

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
21st and 22nd March 2015

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

Week Commencing 23rd March 2015

Mon 23rd	9 a.m.	Maurice O'Regan RIP
Tues 24th	9 a.m.	David Sabire RIP
Wed 25th <u>Annunciation</u>	9 a.m.	Tony O'Loughlin RIP
Thurs 26th	9 a.m.	Mr & Mrs Tobin RIP
Fri 27th	9 a.m.	Vera Doherty RIP
Sat 28th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 29th <u>Palm Sunday</u>	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: Saturday 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, James Bullen and Bernard George.

OFFERINGS (£):

Loose Plate	319.54
Offertory Envelopes	303.50
CAFOD	25.00



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Fifth Sunday of Lent **22nd March 2015**

Dear friends,

the purple drapes in church this weekend are a sober reminder that Lent has entered its final phase and that we are building up to Holy Week. In the Second Reading today we are told that Jesus, although Son of God, learnt to obey through suffering. This obedience of faith is a challenge to us all. The original sin of pride was a refusal to obey and serve God. Jesus came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. Since the Sacrament of penance and reconciliation is such an integral expression of humility and obedience, I was very disheartened by the poor attendance at our Lenten Penance Service last Monday. Neglect of this Sacrament is indicative of a spiritual complacency that is a cause for real disquiet. Those who have not been to confession for a long time need to examine their consciences very seriously. However, there is still time between now and Easter, and I am readily available for those for whom the advertised times are inconvenient.

This weekend we welcome Mr Steven Webb, director of the Brentwood Children's Society, who will be speaking to us about the work of this very important diocesan charity.

God bless you all,
Fr James

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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.**

CHRISTIAN AID : 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.

Dorothy has agreed to organise this year's house to house collection on behalf of our parish. She will be recruiting over the next two weeks. Please support her in your usual generous manner. If you would be prepared to help then please contact her on 01992 577173.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society London Marathon runner:

The BCCS helps and supports families from all faiths from all over Essex and East London and is entirely supported by donations and grants. Mark Butcher is running for them this year and if you wish to donate to this very worthy cause - follow the link below to Mark's site. Please pass the message on and also remember him in your prayers. By the end of this attempt - Mark hopes to have raised over £10,000!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/markbutchermarathon2015>

Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 - The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a limited number of charity places in the 'Ride London 100' taking place on Sunday 2nd August 2015. The deadline is fast approaching for applications, so please don't delay if you are interested in taking up a place. We ask that cyclists pay a registration fee of £50 to secure their place and pledge to raise a minimum of £600 (excluding Gift Aid). Please contact Libby on 01268 784544 if you would like any further information, or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk.

ECCA - GOOD FRIDAY: At 7.30pm on Good Friday (3rd April) ECCA will be singing William Lloyd Webber's "The Divine Compassion" in St. John's Church, Epping. A very fitting conclusion to Good Friday. Free admission - programme £1.50 - refreshments. Retiring collection for 'Ebola Crisis'.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Sunday 22nd March at 6pm.

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".

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Envelopes for the next tax year are available in the porch - please collect your set asap. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme then please contact Margaret Lechley on 01992 812935.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING & DISTRICT LENTEN

LUNCHESES: Saturday 28th March at Epping Green Chapel, Epping Green between 12.30pm and 2.00pm. A donation of £3.00 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

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.**

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

Abseil for CAFOD: on Sunday May 3rd, why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk

St Peter's RC Primary, Dagenham: Vocational, happy and energetic teachers needed for September start. Please call the school office and speak to HT Mr Dan Craft 0208 2706524 if interested. (Experienced or NQT)

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