

<u>MASSES & SERVICES from: Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th September 2023</u>		
<u>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A</u>		
<u>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</u>		<u>17th September 2023</u>
Saturday 16th	6.00pm	The People of our Parish
Sunday 17th	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
September	11.00am	Peter McDermott RIP Recently (Darcy)
Monday 18th	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 19th	9.15am	Jimeel Superville's Intentions (Anon)
Wed 20th	St Andrew	Kim Tae-Gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang
	12 noon	Jimeel Superville's Intentions (Anon)
Thursday 21st	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	
	9.15am	Jimeel Superville's Intentions (Anon)
Friday 22nd	12 noon	Holy Souls RIP
<u>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A 24th September 2023</u>		
Saturday 23rd	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 24th	9.00am	Mary Cooney RIP Anniv (Cooney/Keeling)
September 2023	11.00am	Holy Souls RIP
	3.00pm	Traditional LATIN MASS

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

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OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders. On 10th September 2023 you gave: Envelopes £115.90, Loose £357.62. Thank you for your generosity and support for our parish. You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at:

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

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:

“St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 17th September 2023

The readings for this Sunday remind us again of God's boundless love and compassion. God's unconditional love for us, and the sacrifice of Jesus's death, mean there is no limit to the mercy we receive; nor can there be to the compassion and forgiveness we show to others.

The **First Reading** from Ecclesiasticus (Eccl. 27: 30–28) exhorts us to avoid resentment, anger and hatred, and live by God's commandments. Showing true forgiveness and having compassion for others, whatever the hurt we have experienced ourselves, will set us free.

In the **Second Reading** (Romans 14: 7–9), St Paul teaches the Romans how the life we live influences those around us. We belong to Christ, Lord of the dead and the living, and it is through the way we live and die that we lead others to him.

The **Gospel** (Matthew 18: 21–35) parable of the merciful king and his unforgiving servant reiterates the key message that we must love and forgive others because of the love and compassion God has shown us, in spite of the depth of our sins.

This week, perhaps we can pray for those who are unable to forgive. We think of those who remain trapped in the cycles of bitterness and division, which in so many parts of the world, lead to violence and war.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2024 Application for parents to prepare their child for First Reconciliation this year and First Holy Communion has now **closed**. Details of the programme will be published shortly in the Newsletter.

WELCOME: On Saturday **23rd September** we welcome Fr John Corbyn to celebrate the 6pm Vigil Mass here in our parish as Fr Martin has been invited back to his previous parish for a farewell celebration there.

MEET & GREET SUNDAY: On **Sunday 1st October**, after the 11am Mass, we invite parishioners to join Fr Martin in our Hall. This will be an opportunity to welcome him to the parish and meet with our parishioners. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. All parishioners very welcome.

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, healing and peace 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 hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosemary Stein (17/9), 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). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 28th September at 7pm**. New members are always welcome. If you have an item you would like on the Agenda then please email our Parish Office.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth dbooth@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: This year we will hold our parish Christmas Fair Fundraiser on **Sunday 26th November 10am-2pm**. As in previous years, we will be holding a Christmas Raffle. If you can help or donate new or unused items to our gift stall or raffle, please contact **Adriana on 07828 118 909**. More details to follow soon.

FOR SALE: 2022 silver Vauxhall Corsa SRI edition, only 1015 miles on the clock, one careful lady driver, parishioner in Epping, who's giving up driving. Just had first service, with full valeting. Immaculate. Bought for 20K last year, now valued @ £16,690 by Regit, willing to accept £15,200 for quick sale. To view call 07799 352325.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, **16th October 2023**. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL invite all prospective parents and students to join their prospective Year 7 Open Evening, which will take place on **Wednesday 27th September 2023** on the Upper Site, Mornington Road, between 3.30pm and 6.30pm, with Dr Doherty OBE talking at 4pm and 6pm. There are parking restrictions in the area, so please be aware of this on the evening. Please complete the form on their website to confirm your attendance: <https://www.tchs.org.uk/year-7/>

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024: Parents and carers who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2024 must have been attending Sunday Mass consistently over the years. If parents attend Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. There is an article from The Times newspaper in Church on the way parents manipulate clergy for this purpose.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK needs the usual food and household items. Thank you to our generous parishioners for giving for people in need through the **FOODBANK! WE CAN REFER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF HELP TO THE FOODBANK.** Please contact Fr Martin or our Parish Office.

CARETAKER, EPPING: A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at our parish here in Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week - with a flexible working agreement to be agreed) Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023.

Please send your CV by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com
Job description: [JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 \(002\)](#)

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

God of peace,
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us
To love our neighbour as ourselves
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine.
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world.
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –
Peace that will transform,
Peace that will heal,
Peace that will last.
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ.
The Prince of Peace, Amen