

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
10th and 11th October 2015

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

Week Commencing 12th October 2015

Mon 12th	9 a.m.	Special Intention
Tues 13th	9 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Wed 14th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thurs 15th	9 a.m.	Finbar O'Hanlon (sick)
Fri 16th	9 a.m.	Maureen McClean RIP
Sat 17th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Canon Patrick Casey RIP
Sun 18th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Ted Flanagan RIP People of the 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, Tony Mullan, David Kenworthy, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy and Daphne McAdam.

OFFERINGS (£):	Offertory Envelopes	236.50
	Offertory Loose Plate	300.00
	CAFOD	629.00

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Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11th October 2015

Dear friends,

at this time of year many of our young people have just begun studies either at universities or other places of tertiary education and those at school are well into the autumn term. We encourage them all to work hard to qualify for life but in the final analysis what is all study about? It is not enough to show how clever people are: all study should lead us to wisdom of heart and wisdom is the theme of our readings today. The psalm opens with these words: *make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.* Our span on Earth is indeed short and wisdom is needed to use life to the full and not fritter it away in pursuit of dead ends. As believers we are called to cultivate wisdom by attentiveness to the word of God. Reflecting on that word we gain purpose and direction. The scriptures certainly tell us that there is much more to life than the acquisition of wealth and worldly trappings. At the final judgement we shall not be asked how clever we were in building up a property portfolio but we shall be asked how wise were we in making sacrifices for others and trying to serve the common good.

We offer warm congratulations to Mr Geoffrey Hooper for his 90th birthday in a few days time. Geoffrey, a devout Anglican, has been playing the organ for us, both on Saturday evenings and on Sundays, for many years and we thank him both for his dedication and his talent.

God bless you always
Fr James

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar Date 5th December. 8 weeks to go. Next week's appeal is for *Fancy Goods*: hand-made if possible but anything fabric or knitted will be welcome.

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

WEEKDAY MASS: attendance is now alarmingly low. We appeal to those who are free to do so to commit themselves to at least one morning every two weeks to boost the numbers.

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.

BRES COURSES:

Saturday 24th October 9.30am to 12.00pm – **New Ofsted Framework for Schools**, Susan Watts (Open to current school Governors)

Thursday 5th November 9.30am to 12.00pm – **Laudato Si** –

Implications and challenges for Catholic Schools, Fr. Martin Boland
To reserve a place please contact Lisa Gunther, email:

lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st October 2015. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

CAFOD/HARVEST FAST COLLECTION: Last week's collection raised over £600. Thank you for your generosity.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO

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

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.

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

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.