

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
24th and 25th January 2015

Sat 24th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	David Sabire RIP
Sun 25th	9 a.m.	Thanksgiving (MH)
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 26th January 2015

Mon 26th	9 a.m.	Thomas Jennings RIP
Tues 27th	9 a.m.	Margaret Pickett RIP
Wed 28th	9 a.m.	Francis Daly RIP
Thurs 29th	9 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Fri 30th	9 a.m.	Constance Fernandez RIP
Sat 31st Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Intentions of Mr & Mrs Foster
Sun 1st February	9 a.m.	Marie Verrall RIP
	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, Sean Clohessy, Peter Nash and Diane Harrington

OFFERINGS (£):

Loose Plate	304.81
Offertory Envelopes	206.80

Thank you



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Third Sunday of the Year

25th January 2015

Dear friends,

in this year of 2015 the gospel readings at Sunday Mass are taken from St Mark which is the earliest and the shortest of all four gospels. Right at the beginning Mark goes to the core of Jesus' preaching: the closeness of the Kingdom of God and the call to repent and believe. Repent is a key word for a proper understanding of the Scriptures. To repent is to think again and, having done so, to come to a change of heart. Repentance leads to conversion. You may remember that the psalm response last week was: *here I am Lord, I come to do your will*. This week it is something similar: *Lord make me know your ways*. To know the ways of the Lord and to do his will entails a frequent and honest examination of our hearts and minds. One of the hymns we sing contains the line: *the Kingdom of God is challenge and choice*. If we allow God to work in our lives we are indeed challenged to review our attitudes and to choose things that often demand sacrifice and not an easy option. In today's second reading St Paul reminds us that the ways of the world are transient. In proclaiming the Kingdom Jesus teaches us that the ways of Our Lord God are forever.

We offer prayerful condolences to Mr John Black, who has served on the altar here for many years, on the death of his father Mr Les Black. May he rest in peace.

God bless you always
Fr James

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: The next class for the children will take place this coming Monday 26th January 2015 at 5.30pm.

ECCA WINTER CONCERT: ECCA will be singing Rossini's Messe Solennelle on Saturday 31st January at 7.30pm in St John's Church Epping. This work is a beautiful Mass setting and it would be great to have your support. Admission is free. Programmes are £2.50 which helps to offset the cost of putting on such a concert and there will be a voluntary retiring collection for choir funds. All in all it will be a cheap but inspiring evening. Interval refreshments available.

FR JAMES' GOLDEN JUBILEE PHOTOS: For those parishioners wishing to view the photographs taken at Father James recent jubilee celebrations, a gallery can be found at the following website :- <http://capturingimagescounk.shootproof.com/fatherjamesjubilee>. For those who are interested in purchasing any of the images, an ordering facility is available within the website page. Anyone experiencing any problems or wish further information can contact Michael McInerney on 07823 699627.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th January at 8pm in the presbytery. The group would like to thank the former chairman, Michael Harrington, for his work and dedication over many years.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mr Les Black and Mr Thomas Jennings. May they rest in peace.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Please join Bishop Alan and parishioners from across the Diocese at Brentwood Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 15th February, for Mass to celebrate one of the Patrons of Brentwood Diocese, in the week of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Many hundreds take part in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes each year – Cathy O'Connor, the pilgrimage administrator, will be on hand to answer any queries you have, and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will also be assisting, just as they do in Lourdes. This special celebration will include candles blessed in Lourdes, and everyone is very welcome. There will be refreshments after the Mass. For more information about the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes please visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy on 01206 501146.

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. **Here is an opportunity for our young and not-so-young marrieds to have their voices heard!!** It is hoped to organise a parish discussion group on the five Wednesday evenings during Lent to discuss this aspect of parish life. Please let Deacon Duncan know if you would like to join the group. (Tel 577173)

PROCLAIM 15. This is a new national Bishops' Initiative in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. Please do get involved. More information in the CEF newsletter / website over the coming months. Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15 Contact: Sylvia Lanz/Lucy Studham Tel: 01277 265 289 or email CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE HOLY LAND: The next Ecumenical Study Day organised by the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will be entitled 'Jerusalem: the Spiritual Heart of the World: Recognition and Responsibility for the Holy Land'. It will be given by Della Shenton, who has led bespoke, reflective pilgrimages to Israel, Palestine and Jordan over the last nine years. Della will explore the place of Jerusalem in Jewish thought and in our Christian faith, and consider how we can move from faiths in conflict to lasting peace. The Study Day will take place on Saturday 7th March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265 289. There is no charge and a light buffet lunch is provided.

JOB VACANCY: Data Manager at Trinity Catholic High School. 36 hours per week - 48.4 weeks per year. Salary scale 8, point 32 - £29,088 (full time equivalent) + 2 hours overtime. More details on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for applications is 4th February 2015.

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