

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**25th and 26th April 2015**

Sat 25th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 26th	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Fr Denis Hall RIP

**Week Commencing 27th April 2015**

Mon 27th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tues 28th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wed 29th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 30th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Fri 1st May	9 a.m.	Franco Fernandez RIP
Sat 2nd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Dan McEvoy RIP
Sun 3rd	9 a.m.	Peter Nash RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be said 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, Bernard George  
Maureen McClean, Michael Palmer, Catherine Steel and James Bullen.

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	Offertory Loose Plate	324.82
	CAFOD	20.11

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# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**26th April 2015**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

We are all be familiar with today's Gospel passage about the Good Shepherd, in which Jesus says 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep'.

Whilst we cannot hope to achieve the standards of shepherding to which Jesus refers, this Reading gives us an opportunity to ask ourselves two questions:

- Do I always try to lead a life which is pleasing to God and so qualify myself as trying to be a 'good' Christian?
- Am I always prepared to put the needs of others ahead of attending to my own priorities?

If the answer to both questions is 'yes', then we too can be called 'good Christian shepherds'. What a privilege! What an ambition!

This weekend, we welcome back Fr Patrick Shanahan, a White Father, who will surely tell us about his beloved Street Children in Africa. May he be blessed in his ministry.

God bless you in your ministry as a Christian shepherd.

***Deacon Duncan***

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**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for the 2015-16 tax year are available in the porch - please collect your set a.s.a.p. if you have not already done so.

If you require a letter, for tax purposes, stating your total contribution to Gift Aid for the year 14/15 then please let Margaret Lechley know either on telephone number 01992 812935 or email to [epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org). If you pay tax and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Margaret - this will enable the parish to collect from the Inland Revenue the tax you have already paid on your offering, at no extra cost to you.

**JAMES RYAN IS RUNNING IN THE LONDON MARATHON:**

Our parishioner, James Ryan is running in the **35th London Marathon this Sunday 26th April** to raise funds for **Macmillan Cancer Care**. We all know of someone who has personally suffered from Cancer, or has had family or friends who have needed special care. Macmillan nurses work extremely hard and sensitively to make life easier for those living with Cancer. **PLEASE SUPPORT JAMES**, who hopes to raise £1000 on his run. Donations can be sent to:-

**<https://www.justgiving.com/jimmy-ryan1>**

Alternatively, James (07814 226468) has sponsorship forms available for those who cannot access the website.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Leo Maurice Briggs, who will be baptised this weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** the next class for the children will take place on Monday 27th April at 5.30pm.

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS:** There will be no coffee after the 11am Mass this Sunday due to a private booking of the Hall. Everyone is welcome to come for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat next Sunday (and every Sunday, come to that!!).

**CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS IN 2016:** Our Justice and Peace Group is seeking a new Parish Co-ordinator for **2016**, to take over from Dorothy Whitehouse, who is stepping down after many years of organising the collection in our parish. Could you help? If you would like further information on the role, please call Emma on: 07876 897 942 or Dorothy on 01992 577173.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE:** Spring Youth Gather 9th May - a perfect introductory event at Stubbers outdoor activity centre for those in school year 7-9. More info at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or call 01277 265286.

**SISTERS OF THE NEEDY BLUE COLLECTING BOXES:**

The Sisters of the Needy have asked if we can please return to them all the Blue Collecting Boxes which were distributed during their appeal in May 2014. If you still have a box, please leave it in the sacristy..

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** The Annual Mass for Migrants, in honour of St Joseph the Worker, will be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, LAMBETH ROAD, SOUTHWARK, LONDON SE1 6HR. There will be a banner procession at 10.30am followed by Mass at 11am. Everyone is most welcome to attend this joyous occasion to celebrate the contribution made by migrants in our communities.

**CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June :** The route will be through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit [pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk](http://pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk) or email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 02085029722.

**BCCS SPRING CONCERT:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians all with local ties. Tickets are £22 and include wine and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Amy Pether on 01268 784544 or email [apether@bccs.org.uk](mailto:apether@bccs.org.uk)

**What does the Church say about - Marriage, Divorce & Re-marriage?**

**Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm-9.30pm, Cathedral Conference Centre.

**Speaker:** *Dr Helen Costigane, SHCJ-* Moral Theologian, Canon Lawyer, a renowned lecturer and author of numerous articles.

It is hoped that the evening will dispel some myths and preconceptions about the Church's approach to this .

**Cost:** £5.00 per person. For booking, please contact the Adult Rel.

Education office on: 01277 265255 or email

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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Fr James or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.