

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**23rd and 24th May 2015**

Sat 23rd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Sun 24th	9 a.m.	Christine Donohoe RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 25th May 2015**

Mon 25th <b>Bank Holiday</b>	10 a.m.	Barbara Vitoria RIP
Tues 26th	9 a.m.	Diane Harrington RIP
Wed 27th	9 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Thurs 28th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 29th	9 a.m.	Private Intention (L.M)
Sat 30th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Les Black RIP
Sun 31st	9 a.m.	Diane Harrington 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, Bernard George, Maureen McClean, Michael Palmer, Catherine Steel, Tony Mullen, David Kenworthy and James Bullen.

<b>OFFERINGS (£):</b>	Offertory Envelopes	235.70
	Offertory Loose Plate	632.25
	CAFOD	57.62

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# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**24th May 2015**

Dear friends,

the solemn feast of Pentecost brings the Easter season to an end. It is often called the birthday of the Church since the event commemorated the empowerment of Christ's disciples with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We too, all these centuries later, are similarly endowed equipping us for the mission to spread the gospel in a secular world. Last week our first communicants were sent forth for this purpose and today three young adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pentecost gives us all the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises by which we undertake to reject all that is alien to God and to reaffirm our commitment to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Please pray for Fr James McCormack, parish priest of Clacton on Sea. He was here for my golden jubilee in December, having celebrated his own a few months earlier. He was a tireless pastor who found it difficult to say no. He is the fourth of my priest friends to die within the last year. Since he has returned to God his death should not sadden us; what is sad is the fact that there are no young replacements for those who have been taken from us.

A new altar servers' training programme will be starting shortly. Like priests, servers are in very short supply so I am hoping for a generous response to this training project. There is no age limit.

***God bless you always***

***Fr James***

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**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** May 25th. Mass at 10am.

**GIFT AID:** 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).

**NAME BADGE WEEKEND:** Whether you are new to the parish or were born in Epping, it is difficult to know everyone you meet at Mass (though Fr James seems to manage it!)

If you would like to be able to greet more people by name, there will be an opportunity to wear a name badge at Mass on the weekend of 13 and 14 June. Labels and pens will be provided.

Coffee will be served in the hall after 9am Mass, as well as 11am, and, if you want to meet more fellow parishioners in the hall after 6pm Saturday Mass, a glass of wine!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Clare, Maggie, Evie, Mary, Julie and John would like to thank the parents of the First Holy Communion children for the kind cards and gifts. We wish the children all the best going forward in the future.

**FUND RAISING FOR MACMILLAN CANCER:** James Ryan would like to thank everyone for their support towards his fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Care when running the London Marathon. A total of £1850 was raised which was 185% of the £1000 target reached. Thank you for all your kind donations.

**EPPING LOCAL MEETING:** Talk on Restorative Justice by Emma Callaghan of Essex Police. Sunday 26th July 2015 at Epping Quaker Meeting House 12.30pm shared buffet (provided) followed by 1.30pm talk. Please email [clerk@eppingquakers.org](mailto:clerk@eppingquakers.org), for catering purposes, if you intend to attend.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Dr Roderick Longton who died on May 16th. We offer to his family our prayerful condolences.

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to Noemi Ermanno, Erno Feher and Evangelina Pascale who are being confirmed today.

**ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING:** A four week course will begin on Friday 12th June at 5pm in church. Please contact Fr James. Children who have made First Holy Communion are particularly encouraged to join but anyone interested will be most welcome.

**CHARITY GOLF DAY:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. Tickets are priced at £50 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition, 'nearest the pin' & 'longest drive' initiative and a Golfers' Lunch. Places are limited to 72 players so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. Please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS:** . Everyone is welcome to come to the Church Hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat this Sunday and every Sunday. It would be lovely to see you there!!.

**LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL:** Wednesday 27th May at 1pm Edward Taylor, Assistant Organist at Carlisle Cathedral will be giving and Organ Recital at Brentwood Cathedral. The performance will last approximately 40 minutes after which refreshments will be served in the Song School.

**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..

**JOB VACANCY -** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) needs a new Social Worker to join the excellent team. Experience of direct work with children and families is essential and for an information pack please contact the Director at [swebb@bccs.org.uk](mailto:swebb@bccs.org.uk) The role can be full or significant part time.

**BRENTWOOD CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY SHINDIG** on **Friday 10th July** at **The Champion School, Hornchurch.** Tickets cost **£22** per person which will include a light supper. Guests will be treated to a display of Irish Dancing followed by dancing to a traditional ceili band and caller and a traditional sing-a-long. Tickets for this adult-only event are limited and will be sold on a strictly 'first come first served' basis. For tickets and information, contact Julie Abbott – 01268 784544 / 07912277413 - [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**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.