widow	
	9.15am	Robert Keating RIP (Graves)
Friday 19 th	12 noon	Holy Souls RIP
<u>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C</u>		
21st August 2022		
Saturday 20 th	6.00pm	Tom Dennehy RIP Recently (Cowley)
Sunday 21 st	9.00am	People of our Parish
August 2022	11.00am	Frances Sheehy RIP (Clohessy) 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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OFFERINGS: Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, in envelopes on Sunday 7th August, £213, loose £265.85 and CAFOD £20. 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.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **14th AUGUST 2022**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Even since the earliest times in the Christian Church, the date of Our Lady's death has not been known exactly. A feast in honour of the Virgin Mary's 'Falling Asleep near Gethsemane' has been honoured since the 4th Century, at which time legendary stories were circulating in a large variety of languages including Ethiopian, Coptic and Old Irish. Although details varied considerably, they recounted how, shortly before her death, Mary was visited by an angel, who gave her a palm-branch, the sign of victory, and promised that her body would not be destroyed in death; four days later, Mary was borne to paradise in heaven by angels. These accounts reflect an imaginative interest in her last days, in a way not dis-similar to early accounts of the death of the apostles.

Since the 6th century, the commemoration of the Virgin Mary's death, or 'falling asleep', has been known as 'The Assumption' because traditionally she was raised body and soul into heaven. By 20th century, this belief was worldwide and, after consulting with the bishops across the world, Pope Pius XI declared infallibly in 1950 that the Virgin Mary had been assumed body and soul into heaven.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of 'The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary', which as a solemnity is designated as a Holyday of Obligation and we can all give thanks for Our Lady's generosity and devotion, which continue to inspire us all.

God bless.

Deacon Duncan

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF TOM DENNEHY RIP

Several parishioners will remember with affection the Dennehy family who were part of our community up to a few years ago, having now moved to France. In a boating accident recently in Canada. Tom Dennehy, the oldest son of the family was tragically killed whilst attempting to save his dog from the sea off Canada.

May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to his family 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Clare Sainsbury and Luke Barrick who were married in in our church on Wednesday 10th August. We wish them a greatly blessed, long and very happy marriage.

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 HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 26th 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 helpers 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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Saich, Herbert Smith, Mabel Whitehouse (13/8), Robin Cummings, Antony Robin (15/8), Victoria Long, Des Kelly (16/8), Catherine Gilbert, Margaret Green, Gina Pelosi, Albert Asher (17/8), Richard Thornhill, Mary McLaughlin, James Flynn, Edie Taylor, Jack Bell (18/8), Clive Tucker (19/8), Eric Hollister, Norah Watson, Rodney Wyness (20/8) **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK: EPPING FOREST FOODBANK We thank generous parishioners who give food and goods for Epping Forest FoodBank, in the basket in our church porch by the Priest's House & Sacristy. 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.

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.

GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY: Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MARCH FOR LIFE, WESTMINSTER: If you think there is something amiss in our society when, despite Human Rights legislation guaranteeing the right to life, over 200,000 a year unborn children's lives are terminated every year in England and Wales, and if you think that the Catholic Church's near silence on this is shocking, there **is** something you can do about it. Join this March for Life. It is not a protest, it is a peaceful, prayerful **WITNESS TO THE SANCTITY OF LIFE**. It is open to people of **ALL FAITHS and NONE**. **Saturday 3rd September at 2pm. Marsham Street, Westminster SW1 3DW**

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.

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

