

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
17th and 18th October 2015

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

Week Commencing 19th October 2015

Mon 19th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 20th	9 a.m.	Mary and Francis Fletcher RIP
Wed 21st	9 a.m.	Irene O'Neil RIP
Thurs 22nd	9 a.m.	Bill McEvoy RIP
Fri 23rd	9 a.m.	Gladys Grant RIP
Sat 24th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Sir Evelyn Russell RIP
Sun 25th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Mary Cusack 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	365.80
	Offertory Loose Plate	288.00
	CAFOD	22.18

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Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 18th October 2015

Dear friends,

we no longer live in an age of upstairs and downstairs: the days of Downton Abbey have long since gone. Domestic service of overwork and underpay was virtually killed off by World War II. The very word *servant* is now considered to be demeaning yet Jesus himself did not hesitate to see himself as one who serves. The very word *ministry* simply means *service*. Yet again the values of the gospel are at odds with the values of the world. In the gospel today we find the disciples bickering over places of prestige and honour only to be called to order by Jesus. He came not to be served but to serve; they are to follow his example. Christian service is to be exercised with courtesy and goodwill: to serve grudgingly is scarcely to serve at all. The lovely words of the hymn *Will you let me be your servant?* express very well the attitude of generosity that underpins genuine Christian ministry.

Deacon Duncan has emailed us sending greetings from Australia where he and Dorothy are having a great time with members of their family. They will be back in time for next weekend and it will be good to see them.

A big thank you to Janet Abbott and her team who raised £700 at last week's jumble sale: well done. The next event we must start thinking about is the Christmas Bazaar at the beginning of Advent.

This week is World Mission Sunday when the universal Church is encouraged to pray for and support all those men and women, priests, nuns and laity who work to spread the gospel in all parts of the world. A donation will be made from parish funds to support this noble cause.

God bless you always
Fr James

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar Date 5th December. 7 weeks to go. The children have an opportunity next week to donate unwanted toys. (Santa will probably bring replacements.)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next class for the children will be this coming Tuesday 20th October at 5.45pm in the Hall.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: Anyone alone on Christmas Day is invited to join us for a traditional luncheon in our hall. Couples and carers able to help or those who would like company are welcome to join us. Transport can be provided. Please contact Mary Morgan on 01992 574719.

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.

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!

PPC PUBLIC MEETING IN EPPING: 28TH OCTOBER 2015 6.30PM-8.30PM: This is a public meeting giving the opportunity for local communities to meet with the Police and Crime Commissioner, local District Commander and local authority Community Safety Partnership Manager. The meeting will be held in the **Council Chamber, Epping Forest District Council Civic Centre, High Street, Epping CM16 4BZ**. It will begin promptly at 6.30pm and is expected to last no more than two hours. Attendees are welcome to arrive and leave at any point that is convenient to them.

EPPING RE-USE CENTRE situated in the Bower Hill Industrial Estate re-uses donated furniture, appliances and household items, selling them at affordable prices. A registered charity and not for profit Social Enterprise, 100% of funds are used to help those in need. To find out more about how to donate, buy or volunteer and about delivery and collection of items please see leaflet in the church porch.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Easter 2016. Anyone interested in joining/finding out more about it please call Paul on 01992 577104.

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.

BRES COURSES:

Saturday 24th October 9.30am to 12.00pm – **New Ofsted Framework for Schools**, Susan Watts (Open to current school Governors)
Thursday 12th November 9.30am to 12.00pm – **Laudato Si – Implications and challenges** for Catholic Schools, Fr. Martin Boland - *please note the change in date.*

To reserve a place please contact Lisa Gunther, email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285

CHURCH HALL HIRE: our parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or mobile 0776 4404813 for further details.

JOB VACANCY: Psychology Teacher required from 2016 at Trinity Catholic High School. The post would be suitable for either a highly motivated NQT or an experienced teacher. For further details of the post and application form is available via the school's website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or you can contact Sam Gillary on 020 8504 3419 ext 171,

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will be held on Saturday 14th November at 2.30 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. Dr. Francis Young, an historian of early modern East Anglia, will give a talk entitled, 'Tyrannical and malignant? Sir Edward Petre SJ, 1631-99.' For further information or to join the Society, please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 07962138287. Non members will be asked to pay a small fee to attend the meeting.

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.