

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
24th and 25th October 2015

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

Week Commencing 26th October 2015

Mon 26th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 27th	9 a.m.	Special Intention
Wed 28th	9 a.m.	Rev Denis McSweeney RIP
Thurs 29th	9 a.m.	Gina Pelosi RIP
Fri 30th	9 a.m.	Jean Chivers RIP
Sat 31st (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Mary Cusack RIP
Sun 1st Nov	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Borelli Family 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	221.60
	Offertory Loose Plate	294.37
	CAFOD	25.86

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Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 25th October 2015

Dear friends,

there are several different sorts of prayer to God. We are familiar with thanksgiving, praise, petition and penitential prayer. Less obvious is the prayer of lamentation and yet it occurs frequently in the Bible and one of the books of the Old Testament is actually called Lamentations. A lamentation arises out of suffering. The first step towards overcoming suffering is to find a language for fear and loss. Lamentation is not pessimistic: it refuses to remain powerless and passive but makes a bridge between silent endurance and change.

This is vividly shown in today's gospel. The blind man lamenting his affliction, cries out to Jesus, even though the bystanders told him to be quiet. However, he persists with his cry of anguish. When the blind man finds a language for his loss, Jesus heals him and compliments him for a faith that saved him. We do well to remember that the final prayer of Jesus himself on the cross was one of lamentation and we know that the Crucifixion was followed by Resurrection.

We welcome back Deacon Duncan and Dorothy from Australia and hope by now that they have recovered from jet lag.

God bless you always
Fr James

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NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: As we approach the month of the Holy Souls you are invited to submit lists of your dear departed to be placed before the altar for remembrance during the coming weeks.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar Date 5th December. 6 weeks to go. Next week we are collecting books and D.V.Ds. Give somebody else a chance to enjoy your favourite entertainment.

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: Thank you for the encouraging response for more people at weekday Mass. Those who are free to do so are invited 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 this 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.

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.

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.

VACANCY: Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is seeking a Corporate Fundraising Officer to join its team in London. AoS is the Catholic Church's charity that provides welfare and faith support to seafarers around the world. The financial support of shipping companies is vital in allowing this to continue. For more information see www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/About-Us/Recruitment/Fundraising-Officer

PARISH DATABASE: If you are new to the parish then please can you complete a Family Information form (available from Fr James) so that we may add you to the parish database. If you have recently moved house then please can you also let us know either by informing Fr James or emailing the Parish Secretary on the parish email address.

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.