

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
21st and 22nd February 2015

Sat 21st Feb 6 p.m. Mary Canny RIP
Vigil Mass

Sun 22nd Feb 9 a.m. Thomas Jennings RIP
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 23rd February 2015

Mon 23rd 9 a.m. Les Black RIP

Tues 24th 9 a.m. Noel Anderson RIP

Wed 25th 9 a.m. Ann O'Reilly RIP

Thurs 26th 9 a.m. Intentions of Paul Canny

Fri 27th 9 a.m. Silver Family Intentions

Sat 28th 6 p.m. Christine O'Donohoe RIP
Vigil Mass

Sun 29th 9 a.m. Monica Worsfold 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	250.53
Offertory Envelopes	264.00
CAFOD	52.17

Thank you



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

First Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2015

Dear friends,

At the high point of every Mass we hear the words: ***the new and eternal covenant***: what exactly is it? It is nothing less than God's irrevocable promise of fidelity and love towards all who respond to him and it is ratified in the passion, death and resurrection of his beloved son Jesus Christ. The drama of the covenant unfolds as we journey through Lent towards Easter. How can we best use the Lenten season? Surely, by deciding to give time to God. Those who maintain that they have no time are deceiving themselves. Think of all the time that we spend, often reluctantly, waiting. We wait for the train; we wait in traffic jams; we wait at the supermarket check out and we wait in hundreds of other way. Don't waste that time of waiting by fretting about it, use it to practise the presence of God. God is always and everywhere, and waiting provides us with the opportunity to tap into his presence. His covenant of faithfulness and love can be discovered in those moments of waiting that are so often wasted.

Every Sunday evening of Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 6pm. This devotion is poorly attended on the whole but matters could be vastly improved if everyone made it part of their Lenten observance to come along at least once between now and Easter.

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 23rd February 2015 at 5.30pm. Parents' session Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm.

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. 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 this Sunday.**

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March at 10am and 7.30pm at the URC Church in Lindsey Street and at St Mary's Church in Theydon Bois 2-3pm. Please join us at St Mary's Church between 1pm & 1.45pm for refreshments before the service again this year; we will also be having refreshments after the service as in previous years. The Day of Prayer service for 2015 has been written by the Christian women of The Bahamas. Although written by women, all are invited. Increasingly men and children are participating. Over 36 hours, 170 countries will have taken part. In England, Wales and Northern Ireland over 5,000 services will be held, focusing on the theme of 'Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"'

PIETY STALL: we have a selection of Easter cards, First Holy Communion cards and a selection of gifts for all.

JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 11th April in the Hall. Please start sorting any good quality jumble to donate.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SERVERS GONE? There has been an alarming falling off of altar servers since Christmas, particularly at 6pm Mass on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays. We appeal to parents in particular to encourage those who have trained as servers to be faithful in this very important role.

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).

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – Friday 27th February: Storms droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive. There is good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £5 million. Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long term deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING & DISTRICT LENTEN LUNCHES: Each Saturday during Lent, one of the churches in Epping will offer a light lunch (soup, cheese, bread, tea or coffee) between 12.30pm and 2pm.

A donation of £3.00 is suggested for Christian Aid. Please bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 28th February - Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Epping (rear of church).

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: Speaker: Mgr David Manson. Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. An opportunity to deepen our understanding of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. All are very welcome.

'CHRIST AND THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!': In this year for consecrated life we invite young men aged 18-40 to a life on the spiritual "Come and See" the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, based in this diocese of Brentwood, a new religious community founded in 2004. As the male branch begins to take shape you are invited to consider if its spirituality speaks to you. Dates; 20th-22nd March. Venue: Abbotswick House of Prayer near Brentwood in Essex. For further details visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org or call Jim on 01277 373848.

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