

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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 Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME C 16 October 2022

*Dear Friends & Parishioners,*

“From where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 120). This Psalm promises us God’s and is used on for blessing: – the blessing of people on taking up a vocation in life or in Church, the blessing of homes or a Church and those going on a journey. Many do not see a need to ask God for his blessing and protection in their situations. When we recognise our vulnerability or frailty, we see the need to ask God to protect and bless us and our loved ones at the beginning, the end and during the day. We say in the Church’s Night Prayer: “Protect us, Lord, while we are awake and safeguard us while we sleep that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.”

Moses with the support of others offered constant prayer for the people who were under attack (Exodus 17:8-13). God answered his prayer and gave protection and victory to his people in time of danger. We see the need for people to pray together, in the Old Testament, to support each other in prayer and lift one another up to God. It also shows that people are left vulnerable and weaker when there is no prayer or grace to support them at perilous times. Moses prayed for the people in danger - Jesus too prayed for his friends that their faith might not fail them and that they might be faithful and persevere in the face of threat and danger.

Jesus, tells us to persevere in prayer, especially when we might feel God is not listening to us or responding to our prayer (Luke 18:1-8). Jesus shows a woman pestering an unjust judge for justice, to show how important it is that we persevere in our prayer, trusting that God will respond to our pleas. It is not easy, when we pray for something vital, for a family member or our self, and God does not seem to answer our prayer. Yet, prayer transforms lives and situations, for it lifts people and ourselves up to God and by uplifting the problems of earth to heaven, God’s grace comes down from heaven to help people and ourselves here on earth.

The last verse of the Gospel asks a key question about our relationship with God: “When the Son of Man comes will he find any faith on earth?” It may be easy to have or sustain faith in God when all goes well and he seems to be answering our prayer, as we want, but when faith is tested in difficult situations or apparently hopeless circumstances: then, most of all, we need to turn to God with faith and hope, so that he will strengthen and save us.

*May the Lord come our aid and save us through faith. Fr John*

<b><u>TIMES OF MASSES &amp; SERVICES: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022</u></b>		
<b><u>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022</u></b>		
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Special intention (ML)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Jovita Darbyshire RIP Anniv (Hollinshead)
October 2022	11.00am	Michael Yeo RIP Recently (McEvoy) <b>LIVE STREAMED</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	
	9.15am	People of our Parish
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke, Evangelist	
	9.15am	Special intention (SP)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	St John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priest & Comps, Martyrs	
	12 noon	Fr Pat Sammon RIP Recently (Scannell)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Mary & Francis Fletcher RIP (FM) <b>Note Time</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon	Special intention (BOB)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St John Paul II, Pope	
<b><u>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C World Mission Sunday 23 October 2022</u></b>		
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	The Nicholson Family in Thanksgiving (Nicholson)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Special intention (SP)
October	11.00am	People of our Parish <b>LIVE STREAMED</b>
2022	3.00pm	Latin Mass in 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/](http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)

Sunday Mass at 11am is live streamed from our church on YouTube – details inside

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**EXODUS 17:8-13** As long as Moses kept his hands raised, Israel had the advantage

**PSALM 120** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

**2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2** One dedicated to God comes fully equipped with the Lord’s Word

**LUKE 18:1-8** God will see justice done to his chosen ones who cry out to him

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

Offertories on 9<sup>th</sup> October were Envelopes £219.65 & Loose £254.21, CAFOD £544.60.

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/////////)

**HARVEST FAST DAY FOR CAFOD** Very many thanks for your generous offerings last weekend to support CAFOD’s life giving and sustaining work to aid people in the poor and developing nations. The total you gave to date is **£544.60** but you can still donate, if you wish, by either giving your donation to Fr John or dropping it off at the Presbytery or online. Your generosity is greatly valued.

**MISSION APPEAL:** We welcome Fr Patrick O’Beirne to our parish, next weekend who will speak about his work with the Missionary Society of St Columban, and a retiring collection will be taken up at all Masses to support their missionary work.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The children's next session will be **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.**, from **5.30pm to 6.45 pm** in our Hall. **Note finish time**

**NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD:** We will have a Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 3pm**. On **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day, we have Masses at 9.15am, 12 noon and 7.30pm**, during which we will pray by name for all in our Parish who died in the past year. All are welcome to these services and Masses to pray for our dead.

**MISSIO (Red Boxes):** We ask parishioners who have Missio (red boxes) to please return them to the sacristy, for counting and sending off the proceeds, by the end of October. If you would like to make regular donations to Missio by setting up a direct debit then please contact our parish office for further details on this.

**HALL COMMITTEE:** Many people who have served on our Parish Hall Committee over many years have now retired recently. **We especially thank Paul Harwood**, who has been Chairman of the Hall Committee for over 20 years for all his help and devoted service to that part of our parish. Without a Hall Committee we now need a new structure to look after that area of our parish to see that it is well managed and cared for. We will be glad to hear from anyone wishing to help in this area of responsibility. Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office if you would like to help.

**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.

**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:** Catherine O'Reilly, Bernadette Jeffries (16/10), Hester Foster, Jovita Darbyshire, Charles Harrington (17/10), Ted Flanagan, Eve Codling (18/10), Annette Goodchild, Richard Byrne (19/10), Fr Bernard Clay (20/10), Kathleen Asher, Margaret Hanley (21/10), Maria Welch, Canon William O'Neil (22/10), Patricia Worley, Gloria Gee (23/10), Rita Gill, Stanley Cornwell, James Farrell, Thomas Bowden, Rita Gill (24/10). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace.**

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Jonah Joseph Gallagher, baptised in our Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. 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 and we will do what we can to assist you.

**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/>

**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE:** The relics of St Bernadette, to whom the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, appeared in Lourdes, are being taken to Cathedrals and Churches in the country at present. The relics will be at Brentwood Cathedral from 11am **THIS Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October**, for Mass at 11.30am, celebrated by Bishop Alan, & Youth Service Mass at 6.30pm. The Cathedral will be open all day until 9.00pm. On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup>, the Cathedral will open at 6.00am and Mass will be at 9.15am and The Angelus at 12 noon. The relics will arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am and leave on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am. For details see Brentwood Cathedral and Wanstead Parish Websites or Facebook pages. This has a special connection with our parish and Church, dedicated to The Immaculate Conception, which Our Lady revealed to St Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858. **Our Lady Immaculate, Pray for us. St Bernadette, Pray for us.**

**CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022:** This year, on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-1pm**, we will hold a Christmas Market, outdoors and have a gift stall, a cake stall & raffle ticket stall. If you are able to volunteer help or donate a new/unused items to the gift stall or raffle, please contact **Adriana on 07828 118 909 or Emma on 07791 235 929**. We hope the weather is on our side and that you will support this fundraising effort.

**EPHING CHORUS (FORMERLY ECCA)** resumed rehearsals in September but several choir members have left for various reasons and new members are needed, particularly sopranos and tenors. Rehearsals are on Friday evenings 8pm at the Epping Catholic Church Hall. The choir is currently rehearsing The Armed Man for performance on **21 January 2023** and will soon start rehearsing for the Christmas concert on **Friday 16 December** at St John's Church. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining the choir please contact Simon Winters, choir director - [Swintersmusic@aol.com](mailto:Swintersmusic@aol.com). Simon is also Director of Music at St John's Church.

**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

