

MASSES & SERVICES FROM: Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th June 2023		
Saturday 3 June	12.30pm	Baptism of Lilah Adelaida Chohan
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) TRINITY SUNDAY 4th June 2023		
Saturday 3rd	6.00pm	Beatrice Thierry RIP (Aitken)
Sunday 4th	9.00am	Selena Ellis's intentions (S Palmer)
June 2023	11.00pm	The People of our Parish Live Streamed.
Week 9 in Ordinary Time: Readings on Weekdays Year 1 and on Sundays Year A		
Monday 5th	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (English, Apostle of Germany)	
	9.15am	Yvonne Stevenage RIP (Stevenage)
Tuesday 6th	St Norbert, Bishop	
	9.15am	Thelma Bunting RIP (Bunting)
Wednesday 7th	12 noon	Josephine Fox RIP 30 Anniv. (Fox)
Thursday 8th	9.15am	Esther Mary Daly RIP (Recently)
Friday 9th	St Columba, Abbot	
	12 noon	Percy, Margaret & David Keevil RIP
Saturday 10th	12.30pm	Baptism of Delilah Grace Knitter
THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – CORPUS CHRISTI (A) 11th June 2023		
Saturday 10th	6.00pm	Grace Kelly RIP Anniv (SB)
Sunday 11th	9.00am	In thanksgiving (MH)
June 2023	11.00am	First Holy Communion Children's Presentation Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays from 11.30am to 12 noon and on request to the Parish Priest at any time. You are always welcome to this Sacrament.

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EXODUS 34:4-9 Lord, Lord, a do of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger.....

DANIEL 3:52-56 You are blest Lord God of our Fathers, blest your glorious holy name.

2CORINTHIANS 13:11-13 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and

JOHN 3:16-18 God sent his Son, so that through him the world might be saved.

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders. On 28th May 23 you gave: Envelopes £154.50 Loose £154.03. Thank you for your generosity and support for our parish. You can give in donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////

CORPUS CHRISTI: The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, which our Lord he gave us at his Last Supper and told us to celebrate "in remembrance of Me" will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend.

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS when people often ask to have their homes blessed. We priests are always ready to do this at any time. **O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in Thee.**

REPOSITORY: The Religious Goods stall in our church porch has a wide range of cards and rosary beads, religious goods and gifts for all places and occasions.

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY A HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 4th June 2023

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" we say as we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross and at the beginning and end of our prayers. It shows we are addressing and calling on God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity. We offer our prayers God our Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, who is our intercessor and friend of sinners, and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In that way we honour our heavenly Father and Creator, his Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier who lives and acts in the Church, the World and our own hearts. We also have the Christian greeting in the names of the three persons in the Holy Trinity from 2 Cor.13 that says, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all".

Often people think of the mystery of the Holy Trinity as mathematical problem as they try to understand how there can be three persons in the One God. We need to see the Holy Trinity as the perfect loving relationship within the nature of God, which is revealed creatively to God's people. In Genesis 1, at the beginning of creation the Father speaks the Word, which becomes flesh in the person of Jesus, his only Son, and the creative Spirit is there hovering over the primeval waters, so that the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity are all present and acting in creation.

Many hymns speak to us of the nature and the Holy Trinity. "Firmly I believe and truly, God is Three and God is One", or "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!" or "Eternal Father, strong to save" or "Holy God, we praise thy name ... and adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery". We are Baptised and make the Sign of the Cross in the name of the Holy Trinity. We say, "Glory be the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit", as we give thanks to God and honour the power and presence of the Holy Trinity.

"The Holy Trinity is the ultimate goal towards which our earthly pilgrimage is directed. The Holy Spirit guides us to full knowledge of Christ's teachings and reminds us of what he taught. Jesus came into the world to make the Father known to us, to guide us to him and reconcile us with Him. **Therefore, we seek to remember what goal, what glory we exist for, work for, struggle for, suffer for, and what immense reward we are called to**" (Pope Francis).

