

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
3rd and 4th October 2015

Sat 3rd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 4th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Annie Devine RIP

Week Commencing 5th October 2015

Mon 5th	9 a.m.	Kit Nicholson RIP
Tues 6th	9 a.m.	Mary Cooney RIP
Wed 7th	9 a.m.	Fr Sean Sheils RIP
Thurs 8th	9 a.m.	Fr Paul Davis RIP
Fri 9th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 10th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Special Intention (J & M.B)
Sun 11th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Johanna Hayes

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, Tony Mullan, David Kenworthy, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson and Sean Clohessy.

OFFERINGS (£):	Offertory Envelopes	177.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	261.86
	Standing Orders August/September	2636.00

Thank you for your generosity



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 4th October 2015

Dear friends,

we hear in the gospel today St Mark's account of Our Lord's teaching on marriage. The doctrine of the Church, setting out the sanctity and indissolubility of marriage, seeks to be faithful to what Jesus said. However, experience shows us that very often the high ideals of Christian marriage are often not reached or, at least, not sustained for a variety of reasons. Pope Francis is very much aware of the pressures in the lives of so many good people that often lead to separation and divorce. Accordingly he has convened a synod of bishops to meet in Rome this month to consider how best the Church, while upholding traditional teaching, may be sensitive to the pastoral needs of those in broken marital relationships. He has proclaimed a year of mercy for the whole Church and it is to be hoped that mercy will permeate the deliberations of the bishops throughout the sessions of the forthcoming synod.

I am presently concerned by the significant drop in attendance at Mass during the week. Given the demands of work and family life Sunday Mass is about as much as most parishioners can manage. However, the weekday celebration is a precious spiritual resource of benefit to the whole community. Until recently the average attendance was a dozen or more, now it has dropped to half that. If some of those, who are able to do so, undertook to come to weekday Mass once a fortnight or so it would make a considerable difference.

God bless you always

Fr James

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CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: The harvest family fast collection will be taken this weekend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We offer prayerful condolences to Mrs Maggie Keeling on the death of her mother Mrs Mary Cooney. RIP.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Bazaar is on Saturday 5th December. Only nine weeks to volunteer to man the stalls and to collect goods to sell. Next week's appeal is for White Elephants. You may hate it.....someone will love it.....donate it.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next class for the children will be on Tuesday 13th October at 5.45pm in the Hall.

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

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.

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.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Lourdes by air for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 3 Nights, 7th - 10th December 2015

The Year of Mercy begins on 8 December. Come and join a led retreat in Lourdes on the theme of God's mercy. £485 p.p. (twin/double), £535 p.p. (single room) includes flights from Gatwick, 3 nights' full board accom. at the Hotel Saint-Sauveur (inc. wine with meals), airport transfers from Ilford in UK & France, all Mass offerings and procession candles (i.e., no extra/hidden costs) and a led retreat with Fr Andrew Headon. For more information please contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd: 07932 634589; siobhan@parker-travel.com

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch. The Governors wish to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. Please contact the school office on 01708 555644 for further details.

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. **Cakes wanted please - large to cut and small ones to have with tea.** Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

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.

PART-TIME FINANCE OFFICER: St Joseph's Catholic Infant School (Leyton) is looking for a part time Finance Officer. Knowledge of school finance (FMS) and SIMS systems is essential. For more information please contact rboon320@1gflmail.org or telephone 0208 539 3000.

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.