

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME C 30th October 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

“The Lord supports all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down” (Ps.144). Judgement and condemnation casts people down and diminishes their ability to make a new start or go forward in life. St Paul wrote, “there is no condemnation for people living in relationship with Christ” (Romans 8:1). Through Christ, God gives people freedom and peace by forgiving their and our sins, and setting them and us free, from the effects of sin – judgement, guilt and condemnation.

The Gospel shows us the change that a conversion can bring about in the lives of people who look to Jesus and respond to his call. Jesus noticed Zacchaeus, as he notices those who are excluded from and rejected by society. He honoured a man, who was despised and condemned as a sinner by others and visited his house where he declared that God’s “salvation, has come to this house, today (Luke 19:1-10).

In the structure of our Scripture readings at Sunday Mass, the Psalm is the link between the Old Testament and Gospel reading. Today we see the approach God takes to his people by being compassionate, slow to anger, always faithful and loving, “supporting all who fall and raising up all who are bowed down” (Ps.144). If we really understood those qualities coming to us from God through Christ, we would be looking out for the Lord, listening for and to his word, and responding to his call with great confidence and hope, joy and happiness.

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, when we remember and rejoice with the humble and holy of this world, who have gone before us to the Lord and now share in the joy and perpetual light of his presence. They are the anonymous and good people of this world who have been taken up into the glory and love of God’s kingdom, where they are in peace and share in the vision of God.

On Wednesday, All Souls Day, as it is called, we remember and pray for all who have died and are still being purified or purged, so that they may be worthy to enter into the glory of God. In Catholic tradition we pray for the souls of those who have died to assist them in that journey. The importance of this may be missed in “Services to Celebrate the Life of...” instead of “praying for the soul of”. St Thomas More said, “Pray for me, as I for thee, that we may happily meet in heaven” and St Monica said to her son, St Augustine, “All I ask is that you pray for me at the altar of God”. May we be inspired by their words to follow their example in prayer.

May we thank the Lord our Saviour for his mercy and forgiving love. Fr John

| <u>TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES: Saturday 29 October to Sunday 6 November 2022</u> | | |
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| <u>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C</u> | | <u>30th October 2022</u> |
| Saturday 29 th | 6.00pm | Special intention (SP) |
| Sunday 30 th | 9.00am | The People of our Parish |
| October | 11.00am | Bridget Dolan RIP Anniv (Dolan-Palmer) LIVE STREAM |
| 2022 | 12.30pm | Baptism of Margot Florence Din |
| Monday 31 st | 9.15am | Louise & Paul Knight: 25 th Wedding Anniv. 1 st Nov (Sr Susan) |
| Tuesday 1 st | Solemnity of All Saints – Holyday of Obligation to attend Mass | |
| November | 10.00am | Tullia Borelli RIP Anniv. (Mansell) |
| 2022 | 7.30pm | The People of our Parish |
| Wednesday 2 nd | Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All Souls Day | |
| Morning | 9.15am | Intentions of Pope Francis |
| Noon | 12 noon | Thecla Floor RIP Anniv. (Sr Susan) |
| Evening | 7.30pm | The Holy Souls RIP |
| Thursday 3 rd | St Martin de Porres, Religious | |
| | 9.15am | Mrs Scannell’s intentions (Scannell) |
| Friday 4 th | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop | |
| | 12 noon | Special intention (SP) |
| Saturday 5 th | 12.30pm | Baptism of Elijah Robel Francis |
| <u>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C</u> | | <u>6th November 2022</u> |
| Saturday 5 th | 6.00pm | Scannell Family Deceased RIP (Scannell) |
| Sunday 6 th | 9.00am | The People of our Parish |
| November 22 | 11.00am | Eileen McKenna RIP Recently (Prothero) |
| | 12.45pm | Baptism of Freya Elizabeth Hollingsworth |
| | 3.00pm | Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery |

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C Mass Book Page 158 30 October 2022

WISDOM 11:22-12-8 Lord, you are merciful because you love all that exists

PSALM 144 The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-22 The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him

LUKE 19:1-10 The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders.

On 23rd October Offertories were Envelopes £132 & Loose £223.27. For the Columban Missions Appeal, you gave £941.95, which was extremely generous. Thank you so much for your great generosity and support for our parish and charities. You can give

in donations to the Priest’s House and online for charities our parish supports at:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////

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

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.**

Fr KIERAN DODD RIP who died at St Michael's Home in Clacton on Tuesday, 25th October. He was ordained priest on 10 June 1962 and served at Leyton, Chingford, Ilford, Grays and Becontree, until retiring to Wanstead in 2003. He supplied in this parish for a number of years during the holidays. He will be received into Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Ilford, at 7pm on Wednesday, 9th November, and his Funeral Mass will be celebrated there at 11.30am on Thursday 10th November. **May he rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to their families and all who mourn at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to strengthen and console them, with the hope and joy of new life through his resurrection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next session for children will be **Wednesday, 2 November** from **5.30pm to 6.45 pm** in our Hall. **Note end time.**

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, Masses will be 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. **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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER: There are sheets and envelopes in church for the names of deceased parishioners, relatives and friends. The names are placed at the altar with our Death Register and remembered and prayed for at all Masses during the month of November, and Masses offered for their Holy Souls.

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.

PARISH HALL: We need help with our parish hall to see that it is well maintained and managed. We would like to hear from any parishioners willing to assist with this. Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office who will be pleased to hear from you.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Rimmer, Fr George, Steadman, Fr William Loveland, Fr Stephen Wyatt (29/10), Edward Rimmer, Marie Smallwood, Canon Thomas Bishop (30/10), Terry Flood, Marie Flood, John Morrall, Canon Richard Gay (31/10), Denise Collett (1/11), Dermot Healy, Thecla Floor, Tullia Borelli (2/11), Mary Darwin (5/11), Veronica Munday (6/11). **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace.**

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022: On **Sunday 20th November from 10am-1pm,** we will have a Christmas Market, outdoors with a gift stall, cake stall & raffle ticket stall. If you can volunteer, help or donate new or unused items to the gift stall or raffle, please contact **Adriana on 07828 118 909 or Emma on 07791235929.** We hope for good weather & that you will support our fundraising effort

MISSIO RED BOXES: Would parishioners who have the Red Missio boxes please return them to the Sacristy, for counting and sending off the proceeds. 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 for details.

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 we need new members, particularly sopranos & tenors. **Rehearsals are at 8pm on Fridays** in our Church Hall. The choir is now 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 who is also Director of Music at St John's Church - Swintersmusic@aol.com

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/>

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 mobile phones scan the QR code to take you to the channel



