

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
26th and 27th September 2015

Sat 26th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Maureen Prendergast RIP
Sun 27th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Brian O'Sullivan RIP People of the Parish

Week Commencing 28th September 2015

Mon 28th	9 a.m.	Special Intention
Tues 29th Feast of St Michael	9 a.m.	Agnes Tunstall RIP
Wed 30th	9 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Thurs 1st Oct	9 a.m.	Maureen McClean RIP
Fri 2nd	9 a.m.	Eddie O'Hare (sick)
Sat 3rd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 4th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Kit Nicholson RIP People of Parish

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 244.10
 Offertory Loose Plate 306.06

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Newsletter
The Church of the Immaculate Conception
Epping

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 27th September 2015

Dear friends,
 in the gospel today the disciples feel threatened by the ministry of someone outside their group. Although he acts for Jesus, their complaint is: *“he is not one of us”*. Our Lord is not impressed by their misgivings and invites them to a broader vision of God’s plan. Jesus says: ***anyone who is not against us is for us***. In the not so distant past we Catholics felt very threatened by the work of other Christian groups. Now we co-operate very happily with them to promote the values of the gospel. But we are called to an even wider vision. Wherever goodness is manifest and in whomsoever, the hand of God is at work. Christian tolerance is a reverence for the truth that is always larger than ourselves. From our limited perspective we have to admit that God sometimes moves in mysterious ways.

Deacon Duncan and Dorothy have gone to Australia to visit family and will be away until 22nd October. We congratulate them on the birth of their second great grandchild, Elsie Claire.

St Thomas More’s church in Debden is to close, with a final Mass at 6pm on Saturday 3rd October. Thereafter, Mass will be celebrated every Saturday evening at St Edmund’s, Loughton and provision has been made for elderly parishioners, without transport of their own, to be lifted to Loughton for Mass in the future.

God bless you always

Fr James

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CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY will be on Friday October 2nd this year. There will be a collection made after each Mass on October 3rd and 4th. Many thanks for your support for Cafod's work.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: There will be a class for the children this coming Tuesday 29th September at 5.45pm in the Hall.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS' ROTAS: please collect your new rotas from the post box in the church porch.

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?' 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.

DIARY NOTE FOR THE SERVICE FOR PEACE ON 25th OCTOBER:

Churches Together in Epping and District (CTED) is holding its annual Peace Service **in our church on Sunday 25th October at 4pm**. Please keep the date free, so that you can come and join all Christians in Epping and District in this most important service. More details to follow.

St Mark's West Essex Catholic School Open Day Thursday 1 October

2015: The Governors, staff and students warmly invite children who are transferring to secondary school September 2016, and their parents, to their Open Day. The school will be open from 9.30am – 12.45pm and 7-9pm. The Headteacher's talk will take place at 8.15pm. Tours can also be arranged at additional times on request. OFSTED judged St Mark's to be "a good school with outstanding features. School address - Tripton Road, Harlow, CM18 6AA . Telephone - 01279 421267.

GIFT AID OFFERINGS: HM Revenue have refunded us £12,934 from our gift aided offerings for 2014-15. A big thank you to all who participate in the Gift Aid Scheme. If you would like to know more about it then please contact Margaret Lechley, on 01992 812935, who will be happy to explain.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER St Alban's Catholic Primary School,

Hornchurch: The Governors wish to appoint a Deputy Headteacher who will continue to build on the achievements of this popular and successful school which was judged as 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' for Early Years at the recent OFSTED inspection. Please contact the school office on 01708 555644 for further details.

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP urgently needs a leader/ chairman. Anyone who might be interested please speak to Fr James or Deacon Duncan to find out more or first come along to the next Justice & Peace meeting. All are always welcome to come to meetings.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Easter 2016. Anyone interested in joining/finding out more about it please call Paul on 01992 577104.

JUMBLE SALE:

Saturday 10th October at 2pm in our church hall. Please leave any good quality jumble in the church porch for collection. There will be a list in the porch for helpers - Friday, from 2pm, to get the tables down, clear the shed and set up and Saturday to sell. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to Mia Dennehy, Tallulah Thomas and Giuseppe Oli Piazza.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT:

Radio Forest Hospital Radio is holding a quiz night to raise funds for their services at St Margaret's, Brentwood and Saffron Walden Hospitals as well as the Derwent Centre in Harlow. The date is **Saturday 24th October 7.30pm** in our Hall. Tickets are £12 and include a fish and chip supper. Please bring your own drinks. Teams of up to eight. For further information please call 01992 577646.

PENNIES FOR PEACE:

The bottle has been emptied (twice) and a cheque for £177.50 sent to Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace organisation, which works to promote peace in the trouble spots of the world, especially the Middle East. Thank you and please keep putting pennies and pounds in the bottle!

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK:

Anne has completed the 1200 mile sponsored walk from Canterbury to Rome to raise funds to support mothers and babies in crisis pregnancies. Would those who kindly sponsored her please let Paul Ives have a cheque payable to "Good Counsel Network", or cash.

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.