

# The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa**

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### *Dear Friends and Parishioners,*

Jesus said, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple” (Lk14:25-33). Some people choose exotic penances for spiritual exercises in Lent but fail to see the many ordinary things in daily life which they could do better, and are part of their responsibilities in relationships, at home and at work. A disciple is one who learns from a master. We are disciples of Jesus, called to learn from him by following his example of being in touch with God in prayer, and with people by relating with them and supporting them. His Cross is the sign of sacrificing his life to God out of love for mankind. In that regard we can reflect on the vertical beam of the cross pointing us upwards to God and the horizontal beam, with the extended hands of Jesus, pointing us out to people. He calls us to take up our cross own unique cross daily, and sacrifice ourselves in love to God and people.

In the Gospel Jesus looked on the people and saw that they were lost like lost sheep without a shepherd, and he felt compassion for them. There were the times when he felt tired or hungry and as his heart went out to the people, he put their needs before his own. He also saw the need to spend time with his Father in isolated prayer and would get up early in the morning and go off to a lonely place to be alone with God. He shows us our need to underpin an outgoing and helpful disposition to people with prayer and quiet times alone with God. These times are like oases in the desert when we go to God to be revitalised by grace, and then follow up by carrying out our normal responsibilities in life – that is carrying our own cross.

In carrying his cross to Calvary, Jesus did not leave people behind, for he brought us with him, and offered his life to his Father the sins of all men and women. As he died, He offered up his Spirit and shed his blood so that all people would be saved and purified by God’s love. Many people, especially in our families sacrifice much for us; though we do not always recognise the sacrifices they make for us. Jesus shows us the way God loves us by sacrificing his life for us. By taking up our own responsibilities or cross each day, we offer and share love in return for love, and we go upwards to God and outwards to people.

It is very concerning that so few parents have applied to prepare their children for First Holy Communion next year. There is a note inside on this matter.

*“Lord Jesus, help us to follow you each day by taking up our Cross and responsibilities, with a sacrificial love”. May God bless you all. Fr John*

<b><u>TIMES OF MASSES &amp; SERVICES: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022</u></b>		
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism of Naomi Delilah D’Cruze-Mason
<b><u>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022</u></b>		
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>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Veronica Beard RIP Anniv (FM)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Peter Claver, Priest</b>	
<b>NOTE TIME</b>	7.30pm	Fr Patrick Salmon’s Intentions
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism of Talia Naa Kwarkor Andrade
<b><u>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C Education Day 11 September 2022</u></b>		
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	People of our Parish
September 22	11.00am	Bridget Crouch RIP Anniv (Graves) <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 – details inside**

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**WISDOM 9:13-18 Who can divine the will of the Lord?**

**PSALM 89 O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next**

**HEBREWS 9-18 Have him back, not as a slave anymore, but as a dear brother**

**LUKE 14:25-25-33 None of you can be my disciple unless he give up all his possessions**

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

**Offertories on 28<sup>th</sup> of August were Envelopes £102.50 & Loose £261.20, CAFOD £10.**

**Thank you so much for your generosity and support for our parish and charities.**

**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.**

**NEED OF URGENT HELP: If you or someone you know needs help urgently, please contact the Priest’s House. We will endeavour to assist to help with the aid of parishioners, the Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like, chats, phone calls or e-mails can also be a comfort to many people.**

**THANK YOU:** Fr Fiacra Cotter of St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, who has been with us since July and supplying in our Parish thanks parishioners for their warm welcome and generous support. He has been working in Muzuzu Diocese in Malawi, Africa, for 48 years, We are most grateful to him for his service to our parish. He has now left us, and we wish him every blessing as he returns to Malawi shortly.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: APPLICATION FORMS FOR PARENTS** who wish to prepare their child for first Reconciliation & Holy Communion in **2023 have been in the church since July.** The **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO THE PRIEST'S HOUSE HAS BEEN EXTENDED, AGAIN, TO WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.** Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2022/23 and it is essential that families be attending Mass consistently.

**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 glad to hear from you.**

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** From September to Easter we will have a series of talks on the Catholic faith, in the Priest's House on **Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm** 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 have not received Holy Communion or Confirmation or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. No commitment is made by attending any or all sessions. We will welcome any Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved. **If you are interested, please contact Fr John or our Parish Office**

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:**  
**May Lord heal & comfort all who are ill with his Holy Spirit.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Santos Ravulcaba, Mary Furlong (3/9), Bridget Crouch, Bridget Day, Fr Patrick Cavanagh (4/9), Veronica Beard (7/9), Mgr Michael Wilson (8/9) Alan Neal (9/), Elsie Hayes, Fr Charles Johnson, Fr Conrad Smith (11/9). Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. **May they rest in peace.**

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Phoebe Mary Fawaz, baptised in our Church on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. May the Lord bless them and their family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

**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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all who have graduated this year or been successful in their examinations. We offer our best wishes to all who are going forward to school, college, university or work, at this time. May they be able to use their talents to give glory to God, service to people and so find personal happiness and fulfilment.

**THE PARABLES OF LUKE:** A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke's Gospel will be live streamed on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** from 7 pm. Our speaker is Deacon Sean Loone, well-known for his work in evangelisation and education. He will speak on the parables in Luke, that we will hear at Sunday Masses in this 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 later.

**"HONG KONG CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN LONDON:** Archbishop Savio HON Tai-Fai, the Apostolic Nuncio to Greece and Fr. Lawrence LEE, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Hong Kong will be celebrating Sunday Holy Mass at 2:00 pm, **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September** and hosting talks at 3:30 pm, on **17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September** in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 21A Soho Square, London (W1D 4NR). For details, please contact the community at: [hkrclon@gmail.com](mailto:hkrclon@gmail.com)."

**JOB VACANCY – Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick:** "We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 -20 hours/week, 39 weeks – hours will be a mix of mid-week and weekend work (Wed-Fri and/or Sat-Sun), and mainly term time only, starting as soon as possible. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, [www.beys.net](http://www.beys.net) or by emailing [clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date is midday on **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive. Please note that on occasions, posts may close earlier than the closing date due to the volume of applications being received. Early applications are therefore advised."

**ENQUIRERS' EVENING:** The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 September at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Bishop Alan. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@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.

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