

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
21st and 22nd November 2015

Sat 21st Nov (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Canny Family deceased RP
Sun 22nd Nov	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Doug and Bobby Dew RIP People of the parish

Week Commencing 23rd November 2015

Mon 23rd	11 a.m.	Requiem Yvonne Morrall RIP
Tues 24th	9 a.m.	Intentions of Malcolm Silver
Wed 25th	9 a.m.	Keith Miller RIP
Thurs 26th	9 a.m.	Michael McCabe RIP
Fri 27th	11 a.m.	Requiem Irene Negri RIP
Sat 28th	6 p.m.	Lady Joan Russell RIP
Sun 29th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Intentions of Pat Dowling People of the Parish

Morning Prayer will be said in the week, 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, David Kenworthy, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy, Daphne McAdam and Mima Vitello

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	286.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	299.49
	CAFOD	42.00

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Newsletter
**The Church of the Immaculate
 Conception
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

22nd November 2015

Dear friends,

on this, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we proclaim Jesus as our Lord and King. Praying in his own words we say: *thy Kingdom come and deliver us from evil.* Deliverance from evil is very much on our minds in these dark days following the atrocity in Paris. No matter how potent the forces of evil are in this world, we believe that ultimately God's sovereignty and his rule of peace and justice will prevail. As believers we cannot give way to cynicism and despair: we are people of hope. As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King we renew that hope and remember that after the dereliction of the cross came the resurrection.

It is just over two years since the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated in the parish and Bishop Alan has now informed us that he will come here for Confirmation again on October 12th next year. Although this is still some while away, it is not too soon to start preparing for it. A Confirmation programme will begin in the new year and I invite all those of fourteen years and upwards, who wish to be confirmed, to write to me in person, giving their reasons for making this important commitment in faith. Applications must be submitted by 31st December at the latest.

God bless you always,

Fr James

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR only a fortnight to go. The date has been in the newsletter for 7 weeks. Do you know it is on December 5th ??? Please bring any items for any of the stalls as it is helpful for stall-holders to price the goods before the big day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: Tuesday 24th November at 5.45pm.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Francis Cobb.

HALL MANAGEMENT MEETING takes place on Thursday 26th November at 8pm in the Cry Chapel. Any parishioners who would like to attend would be made very welcome.

REFRESHER SESSION FOR CHURCH READERS: Church readers are reminded of the session on Saturday 28th November commencing at 10am with Mass.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: CAN you speak out for those who are forced to stay silent? Would you write a letter, send a text or email to help free those unfairly imprisoned? Simple actions like these can help to change the world and bring justice to those who have no voice. For more details call Emma on: 07876 897 942.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society in association with HCPT will be hosting our very popular Ladies' Luncheon on *Friday 11th December 2015* at 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your ticket, please call Julie on 01268 784544/ jabbott@bccs.org.uk

PETITION NOT TO STOP HELP FOR MOTHERS IN CRISIS

PREGNANCIES: Abortion providers led by British Pregnancy Advisory Services are losing business because of the efforts of pro-life pavement counsellors who stand near clinics and offer women free help, **without coercion**, to avoid abortion. This is currently lawful provided there is no obstruction or harassment. Private clinics want to make it legal (they receive £600 or more per abortion) by creating "buffer zones" around their premises. **Please sign** the petition to the Home Secretary on the notice board in the church porch.

CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE: Please join us for the 9.15am Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 28th November. We will pray especially for all the religious sisters, brothers and consecrated people of our diocese. Tea and cake will follow in the parish hall with a time of short talks and Q&As to discover more about consecrated life. We will conclude by 12pm. ALL WELCOME. Sr Theresa Weight, COLW. Tel. 01277 373848

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.

BAZAAR PATRONS: It is not too late to be a Bazaar Patron. Just put a labelled envelope with your donation through the Presbytery letterbox.

"HE'S BEHIND YOU!" Our very own Panto dame will be starring again in the January 2016 Woodford Pantomime 'Robin Hood' at the Sir James Hawkey Hall in Woodford Green. All youngsters (and those young at heart) who wish to join us for a fantastic evening of laughter, probably on Friday 15th January at 7.30pm, please contact Maggie Keeling ASAP so that I can order the tickets: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879. All tickets are £12.50p each. Thanks

ADVENT TALKS:

Saturday 5th December 2015 - **Bishop Alan Williams, SM** – Theme: The Advent Journey. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.15am – 12.00pm
Saturday 12th December 2015 - **Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon** – Theme: The Seven Bells to Bethlehem. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.15am – 12.00pm

If you would like to register a place for both or either of these talks please contact: Lisa Gunther at lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org or on 01277 265285

LOURDES 2016: The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2016 is from Sunday 14 to Friday 19 August. Come and celebrate both the Feast of the Assumption and the Year of Mercy at our Lady's Grotto. Brochures and booking forms will be available soon.

'Prepare the Way for the Lord' - Join us for an Advent Day Retreat led by Sr Gabriela COLW at Abbotswick, House of Prayer, Brentwood on Saturday 5th December 2015, 10:30am - 4:30pm. The suggested donation is £15pp. Please bring your own packed lunches. Spaces are limited and advanced booking is essential. For further information, please call 01277 373959 or visit our website www.abbotswick.org.'

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.