

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY: Ordinary Time C Home Mission Day 18.9.2022

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

St Paul wrote to Timothy: 'My advice is that prayers should be offered for everyone: petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet' (1Tim.2:1-8). This instruction from Paul is appropriate for all of us, at this time, as the country mourns the death of the Queen, and the King begins his reign, and there is a new Government. Paul says that offering prayers for those entrusted with high office and responsibilities for people, "is right and will please God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth".

He calls us to lift up our "hands reverently in prayer with no anger or arguments". He gives direction on how we contribute to the well being of the nation and people, by offering prayer and spiritual support to those who have responsibilities for the good and wellbeing of people. He advises against anger and arguments, which are often expressed between people who hold opposing political views. The late Queen was seen as wise and above politics, which may be one of the reasons she was seen as a unifying figurehead for the whole country.

Our bishops have produced a lovely prayer card, with a portrait of the Queen, and prayers for the repose of her soul, the consolation of the Royal Family, and prayer for King Charles in the exercise of his high office. Please take and use it to pray for the Queen's soul, as we would for one of our own family, in their journey from a kingdom in this world to the kingdom of God in the next world, "for it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (Maccabees 12). We should also pray for the King and those who have the responsibility of government that they may work for the common good, at home and abroad.

May the Lord, the King of Kings, bless all of us with charity and wisdom. Fr John

PRAYER FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH RIP

Almighty God, you are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and the power of your spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever **Amen**. Eternal rest grant on to her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. **May she rest in peace.**

<u>TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th September 2022</u>		
Saturday 17 th	12.30pm	Baptism of Hugo Ulysses Eyritsis
<u>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C Home Mission Day 18 September</u>		
Saturday 17 th	6.00pm	Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 18 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
September 22	11.00am	Queen Elizabeth RIP & the Royal Family STREAMED
Monday 19 th		St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop
BANK HOLIDAY	10.00am	Teresa Fowler's intentions (Whitehouse) Note time
Tuesday 20 th		St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, & Paul Chong & Comps, Martyrs
	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 21 st		St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
	12 noon	Catherine Ann Gribben RIP (Ives)
Thursday 22 nd	9.15am	Special Intention (SP)
Friday 23 rd		St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
	12 noon	Special Intention (SP)
Saturday 24 th		Our Lady of Walsingham – National Memorial
<u>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 25th September 2022</u>		
Saturday 24 th	6.00pm	Special Intention (SP)
Sunday 25 th	9.00am	Mary Cooney RIP Anniv (Cooney/Keeling)
September	11.00am	People of our Parish LIVE STREAMED
2022	3.00pm	LATIN MASS Tridentine Rite

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 is streamed live from our church on YouTube – details inside

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C Mass Book Page 140 18 September

AMOS 8:4-7 Listen to this you who trample on the poor & needy & suppress the poor

PSALM 112 Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

1TIMOTHY 2:1-8 Prayers should be offered for everyone, especially kings & rulers

LUKE 16:1-13 You cannot be a slave of both God and money.

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

Offertories on 11th September were Envelopes £139.70 & Loose £356.92, 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/////////

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 for children baptised recently in our parish are ready for the parents to collect in church, after Mass from Fr John.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS: We will have a meeting for parents of first Holy Communion children on Wednesday NEXT, 21st September at 8pm in our Church Hall. It is most important that parents attend this meeting at which we will present the programme and outline the commitments to be made. If you are not able to attend, for a serious reason, please contact our Parish Office. The children will be presented at Masses on the weekend of 1st & 2nd October and the sessions for the children will begin on Wednesday 5th October from 5.30pm to 7pm in our Hall.

TERENCE CLARK RIP who died on Thursday 1st September. His Funeral Service will be celebrated on Friday 7th October at Epping Forest Burial Park. **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 hope and the joy of eternal life through his resurrection.**

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 would suit Catholics who have not received Holy Communion or Confirmation or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. We will welcome Catholic parishioners who may wish to be involved. **If you are interested, please contact Fr John.**

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. When they are afraid give them courage, when they are afflicted give them patience, when dejected lift them up with new hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Cox, John O'Halloran (18/9), Marian Ward, Canon Fredrick Gahagan (19/9), William Morgan, Douglas Wilding, Rosemarie Stein, Annie Doolan (20/9), Fr John Ryan (21/9), Dora Deboise, William Shannon (22/9), Denise Kemery, Margery Lister, Joseph Khan (24/9), Mary Cooney, Kathleen Kenna (25/9). Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Talia Naa Kwarkor Andrade baptised in our Church on Saturday 10th September. May the Lord bless them and their family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is seeking stallholders for the Christmas Craft & Gift Fair at Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 6th November** from 10.30-4pm. Pitches **£30**. Information from Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

BAKE SALE: THIS SUNDAY, 18th September 8.30am - 12.30pm. Donations and help welcome! Contact Emma 07791 235929 or Adriana 07828 118909.

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 1st October 7.30pm in our hall, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tables of up to 8 people, £5 per person, under 18's free. Don't worry if you don't have a full table, we will find you a team! Please reserve a table by contacting Emma 07791 235929 or catch me after 9am Mass.

THANK YOU: We express our gratitude to **Arnold Verrall** who has now retired as Bookings' Secretary for our Church Hall. Arnold has conscientiously carried out this responsibility for over 20 years and we are most grateful to him for the care he has shown towards the users of the Hall and his concern to act in the interest of our parish.

HALL HIRE: Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please contact our Parish Administrator to book the Hall.

SVP RAFFLE: Many thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets: all were sold. The raffle raised **£320** in tickets plus **£85** in donations. The draw will be on the feast of St Vincent de Paul, **27th September**. A list of winners will be on the notice board.

RELIQS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES IN THE UK: The Cathedrals & Churches hosting St Bernadette's Relics have a fixed capacity for visitors. To ensure comfort and safety, pilgrims will be asked to register to attend a particular time-slot. In our diocese of Brentwood there are two dates and two venues – the Cathedral on **16th October at 11am**, departing 12 noon **17th October 2022**. Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead: Arrive 10am **18th October 2022**. Depart: 9am **19th October 2022**.

INVITATION TO WEBINAR: Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, **please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment**

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

