

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
25th and 26th July 2015

Sat 25th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun 26th	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Ellen Day RIP

Week Commencing 27th July 2015

Mon 27th	9 a.m.	Private Intention (P.F)
Tues 28th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed 29th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 30th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Fri 31st	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Sat 1st Aug (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jim Lennon RIP
Sun 2nd Aug	9 a.m.	Frank Colton
	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, Maureen McClean, Catherine Steel, Tony Mullen, David Kenworthy, James Bullen and Hannah Robinson.

OFFERINGS (£):	Offertory Envelopes	221.50
	Offertory Loose Plate	239.32
	CAFOD	40.00

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Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **26th July 2015**

Dear friends,

for the next four Sundays the gospel reading will be taken from the sixth chapter of St John's gospel. Unlike the other evangelists John gives no account of the institution of the Eucharist when he writes of the Last Supper. However, in this very long chapter he explores the teaching of Jesus about the Eucharist as the ***Bread of Life*** and appropriately enough today has been designated by the Bishops of England and Wales as a ***Day for Life***. As Christians we are called to value and protect the sanctity of life from conception to extreme old age. The child in the womb and the frailest of the frail in old age are precious in the sight of God our creator. Unfortunately, society as a whole does not share this vision. Abortion has been legal in our country for well over half a century and those campaigning for assisted suicide or voluntary euthanasia are growing ever more vocal. The **Assisted Dying Bill** is to come before Parliament in early September. Please take a card from the back of the church, which sets out clearly our Catholic position.

On Tuesday next I fly to Australia for my eleventh and probably my last visit. I shall be away for three weeks and based at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth, where my life long friend Mgr Michael Keating is the Dean. Deacon Duncan is in charge during my absence and you will be well served by three visiting priests over the three weekends that I am away.

God bless you all

Fr James

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FIRST COMMUNION 2015-16: All applications must be submitted by 31st July 2015.

First Holy Communion Parents' Information Session at 8pm on Tuesday 15th September in the Hall.

EPPING CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH EVENT: Saturday 5th September starting at 10am at **Thriftwood Campsite** in Brentwood. Activities will include climbing, pedal cars and kayaking followed by lunch. Ages 8-16 recommended. Price £6 per child. This has been subsidised by 50% from parish funds. Limited spaces available and will be allocated first to children of parishioners. There will be a waiting list for children from outside the parish. Please contact Justin Willis 01992 812924 or Brenda Hyland 01992 572851 for more information.

PARISH WEBSITE: the weekly newsletters are now available again to read online on the website, Thank you for your patience while the work was carried out on the website.

PARISH ASSEMBLY: our annual Parish Assembly will be on Wednesday 16th September. Everyone welcome to attend. Further details nearer the time.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK is a Catholic pro-life organisation, "pro-life and pro-woman", which assists women who are going through difficult pregnancies. This summer Anne Grimer is walking 1200 miles on pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome to raise money for Good Counsel's work in providing support and practical assistance to mothers. Please sponsor her by signing up on the form on the notice board in the church porch for per mile or your fixed amount, or at <https://www.justgiving.com/A-walk-for-Life>. Many thanks.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on this Sunday 26th July 7.30pm to 9pm. Everyone welcome.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND AT AYLESFORD: 31st October - 1st November 2015. For more details please see <http://youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Booking deadline 18th September 2015.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Please note that this is discontinued during the school holidays and will be resumed in September.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): We invite any adult who may wish to join the Catholic Church at Easter, to speak with Fr James or Deacon Duncan, with a view to joining this year's Journey in Faith Group. The Group meets weekly between September and Easter. A warm welcome awaits those who express an interest.

EPPING FOOD BANK: Churches Together in Epping, in association with the Trussell Trust, hope to soon open a food bank in Epping. They will need volunteers. If you feel that this is something you can contribute to then please contact either Deacon Duncan on 577173 or Maggie Keeling at: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service is pleased and excited to offer a brand new pilgrimage for October 2015 to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock and the opportunity to Climb St Patrick's Holy Mountain. The pilgrimage is open to anyone who will be in Year 12 or above when we travel. The full cost is £350 and includes flights, accommodation and meals. Forms are available now at bcys.net/events or email info@bcys.net for more information. There are only 25 places, so sign up fast.

CHURCH HALL HIRE: Our parish hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or mobile 0776 4404813.

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE FOUR GOSPELS: On Saturday 10th October in Brentwood Cathedral Hall from 10.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Professor Richard Burridge, Dean of King's College, London, will lead a study day entitled 'What are the gospels?' Professor Burridge is a recipient of the Joseph Ratzinger Prize, awarded to him by Pope Benedict in 2013. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org There is no charge for the day and a light buffet lunch will be provided.

ANNUAL GKCHESTERON PILGRIMAGE: The 5th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 30th July, for details please see www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk. On the way we will pray for the Conversion and/or health of anyone whose name you would like to email us, Catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

PARISH DATABASE: If you are a new parishioner, have never registered as a parishioner or **have changed your address within the parish**, please either ask Fr James for a registration form or alternatively email your details to the email address on the cover page.

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.