

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
7th and 8th March 2015

Sat 7th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Les Black RIP
Sun 8th	9 a.m.	Mary Furlong RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 9th March 2015

Mon 9th	9 a.m.	Kathleen Feighery RIP
Tues 10th	9 a.m.	Timothy White RIP
Wed 11th	9 a.m.	Mark Toohey's Intentions
Thurs 12th	9 a.m.	Mary Furlong RIP
Fri 13th	9 a.m.	Norah Murrhly's Intentions
Sat 14th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Eileen Lennon RIP
Sun 15th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	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, Diane Harrington and Bernard George.

OFFERINGS (£):

Loose Plate	442.42
Offertory Envelopes	154.00
CAFOD	532.46

Thank you



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Third Sunday of Lent

8th March 2015

Dear friends,

the expulsion of the traders from the temple occurs in all of the four gospels. We hear it today in St John's version. It is one of the rare occasions in the ministry of our Lord when he expresses the very human emotion of anger. He reacted energetically to the commercialisation of God's holy place; a house of prayer was being profaned by traders whose intent was on material gain and not the glory of the Lord. We are to reflect on this event side by side with the Old Testament reading from Exodus which explicitly says: ***you shall have no gods except me.*** Of all the false gods that men are women are tempted to worship the most insidious is money. It is as true today as it was in the time of Jesus. That is why almsgiving, or giving to charity, is one of the classic Lenten observances encouraged by the Church. We are to use wisely and generously the material goods entrusted to us all.

We must also remember that over and above any material building dedicated to God's glory, we ourselves are temples of the Holy Spirit: God dwells in us as much as in any temple. The human body is all too often a source of exploitation and an object of degradation, as the horrible abuse of children and young women demonstrates. We must reverence our own bodies, and those of others, and shun whatever causes them to be polluted and demeaned.

***God bless you all,
Fr James***

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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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sunday 1st March at 6pm.

LENTEN SERVICE OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Monday 16th March at 8pm.

EASTER LILIES: the traditional donation of £2 is invited for an Easter lily in commemoration of a loved one at Easter. Please mark the envelope "Easter Lily".

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS: Please will you collect your new rotas from the post box in the church porch.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 8pm in the presbytery. All welcome - please do come if you can! If you are unable to attend and have any issue you would like to raise, contact Debbie on 01992 575900 or email dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com

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.

S.V.P. RAFFLE: The St Vincent de Paul National raffle tickets will be on sale at Masses next weekend, **14th and 15th March**, so please bring your wallets and purses as we have to take your money on the day! Prizes are £3,000, £2,000 and £1,000 plus ten £100 and ten £50 prizes. Proceeds go to SVP's international charitable works - e.g. the Disaster Fund. 50p a ticket or £5 a book.

OPEN MORNING: St John's RC Special Needs School, in Woodford, is hosting a 6th form and college Open Morning on Wednesday 18th March 10am -12 noon. For further information please phone 0208504 1818 or email office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: www.catholicsingles.org.uk.

LENT DISCUSSION GROUP: The (usual) Lent Discussion Group will meet each Wednesday in Lent. 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING & DISTRICT LENTEN LUNCHES: *Our Lent lunch takes place on the 21st March. We need lots of guests and support. Donations of soup and offers of help between 12 noon and 2.30pm will be deeply appreciated. Please phone Mary Morgan on 574719.*

Lent lunch on Saturday 14th March is at St John's Church, St John's Road, Epping between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. A donation of £3 is suggested for Christian Aid.

LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION: Portuguese, Catholic, female seeks accommodation in Epping area in exchange for some work or payment of rent. She has a degree in psychology and experience in animal care. She is a non smoker, non drinker, polite and tidy. If you can help then please call Rubina on 074776 6670

A LENTEN SUGGESTION: During Lent please: 1. pray for the Rosary vigil at Marie Stopes, Buckhurst Hill. 2. Consider supporting the Good Counsel Network financially. 3. Come to the vigil at the top of Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill Saturdays 7.45am -11.30am. More details or a lift call Paul on 01992 577104.

Lent Annual Day of Reflection- Saturday 21st March: *Journeying with Jesus- 'God loved the world so much..'* Bishop Alan Williams will lead the day. Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Arrivals: 10.00am for 10.30am start, finish at 3.45pm. Cost: £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. For booking and further information, please contact the the Adult RE office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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