

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
8th and 9th August 2015

Sat 8th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 9th	9 a.m.	Thomas Murrhyh RIP
	11 a.m.	People of Parish

Week Commencing 10th August

Mon 10th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tues 11th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wed 12th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 13th	10.45 a.m.	Requiem Mass - Maureen McClean RIP
Fri 14th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Sat 15th (Vigil Mass) Feast of the Assumption	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 16th	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Des Kelly RIP

Morning Prayer will be said in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Liturgy

Confessions: Saturday 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, John Gee and Hannah Robinson.

OFFERINGS (£):	Offertory Envelopes	156.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	299.19
	CAFOD	5.50

Thank you for your generosity



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th August 2015

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In over 2000 years of Christianity since the time of Jesus, our faith and its practice have evolved to the point where much of what we do and say is clearly defined for us, though discussion continues on some points of what we believe, often in the light of present day practices, which could lead to further changes.

In today's Gospel reading, we are treated to an insight of how much of what Jesus was doing and saying became a major point of conflict. With no previous history to back it up, Jesus had to make repeated statements about his status and his objectives to a largely unbelieving group of followers. His apostles will have become convinced, largely by the influence of the Holy Spirit, and were then moved to spread the word amongst many more followers and so on as the Christian faith has become firmly established over the centuries.

Today, the burden of increasing affluence makes it essential that we, as dedicated Christians, profess our faith by all that we say and do, and that, as a first priority, we are prepared to lead our lives in a way which is wholly pleasing to God, despite the loud and growing voices of the general population around us. who are determined to get 'more, more, more' and who want it 'now, now, now'!! Our faith dictates that love of God and love of our neighbour call for us to be generous to all those in need and to turn away from the temptation to be acquisitive for our own benefit.

This weekend, we welcome Fr Ted Wildsmith, a White Father. Please pray for the missionary work of the Society of White Fathers.

God bless you all.

Deacon Duncan

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FUNERAL OF MAUREEN MCLEAN: Maureen's body will be received into Church at 4.45pm on Wednesday 12th August. The requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.45am on Thursday 13th August followed by cremation at Harlow Crematorium at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please - donations to Sue Ryder Foundation may be left at Church or sent via Daniel Robinson & Sons 146 High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4AG. (Please mark envelopes "In memory of Maureen McClean RIP").

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 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.

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.

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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for individuals to represent their parish and to take part in our '**Run for a Child**' 5K run on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. The run, organised by Pitsea Running Club, takes place at Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon. There is no need to book, just turn up and run; under 16s are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is only £2 to cover the costs of running this event, so any additional sponsorship money you are able to raise will allow us to continue to support the children and families who need us, so please do your best. For further information or to request a Sponsor Form please contact Julie 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

EPPING FOOD BANK: Churches Together in Epping, in association with the Trussell Trust, hope to soon open a food bank in Epping. They need more 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.

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 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 There is no charge for the day and a light buffet lunch will be provided.

ASSISTED DYING BILL (2015): This Bill was recently renewed by Robert MARRIS M.P. There will be a vote in Parliament on 11th September next. Please write urgently to our M.P. Mrs Eleanor Laing, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA to urge her to vote against the Bill which is morally wrong because, if enacted, it will legalise doctors and others to help people commit suicide. Hand written letters are most effective. For free leaflets with more details please phone 0207 7091 7091.

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.