

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
14th and 15th February 2014

Sat 14th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 15th Feb	9 a.m.	Marie Verrall RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 16th February 2015

Mon 16th	9 a.m.	Claire Lafford RIP
Tues 17th	9 a.m.	Doug Barker RIP
	12.15 p.m.	Funeral Service of Les Black RIP
Wed 18th Ash Wednesday	10 a.m.	People of Parish
	8 p.m.	Holy Souls
Thurs 19th	9 a.m.	David and Natalie Smith RIP
Fri 20th	9 a.m.	Marie Verrall RIP
Sat 21st Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 22nd	9 a.m.	Thomas Jennings RIP
	11 a.m.	People of 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	220.71
Offertory Envelopes	269.00
CAFOD	42.00

Thank you



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Sixth Sunday of the Year

15th February 2015

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thanks to the advances in modern medicine, the incidence of leprosy in our world today is minimal, but 2000 years ago it was a different matter. Lepers were many and they had to be segregated because the disease was so virulent.

The leper in today's Gospel reading showed great faith in the ability of Jesus to cure him of his leprosy. When he asked Jesus to cure him, Jesus performed one of his dramatic miracles.

Today's major disease is one of faithlessness in God and in his care for us. The disease is based largely upon apathy and greed—and it is very infectious!

Many people, seem to relegate God to an 'as-and-when-required' relationship rather than making the effort actively to return the love he shows each of us every day of our lives. Surely, we should practising our faith, in all its aspects, to show our gratitude for God's love through regular and frequent worship and by practising good works.

And then there is greed...and so much, and it is taken very much for granted. Some in our affluent society elevate greed to the status of a god. They seem unable to manage without something new, something better, something more and they want it NOW! How much more peace of mind could be enjoyed by curbing their selfish desires and sharing what they have with those who are less fortunate than themselves. In doing this, they would truly demonstrate their love of God and their neighbour.

A prayerful re-reading of today's Gospel reading may help to develop a more vibrant faith and may lead towards a better sharing of the world's resources—and our own, of course.

God Bless.

Deacon Duncan

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: The next class for the children will take place this coming Monday 23rd February 2015 at 5.30pm.

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

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 epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you.

FR PETER TURZINSKI: Many parishioners will remember affectionately Fr Peter from when he visited to supply during Fr Bill's annual holidays. We have just heard that Fr Peter will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop in the diocese of Radom in Poland on 28th February. What wonderful news!! Deacon Duncan and Dorothy have been invited to attend the Ordination Mass and will take with them the blessings and good wishes of all Epping parishioners. To this end, Dorothy will be preparing **a suitable card for Fr Peter, which will be available for signing at all Masses next Sunday.**

MARY CANNY RIP: The husband and family of the late Mary Canny wish to thank all those parishioners who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and for their condolences tendered in person. Mass will be offered for their intentions.

CHRISTIAN AID PARISH CO-ORDINATOR: Our Justice and Peace Group is seeking a new Parish Co-ordinator, to take over from Dorothy Whitehouse, who is stepping down after many years of kind service. Could you help? If you would like further information on the role, please call Emma on: 07876 897 942.

BCCS - ROMFORD DOGS CHARITY RACE NIGHT: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Night at Romford Greyhound Stadium on Friday 20th March 2015. Tickets £25 per person. For more information please call Julie on 01268 784544 or email jabot@bccs.org.uk.

MR LES BLACK RIP: The coffin will be brought to Church at 4pm this 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
Contact: *Sylvia Lanz/Lucy Studham* Tel: 01277 265 289 or email 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 for more information or call Abbotswick on 01277 373959.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Francis Catholic Primary School, Gilchrist Way, Braintree, Essex CM7 2SY. Closing date: 10TH March 2015. For an application pack please contact Carolyn Kerr, Essex County Council, School Workforce Development Team tel. 0333 013 0784 or email: headships@essex.gov.uk.

RELIGIOUS POEM COMPETITION: The poem can be a prayer, words of a hymn, a description of an uplifting moment, a religious experience or about a person or your church. Anyone can submit up to 3 poems for the competition. Limit of 160 words. No entry fee and no age limit. The winner will receive £250 and ten free books for their church. Closing date 28th February. More information from United Press Ltd on 0844 800 9177.

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