

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**7th and 8th February 2015**

Sat 7th <b>Vigil Mass</b>	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 8th Feb	9 a.m.	Peter Nash (sick)
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 9th February 2015**

Mon 9th	9 a.m.	Fr Michael O'Rourke RIP
Tues 10th	9 a.m.	Fr Andrew Hurley RIP
Wed 11th	9 a.m.	Nora Hewitt RIP
Thurs 12th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 13th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 14th <b>Vigil Mass</b>	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 15th	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	315.00
Offertory Envelopes	233.50

***Thank you***



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**Fifth Sunday of the Year**

**8th February 2015**

Dear friends,

all four gospels agree that Jesus, as well as being a man of action, was also a man of prayer. Heavy demands were made upon him but he always ensured that his own space was safeguarded even if this meant that he had to get up early. This is clearly demonstrated by the excerpt from St Mark which is read today. Sometimes people are prone to say that, although they appreciate the value of prayer, they simply haven't the time. Lets be honest with ourselves, we can and find the time for things that matter to us be it a work out at the gym or a favourite T.V programme. The pace of life is now so hectic that there is an ever greater need to pause and simply be at regular intervals. As the season of Lent is drawing closer it isn't too soon to start thinking about how we might observe it. Giving extra time to the Lord is better than giving up chocolate or sugar in one's tea.

I shall be away Monday to Friday next week on my annual retreat. Priests need to ensure that our spiritual batteries are recharged from time to time in order to practice what we preach.

***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 9th February 2015 at 5.30pm.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Lent commences on Ash Wednesday 18th February.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.brentwoodlourdes.org) or call Cathy on 01206 501146.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** We are planning on upgrading the parish website to add a couple of pages. If you have, or know someone who has, relevant experience and can offer just a few hours of help or advice, please contact any PPC member or the parish secretary at [eppping@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:eppping@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Thank you.

**VALENTINES DAY AT PELLY COURT:** Take your beloved on 14th February to the Rocket Rod Roadshow. £5 including Ploughmans. Bring your own drinks. Phone Tom on 279577 for tickets or ask him in the choir at 11am Mass.

**St Benedict's College, Colchester - Teacher of English - Required for September 2015**

The college is seeking a well-qualified, innovative and enthusiastic English specialist to join a strong and thriving department. The post would particularly suit a new entrant to the profession but is also suitable for colleagues with more experience.

Further details are available on the college website, [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk). Closing date - Midday 10th February 2015

**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. Due to an uncanny lack of interest, the proposed Wednesday evening discussions will now not take place. Maybe some other time!

**MR LES BLACK RIP:** The coffin will be brought to Church at 4pm on Monday 16th February. Funeral service 12.15pm on Tuesday 17th February.

**LENT DISCUSSION GROUP:** The (usual) Lent Discussion Group will meet each Wednesday in Lent starting on 25th February. We will meet from 2.30pm to 4pm at 3 Lynceley Grange, Epping. Please let Deacon Duncan know if you wish to join the Group (telephone 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](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)  
Contact: *Sylvia Lanz/Lucy Studham* Tel: 01277 265 289 or email [CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Lenten Day Retreat led by Bishop Alan at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood:** This Lenten day retreat on 14th March 2015, starts from 10.30am to 3:30pm and Mass will be celebrated. The suggested donation for the day is £15 per person and advanced booking is essential. All are welcome but spaces are limited. Please visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) for more information or call Abbotswick on 01277 373959.

**VOLUNTEERING IN RWANDA:** The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are offering two funded places for a six month period during the calendar year Sept 2015 - Sept 2016, teaching English to their sisters in Rwanda. TEFL training will be provided if necessary, French an advantage. Applicants must be 18 or over (no upper age limit!). Further details and Application Form can be found on the Community's website <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/news-events/>

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