

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**1st and 2nd August 2015**

Sat 1st (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jim Lennon RIP
Sun 2nd	9 a.m.	Frank Colton
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 3rd August**

Mon 3rd	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tues 4th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wed 5th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 6th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Fri 7th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Sat 8th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 9th	9 a.m.	Thomas Murrhry RIP
	11 a.m.	People of 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.

<b>OFFERINGS (£):</b>	Offertory Envelopes	154.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	248.79
	CAFOD	20.00

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# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2nd August 2015**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Do we sometimes fall into the trap of being attracted to all the enjoyable pleasures which surround us in this world, whilst overlooking our prime Christian objective, which is to love God and our neighbour, with all that this involves? Surely, God wants us to enjoy the pleasures of life, but he also wants us to get our priorities right.

The followers of Jesus, who, in this Sunday's Gospel reading, pursued him simply to satisfy their own worldly desires, were led by Jesus to understand that their first priority should be to 'trust in him' as the provider of all that is good.

If we can always remember that our lives on this planet have been given to us firstly as a preparation for eternal life in heaven, we shall make good, wholesome decisions about how to go about loving God and our neighbour. In this way, our lives will be truly pleasing to God.

As Fr James enjoys his holiday in Australia, we welcome back Fr Patrick Shanahan to say Mass for us this weekend. As you will remember, Fr Patrick is a White Father, whose mission has been to support Street Children in Africa. Next weekend, we shall welcome Fr Ted Wildsmith, also a White Father. Please pray for their missionary work.

God bless you all.

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**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 EMAIL:** We are currently experiencing problems with the Outlook Email system. This is being worked on by the team at Brentwood. In the interim please could you send emails to [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) or alternatively to Deacon Duncan at [duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com](mailto:duncanjcwhitehouse@gmail.com). Please note that the parish office here has not received any emails to the address [epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org) since Wednesday 22nd July. If you have sent an email during this time then please re-send to the interim address or to Deacon Duncan for action.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY:** our annual Parish Assembly will be on Wednesday 16th September. Everyone is welcome and encouraged 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. In twenty years they have helped 3,000 women. 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.

**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](mailto:maggie@keelingphysio.com) or telephone 07718858879.

**ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE FOUR GOSPELS:** On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October in Brentwood Cathedral Hall from 10.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Professor Richard Burrige, Dean of King’s College, London, will lead a study day entitled ‘What are the gospels?’ Professor Burrige 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](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) There is no charge for the day and a light buffet lunch will be provided.

**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 or Deacon Duncan for a registration form or alternatively email your details to the address on the cover page.

**APF BOXES:** The emptied APF boxes are now in the church porch for collection by their kind collectors. There are also some unnamed boxes which can be taken by new collectors who wish to support this very worthy organisation in its mission to promote the Christian faith overseas. If you take an unnamed box, please put your name on it so that we can identify the collector on the return we make to APF.

**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.

**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.