

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
14th and 15th March 2015

Sat 14th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Eileen Lennon RIP
Sun 15th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 16th March 2015

Mon 16th	9 a.m.	Baby Ethan Holland
Tues 17th Feast of St Patrick	9 a.m.	John Clohessy RIP
Wed 18th	9 a.m.	Michael Herraghty RIP
Thurs 19th Feast of St Joseph	9 a.m.	People of the Parish (Canny)
Fri 20th	9 a.m.	Judy Callaghan RIP
Sat 21st Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Margaret Aitken's Intentions
Sun 22nd	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Jonathan McCusker RIP

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, Jennie Downs, Sean Clohessy, Peter Nash, Diane Harrington, Baby Ethan Holland, Maureen McClean, Michael Palmer, Catherine Steel and Bernard George.

OFFERINGS (£):

Loose Plate	329.58
Offertory Envelopes	237.00
CAFOD	77.28

Thank you



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Fourth Sunday of Lent

15th March 2015

Dear friends,

What makes the Christian gospel so daringly different from any secular thought process is the concept of **grace**. One of the maxims of the world which says it all is: ***there is no such thing as a free lunch***: all human dealings have strings attached. Grace, by contrast is freely given; it cannot be merited and it cannot be earned and this is emphatically emphasised in today's Scriptures. The nature of God is defined by **self giving love**. To say that God is gracious is to proclaim that God is unwavering in his love and mercy towards us despite all our waywardness and indifference. God is love, made manifest in the gift of Jesus his son. Grace is the word we use to describe God's infinite love worked out in us. To receive the grace of God is to be invited into God's own self. Essential to the scriptural notion of grace is forgiveness of sins. The Church stresses the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent precisely because she wants us all to respond eagerly to the free gift offered to us. The love of God does not invite abstract notional responses; it invites passion and love in return. A humble confession of our sins opens the floodgates of divine mercy. Please use the opportunity provided by tomorrow evening's Service of Penance and Reconciliation or at least ensure that you celebrate the Sacrament in good time for Easter.

God bless you all,
Fr James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next class for the children will take place this Monday 16th March at 5.30pm.

WHIST EVENING There will be a Whist Evening at 1 Coteford Close, Loughton on Monday 16th March at 7pm. Admission £2. Everyone welcome. Please telephone Chas & Babs on 0208 508 7778 if you would like to join this pleasant social group. Queries to Deacon Duncan, please..

COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS: This provides a social opportunity to get to know other parishioners. **Please note that due to a booking in the Hall there will not be coffee after 11am Mass on Sunday 26th April.**

PARISH WEBSITE: We are planning to upgrade 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.

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: This Sunday 15th 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".

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 this weekend. 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.

NEWSLETTER REMINDER: If you receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter then please do not also take a paper copy at Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS: Please collect a list of the Easter services from the sacristy and return asap so that a rehearsal can be arranged.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Molly Grace Napthine.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING & DISTRICT LENTEN LUNCHES: Our Lent lunch takes place next Saturday 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.

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

CAR PARKING ON GOOD FRIDAY. In view of the issue of Parking Tickets to some parishioners last Good Friday afternoon, the authorities have been contacted exhaustively to see if there could be some relaxation in the car parking regulations for those attending the 3.00pm Good Friday Service. **IT IS NOT POSSIBLE, so would parishioners please note that they could receive a Parking Ticket if they park on the roads around the church whilst attending the service on Good Friday afternoon. It is suggested that parking in the Stonards Hill, Cottis Lane or Bakers Lane Car Parks could be better options.**

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

"In Conversation with Fr Christopher Jamison" – Tuesday 31st March: Fr Christopher Jamison is a Benedictine Monk, a regular contributor on Chris Evans' Radio 2 Breakfast show, a profound author about prayer and silence, and Director of the National Office for Vocations. This is an opportunity, especially for young adults aged 17-35, to hear what inspired him to become a monk and a priest. Venue: **St Margaret's, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB** (close to DLR & Jubilee Line) and includes chicken & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org The event is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

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