

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**10th and 11th January 2015**

Sat 10th <b>Vigil Mass</b>	6 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun 11th	9 a.m.	People of Parish
	11 a.m.	Seamus O'Brien RIP

**Week Commencing 12th January 2015**

Mon 12th	9 a.m.	Ian Pitera's Intentions
Tues 13th	9 a.m.	David Sabire RIP
Wed 14th	9 a.m.	Marie Verrall RIP
Thurs 15th	9 a.m.	Joe Keane RIP
Fri 16th	9 a.m.	Fr Austin Kinsella RIP
Sat 17th <b>Vigil Mass</b>	6 p.m.	Dan & Elizabeth O'Halloran RIP
Sun 18th	9 a.m.	Mary Canny
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Liturgy

**Confessions:** 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

**Please pray for the sick:**

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Gina Pelosi, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller, Jennie Downs and Sean Clohessy.

**OFFERINGS**

Offertory Envelopes	£ 187.10
Offertory Loose Plate	£ 329.12
CAFOD	£ 20.22



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**11th January 2015**

Dear friends,

today we keep the feast of our Lord's Baptism. This event is attested in three of the four gospels whereas his birth is only accounted for in two of them. It marked the beginning of his public ministry and designated him as the Beloved Son of God to whom we are to listen. The Sacrament of Baptism also marks the beginning of our own Christian journey and through the Holy Spirit empowers us to fulfil our calling to be **messengers** and **missionaries** for Christ. In my jubilee homily just before Christmas I emphasised that the laity share in the priesthood of the Lord through the grace of baptism. The ordained priest has a special role within the believing community but he must never underestimate, still less eclipse, the gifts of the whole people. Together we priests and people are called to service like the master we follow. Jesus came "not to be served but to serve". A parish will thrive to the extent that each and every baptised son or daughter of God has a clear vision of service; service of God for his greater glory and service of one another for the common good.

Very soon we shall be observing the annual week of prayer for Christian unity. The other Christian churches in our neighbourhood share the call to service and mission and it is good that from time to time we should come together to pray with them. To that end we shall be hosting a unity service on Monday 19th January. Please give it your support.

***God bless you all***

***Fr James***

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**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** The next class for the children will take place on Monday 12th January 2015 at 5.30pm.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** The Crib will be dismantled after the 11am Mass this Sunday. If you wish to support The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, please either leave your donation in the basket by the Crib, or place it in an envelope marked 'Children's Society Donation' and post it through the presbytery door. This is an excellent diocesan Catholic Charity. Thank you.

**CHURCH UNITY WEEK – IN OUR CHURCH** At a service in *Churches Together in Epping and District Church Unity Week*, we shall be acting as hosts to all the local churches and chapels on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm, when we hold a **service 'with a distinctly Catholic flavour'** in our church. The service will include Stations of the Cross and Night Prayer (Compline). Following the service, refreshments will be available in the Church Hall. **Please come to this Church Unity Service if you can** – it will be good to have some solid Catholic support to help to lead the visitors in prayer and to make them very welcome in our Church Hall afterwards. **Any queries to Deacon Duncan (577173).**

**FUNERAL MASS FOR MRS MARY CANNY RIP:** Mary's body will be received into the church on Tuesday 20th January at 4pm. Her funeral Mass will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday 21st January.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its annual Valentine's Gala Dinner at Stockbrook Golf and Country Club, Billericay on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets for this Black-Tie event are £50 per person to include a drinks reception, 3-course dinner and dancing. Places are limited and they would recommend you book early in order to secure your tickets. Please contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 / 07912277413 or [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**Proclaim'15: New National Initiative In 2015 To Support Parish Evangelisation:** this is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. Please do get involved. More information will be available in our newsletter / newspaper / website over the coming months. Website: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15) Facebook: [facebook.com/cbcew](https://www.facebook.com/cbcew) Twitter: @catholicew #proclaim15 Email: [proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk) Diocesan contact: *Sylvia Lanz/Lucy Studham on 01277 265 289* [CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:** The Bishops of England and Wales have asked all parishes to reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life and have issued a paper to aid reflection, which can be found on line at: <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/resources/global/pdf/ecdbf70a-6820-4d92-83d0-d.pdf>  
**Please let Deacon Duncan know if you would like to join a discussion group during Lent to discuss this aspect of parish life (Telephone 01992 577173).** This Group could replace the usual Parish Lent Group, which has previously met on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons in Lent (2.30pm – 4.00pm) at 3 Lynceley Grange, Epping. Alternatively, maybe you would prefer to join a Group which meets in the evenings.

**HEALING MASS:** This will be celebrated at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st January 2015. All are welcome. Please call 01277 373959 for further information.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Father James or Deacon Duncan, so we may welcome and inform you about our parish life.