

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME C 23rd October 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Jesus spoke a parable to “people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else” (Luke 18:9-14). In the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector Jesus shows the effects of spiritual blindness, that comes from pride – a sin. People committed to the practice of religion or involved in a professionally in religion can be in danger of thinking that fulfilling their duties to God and people justifies them. Yet nothing is further from the truth; for we are justified by faith and saved by God’s grace, that is given to us through Jesus Christ.

Some who pride themselves in their devotion to God or people may be tempted to think they are morally superior to others who seem to give little or no time to the worship of God or caring for people. Jesus teaches us the importance of recognising one’s own personal imperfections so that we can truly say, “We are unworthy servants and we have only done what was our duty” (Lk.17:10).

Humility on the other hand, leads to a conscious dependence on God and people and stops one from becoming proud. “The prayer of the humble man pierces the clouds” (Eccl.35:12-19) and we say in response to Psalm 33 today: “This poor (or humble) man called and the Lord heard him”. When we come before the Lord or other people, we need to do so with humility, not pride or superiority, for it is a blessing to recognise how much we depend on God’s grace and people’s love. We should constantly thank God for all that he and other people do for us. God has forgiven and saved us from our sins, failings and folly; we must then be humble and grateful to him, as we say with the Psalmist; “I praise you, Lord, you have rescued me; you, have not let my enemies rejoice over me”(Psalm 30).

Today, World Mission Sunday, we think of Christ’s command to his disciples, “Go and make disciple of all nations, and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19). We think and pray for missionaries and all who spread the Gospel and give witness to Christ, often in foreign and hostile places, where they suffer for witnessing to Christ and carrying out his commands. We especially welcome Fr Patrick O’Bernie of the Columban Missionaries to our parish this weekend and support their missionary work and missions with our prayers and our generous giving in the retiring collection at all Masses.

May the Lord bless each of us with a humble and contrite heart. Fr John

<u>TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th October 2022</u>		
<u>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C WORLD MISSION DAY 23rd October</u>		
Saturday 22 nd	6.00pm	The Nicholson Family in Thanksgiving (Nicholson)
Sunday 23 rd	9.00am	Special intention (SP)
October	11.00am	People of our Parish LIVE STREAM
2022	3.00pm	Latin Mass in Tridentine Rite
Monday 24 th	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	
	9.15am	Teresa Fowler’s intentions (Whitehouse)
Tuesday 25 th	9.15am	Special intention (SP)
Wednesday 26 th	St Cedd, Bishop, Secondary Co-Patron of our Diocese	
	12 noon	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 27 th	9.15am	Special intention (SP)
Friday 28 th	Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles	
	12 noon	Mrs Scannell’s intentions
Saturday 29 th	Pope St John Paul II	
<u>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 30th October 2022</u>		
Saturday 29 th	6.00pm	Special intention (SP)
Sunday 30 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
October 2022	11.00am	Bridget Dolan RIP Anniv (Dolan-Palmer) LIVE STREAM
	12.30pm	Baptism of Margot Florence Din

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

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ECCLESIASTICUS 35:12-19 The humble man’s prayer pierces the clouds

PSALM 33 This poor man called; The Lord heard him

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-18 All that is to come for me now, is the crown of righteousness

LUKE 18:9-14 The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

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

Offertories on 16th October were Envelopes £141.50 & Loose £309.29, 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/>

MISSION APPEAL: This weekend we welcome Fr Patrick O’Beirne to our parish.

He will speak on the work St Columban Missionaries. There will also be an opportunity

to subscribe to “The Far East”, their mission magazine, and we will have a retiring

collection after all Masses to support their missions and work in spreading the Gospel.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

ROSEMARY GOODING RIP who died recently. She will be received into our church for the celebration of Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 9th November, at 11.00am to be followed by interment at Theydon Bois Cemetery. We offer our sympathy to her nephew, Richard Gooding, our parishioner, and all her family. **May she rest in peace.**

PATRICK JOLLY RIP who died recently. We offer our sympathy to his mother, Pat Jolly, our parishioner, and all her family at this sad time. **May he rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to all their families and 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next session for children will be **Wednesday, 2nd November** from **5.30pm to 6.45 pm** in our Hall. **Note finish time. There will not be a session this week due to the school half term.**

NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD: We will have a Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery on **Sunday 6th November, at 3pm.** On **Wednesday, 2nd November, All Souls Day, we have Masses at 9.15am, 12 noon at 7.30pm,** during which we will pray by name for all in our Parish who died in the past year. **On Sunday, 20th November at 3.00pm,** our **Annual Bereavement Service** will be held in our Church. This is for people who have lost loved ones, spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends, whether recently or some time ago. It includes hymns, prayers, readings and remembrance by name of loved ones who have died and lighting a candle before the altar in their memory. This symbolises that all who die in Christ are called by him to go into his light and presence, for he is "The Light of the World". After the Service we invite you to join us with friends for refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome to these services and Masses to pray for our dead.

MISSIO (Red Boxes): We ask parishioners who have the 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 or S/O, please contact our Parish Office or see the magazine in the church porch.

HALL COMMITTEE: We thank all who have served on our Parish Hall Committee over many years and have now retired. **Special thanks to Paul Harwood,** who has been Chairman of the Hall Committee for over 20 years for all his help and dedication. We now need a new structure to look after that area of our parish and see that it is cared for and managed well. We would like to hear from anyone wishing to assist with this. Please contact Fr John or the Parish Office who will love to hear from you.

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

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: Maria Welch, Canon William O'Neil (22/10), Patricia Worley Gloria Gee, Shirley Staunton, (23/10), James Farrell, Thomas Bowden, Hester Foster, Stanley Cornwell, Rita Gill (24/10), Mary Cooney, Mgr Daniel Shanahan (25/10), Nelle Brett (26/10), John Dubler, Shirley Staunton (27/10), George Rimmer, Fr George, Steadman, Fr Stephen Wyatt, Fr William Loveland (29/10), Edward Rimmer, Marie Smallwood, Canon Thomas Bishop (30/10), Terry Flood, Marie Flood, John Morrall, Canon Richard Gay (31/10). **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 Laura Piper McCarthy, baptised in our Church on Friday 14th October. May the Lord bless her parents and family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022: On **Sunday 20th November from 10am-1pm,** we will hold a Christmas Market, outdoors and have a gift stall, a cake stall & raffle ticket stall. If you can volunteer help or donate a new /unused items to the gift stall or a 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.

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.

EPHING FOREST FOOD BANK APPEALS FOR: Jars of Coffee, Jam, Instant Mash, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Spaghetti, Soup, Chocolate, Biscuits Snack Bars & Breakfast Bars, Tinned Tomatoes, Custard, Rice Pudding, Rice, Sponge Puddings, Packet Noodles, Baked Beans, Pasta sauce, Crackers, UHT Milk, Long-life Juice, Chocolate Spread, Laundry Tablets, Washing Up Liquid, Razors, Shaving Foam, Shampoo & Conditioner, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, Toilet Paper. **Goods can be left in the church porch.**

EPHING CHORUS (FORMERLY ECCA) Several choir members have retired, and new members are needed, particularly sopranos & tenors. **Rehearsals are on Fridays at 8pm** in our 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 contact Simon Winters, the choir director - Swintersmusic@aol.com. Simon is also Director of Music at St John's Church.

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