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you. Fr John

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion children: Amelia, Isabel, Fintan, Henry, Edel, Alice, Fredi, Oliver, Klarissa, Sophie, Alessia, Gabriel and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time. **Their Presentation Mass and presentation of their First Holy Communion Certificates will be celebrated NEXT Sunday, 11th June at 11am.**

ALTAR SERVERS: We invite adults, young people or children to serve Mass. We ask children who have received first Holy Communion in recent times to consider serving the Lord at Mass. Please contact Fr John if you would like to serve.

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Hayward, Theresa Knott (4/6), John Harris (5/6), Elaine Mannion, Amy O'Day, Frederick Halford, Valerie Thornhill (7/6), Hilda Silver, Roger Hayward, Edward Abbott, Fr Edmund Tyler (8/6), Penelope North, Joanna Curell, Henry Gallagher, (9/6), Fr Gerard Butcher (10/6), Anne Cleverly, Margaret Stubbs, Fr Thomas Crowe (11/6). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

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 all 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. Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

"MARY'S MEALS invites you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. There are envelopes in the church for you to take home to put in all your foreign coins and notes. We will publish when the envelopes will be collected in church, or you can hand them in to the Parish Office. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. This charity currently feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. By giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! *We take UK coins/notes no longer legal tender." www.marysmeals.org.uk/

OUR PARISH HALL is available to hire at competitive rates, and at a discount for parishioners. It is available on a regular basis on some weekday evenings for anyone wishing to hire either for a parish group or a commercial booking. Please consider using our hall for your celebratory events and mention to your friends. Please contact the Parish Office for details and bookings.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY newspaper is being published again, with many very interesting articles and news, after closing during the pandemic. Display copies are at the back of the Church and if anyone wishes to order a copy, please let us know. It is also available online at <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/>

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS: We welcome new families and parishioners to our parish. We always want to give people opportunities to use their God-given gifts and talents in our community. The form to register in our parish is available inside the door (by the notice board) in the church porch. Please let us know if you have changed address in our Parish or are moving away.

JUNE ROSE PENSIONERS' BALL: SATURDAY 17th JUNE. 12 noon until 4pm in our church hall. Tickets £5 on the door. All proceeds to our parish. Please see the poster in church porch for further details.

APPEAL FOR FLOWER ARRANGERS? We urgently need some more helpers with flower arranging in our church. Our small team creates imaginative and beautiful arrangements and would welcome more helpers. Guidance will be given to new people to use your talents for the glory to God and delight of people in church. Please contact our Parish Office if you are interested or would like to help.

GIFT AID: Please let Michele Murphy know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total contributions for the tax year 2021/22. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society announces the singing trio 'The Priests' will perform a second charity concert on Friday 30th June 2023 at 7.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral. We urge you to book early to avoid disappointment. It promises to be another great evening of entertainment. Tickets at Eventbrite at £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: A vacancy has arisen for a full time Health and Safety Officer in the Diocese of Brentwood, to be based at Brentwood but will need to travel around the Diocese: Essex & East London. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brecht.org. Full job description is at [Health-and-Safety-Officer-JD.pdf \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/Health-and-Safety-Officer-JD.pdf) Closing date 9 June 23.

DISCRIMINATORY ABORTION LAW: Heidi Crowter is to take a case against UK Govt over discriminatory abortion law to European Court of Human Rights. Heidi, who has Down's syndrome, has announced she will be take her case against the UK Government over our current discriminatory abortion law, which allows abortion up to birth for children with Down's syndrome, to the European Court of Human Rights. To find out more about her case and the discrimination babies with Down's syndrome face in the womb, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/HeidiCase>

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK The Foodbank needs the usual items. Thank you for your generous giving to those in need! **WE HAVE FOOD BANK VOUCHERS** for anyone who may need them. Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office.

WE LIVE STREAM SUNDAY MASS at 11am from OUR CHURCH on [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.

