

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
29th and 30th August 2015

Sat 29th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Catherine Brosnan RIP
Sun 30th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Thomas Dixon RIP People of the Parish

Week Commencing 31st August 2015

Mon 31st	9 a.m.	Geoffrey Potter RIP
Tues 1st September	9 a.m.	Agnes Tunstall RIP
Wed 2nd	11.30a.m.	Requiem Gina Pelosi RIP
Thurs 3rd	9 a.m.	Mary Furlong RIP
Fri 4th	9 a.m.	Elizabeth McEvoy RIP
Sat 5th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	John Curly RIP
Sun 6th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Bridget Day RIP

Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Catherine Steel,
Tony Mullan, David Kenworthy, James Bullen and Hannah Robinson.

OFFERINGS (£):	Offertory Envelopes	342.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	280.49
	CAFOD	40.00

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Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

30th August 2015

Dear friends,

I returned from Perth, Western Australia, last week, refreshed and invigorated after my 3 weeks of holiday. Although winter time over there, the day time temperatures compared very favourably with our English summer. Staying in the Cathedral clergy house, I was able to share in the life of the busy parish attached to it. The Saturday after my arrival eight men were ordained to the priesthood, making a total of twelve new priests this year for the Perth diocese. Here in Brentwood no ordination is expected for the next three years.

Having achieved my golden jubilee of priesthood and completed my long distance travels, my thoughts are now turning towards retirement. I hope to see the Bishop in the next few weeks to discuss my future. Now in my 77th year I am very much aware that I can no longer adequately fulfil all the demands of full time pastoral ministry and am unable to meet all the demands rightly made in a parish. God willing I shall continue on until after the First Communions in May next year. Thereafter I am not sure what will happen but I would hope to help out in one of the larger parishes in the diocese and be available for some supply work. Please pray that things will work out for the best both for me and for Epping.

The Scripture readings today warn us against lip service in our following of the Lord. If our hearts are not in the right place then we are not his true disciples.

God bless you always
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EPPING CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH EVENT: Saturday 5th September starting at 10am at **Thriftwood Campsite** in Brentwood. This event is now **FULLY BOOKED**. Please be reminded that you may stay for lunch at the end but this will **NOT** be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch if required.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for John Gee, for many years the faithful organiser of our red mission boxes. Please pray also for Fr Sean Sheils a priest of our diocese for 55 years. May they rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: There will be a parents' information session on Tuesday 15th September at 8pm in the Hall. The classes for the children will begin on Tuesday 22nd September at 5.15pm in the Hall.

REVIEW 2015 & HELP TO PLAN 2016: You are cordially invited to join fellow parishioners for a glass of wine and a chat about parish matters at 7.45pm on Wednesday 16th September. We do hope that you can come and look forward to seeing you.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): The invitation remains open for 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 will meet weekly between September and Easter. A warm welcome awaits those who express an interest.

MISSIO BOXES: There are 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. More boxes can be made available if required (speak to Deacon Duncan). If you have had a Red Box for some time and it requires opening, please leave it in the sacristy.

MRS GINA PELOSI RIP

Gina Pelosi, our oldest parishioner, having achieved the grand age of 99 years, died peacefully at Alexandra House Care Home, Harlow. Gina's body will be brought into church at 4pm next Tuesday 1st September and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on Wednesday 2nd September, with burial in Epping cemetery at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL OF COLIN TUCKER RIP: Colin Tucker's Funeral Service will take place at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd September.

CONGRATULATIONS: Sofia Isset, baptised last Sunday. Millie McKenzie, baptised this Sunday.

ASSISTED DYING BILL (2015): This Bill was recently renewed by Robert MARRIS M.P. **There will be a vote in Parliament on 11th September.** 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 helping people to commit suicide. Hand-written letters are most effective. Pre-printed cards are available in the church porch for those who prefer to use them.

BREAST CANCER CHARITY FUN RUN/WALK 5K OR 10K: In aid of the Breast Cancer Clinical Trials Charity at St Margaret's Hospital & Princess Alexandra Hospital. The event starts and finishes behind The Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge, Rangers Road, North Chingford on **27th September 9am registration for 9.30am start**. To register please call the charity office on 01279 827857.

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. Your commitment can be tailored to your availability, so please join the two parishioners who have already offered to help. If you feel that this is something to which you can contribute to then please contact either Maggie Keeling at: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879, or contact Deacon Duncan on 577173.

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS: Please note that the Hall Bookings Secretary will be away from 7th September to 15th October 2015 (inclusive). During this time no Hall bookings will be taken.

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.