

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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 Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Message Fr John sent on behalf of the Epping Catholic Community, on 29<sup>th</sup> July, to the Rev Cecil White on the closure of Epping Methodist Church:

**Dear Rev Cecil,**

I am very sorry to hear that Epping Methodist Church and some local Methodist churches are closing at this time. In our local Catholic community, we very much regret the closures and also desire to offer whatever hospitality and support we can to the members of the local Methodist churches. On a simple level our church is open every day from 8am and throughout the day, and people are welcome to visit for private prayer. Whilst we appreciate that the local URC church will provide a spiritual home for your people, if there is any way we at the Catholic church can be of help to or offer hospitality to the local Methodist community, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On a personal level I am very sorry that you are moving from this area. Your ministry was a blessing and enrichment for all of us here in the Epping area and we pray that your new ministry in Lincolnshire will be richly blessed for the people, and be a joy for you, your wife and family.

I am very sorry that I cannot be with you this weekend as I am on holiday with my family in Ireland at this time. However, I will especially remember you and the Epping Methodist community in prayer this Sunday, as we did in our church and community last Sunday.

Wishing you and the Methodist community in Epping many blessings as you go forward in new ways on your journey as God's pilgrim people.

**(Fr) John McGrath, Parish Priest Epping**

**Reply from Rev Cecil White:**

**Dear Fr John,**

Thank you for remembering the Methodist people at this time. Your offer of an ecumenical welcome is much appreciated and I will share this with the congregation. I wish you well for your holiday. Remember me to the holy land that is Ireland!

**Yours in Christian love and fellowship.**

**Rev Cecil E. White**

| <u>TIMES OF MASSES &amp; SERVICES: Saturday 27 August to Sunday 4 September 2022</u> |   |  |
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| <u>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022</u>           |   |  |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm  | Rose Potter RIP (Murray)                           |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00am  | Stan Holder RIP Anniv (FM)                         |
| August   | 11.00am   | Susan Perry RIP Anniv. (Perry) <b>STREAMED</b>     |
| 2022   | 3.00pm  | LATIN MASS in Tridentine Rite                      |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | The Passion of St John the Baptist                      |  |
|  | 10.00am   | Holy Souls   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | St Margaret Clitherow and St Anne Line, Martyrs         |  |
|  | 9.15am  | Private intention (J)                              |
| Wednesday 31   | St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne          |  |
|  | 12 noon   | Special intention (Vallance)                       |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>   | St Sebba, King of the East Saxons                       |  |
| September 2022   | World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation            |  |
|  | 9.15am  | Holy Souls   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 12 noon   | Private intention                                  |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor, Apostle of England |  |
| <u>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022</u>          |   |  |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 6.00pm  | Tom Dennehy RIP Recently (Cowley)                  |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.00am  | The People of our Parish                           |
| September 22   | 11.00am   | Bridget Crouch RIP Anniv. (Crouch) <b>STREAMED</b> |

**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/](http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)

Sunday Mass at 11am is streamed live from our church on youtube – see inside

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C Mass Book Page 105 28 August**

**ECCLESIASTICUS 3:17-29 Act humbly and then you will find favour with the Lord**

**PSALM 67 In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor**

**HEBREWS 12:18-24 We have come to Mount Zion and city of the living God**

**LUKE 14:1-14 Everyone who humbles himself will be exalted & the exalted humbled**

**OFFERINGS:** Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing order.

Offertories on 14<sup>th</sup> August were Envelopes £168.50 & Loose £278.09, CAFOD £50.72.

Offertories on 21<sup>st</sup> August were Envelopes £102.50 & Loose £261.20, 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/////////](http://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.

**THANK YOU:** We express our gratitude to Fr Fiacra Cotter of the St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, for being with us since mid-July and supplying in our Parish over the Summer holidays. For 48 years he has been working in Muzuzu Diocese in Malawi, Africa, We are most grateful to him for his service to our parish. We wish him every blessing as he leaves us this week to go to his family in Clare and will return to Malawi in the next few weeks.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**. 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 shortly in September.**

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

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:** Fr Stewart Foster, David Mansell Sergio Maraldo, Paula Hall, Toohey Family, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Peggy Flanagan, John Millward, Albert Fuller, James Bullen, Fr Liam Hayes, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Fr Michael Butler, Fr John Taylor, Catherine Steel. **May Lord heal & comfort all who are ill with his Holy Spirit.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Stan Holder, Susan Perry, David Squires, Fr Bernard Collings, Margaret Drinkwater (28/8), Frank Blake, Patrick Matthews, Barbara Gaughan (29/8), Canon John Sloan (30), Luke O'Connor (31/8), Mary Furlong, Canon John Walsh (1/9). Canon Cyril Shepherd (2/9), Fr Patrick Cavanagh (4/9). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

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

**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.

**THE PARABLES OF LUKE:** A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 7 pm. Our distinguished speaker is Deacon Sean Loone, well-known for his work in education and evangelisation. He will speak on the parables in Luke's Gospel, that we will hear at Sunday Mass as we go through Year C of the lectionary. To listen live go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) There is no charge and no booking is needed. A recording of the talk will be available on the website in due course.

**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. These 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. **Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office if you are interested.**

**A GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** Have you 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 this September. 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](mailto: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. This is not a protest but a peaceful, prayerful **WITNESS TO THE SANCTITY OF LIFE**. It is open to people of **ALL FAITHS and NONE**. **On Saturday next, the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2pm. Marsham Street, Westminster SW1 3DW**

**SEASON OF CREATION** "You are invited to a Mass for the Season of Creation on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm at Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH (the nearest tube station is Green Park). Details from [sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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**

