



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 19th and 20th March 2016

Sat 19th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Eileen Lennon RIP
Sun 20th	9 a.m.	Audrey Sullivan RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 21st March 2016

Mon 21st	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 22nd	9 a.m.	Maurice O'Regan RIP
Wed 23rd	9 a.m.	Tony O'Loughlin RIP
Maundy Thursday	8 p.m.	Mass of The Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	7 p.m.	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday	9 a.m.	Vera Doherty RIP
	11 a.m.	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, Catherine Steel, Ann Dowd, Patricia Salter, Betty Bere, Veronica Beard and Ann Davis.

OFFERINGS (£):	Offertory Envelopes	169.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	349.18
	CAFOD	50.00

Thank you for your generosity

Palm Sunday

20th March 2016

Dear friends,

Holy Week begins today with the blessing of palms and the dramatic reading of the Passion according to St Luke. In this most solemn season the minds of all believers should be firmly fixed on our Lord in his suffering and supreme sacrifice for us, culminating in the joy of Easter. The ideal is that all the faithful should do their best to share in the three great liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Thursday night we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when he instituted the Eucharist and humbly washed the feet of the disciples. On Good Friday we venerate the cross and listen again to the account of his Passion. Finally at the Vigil on Holy Saturday night we celebrate with joy the victory of the Resurrection. This year the Vigil Mass will be at 7pm, much earlier than usual. During the service we will welcome Mr Richard Scott into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Easter Sunday Masses will be at the usual times of 9am and 11am.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence when we abstain from all meat products. That evening there will be a performance of Faure's Requiem at St John's at 7.30pm. For those who have yet to go to confession for Easter there is a penance service at Holy Cross, Harlow, at 7.30pm next Monday and at St Edmund's, Loughton next Wednesday evening at 8pm.

I wish you all a blessed Holy Week.

God bless you always.

Fr James

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6pm every Sunday during Lent.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be resumed on Monday 4th April.

ALTAR SERVERS: Please could **all** altar servers **urgently** collect a list of the Easter Services from the sacristy, and return to Fr James as soon as possible. **A practice will take place on Wednesday 23rd March at 5pm in the church.**

PRAYER VIGIL BUCKHURST HILL SATURDAY MORNINGS: In Lent why not be part of the Church's witness to the sanctity of life? There were 200,000 surgical abortions in this country last year, many 1,000s carried out at Buckhurst Hill. Please come to pray that mothers in crisis pregnancies will accept help and support to have their baby rather than abort. We are there from 7.45am to 11.30am. If you can spare 15 or 30 minutes please come and quietly join the peaceful, prayerful vigil (it is NOT a protest) at Marie Stopes Clinic at the top of Russell Road. We pray the Rosary, various litanies and, at about 9.30am, the Stations of the Cross. Your presence really will make a difference and might save a life. For more details please call Paul on 01992 577104 or Rose on 0208 2529459 or just turn up!

ECCA: On Good Friday evening, 25th March, Ecce will be singing Faure's Requiem at 7.30pm in St. John's church. Refreshments will be available at the end and a retiring collection taken for the Refugee Crisis. Admission is free but a programme costs £1.50 to offset expenses. A suitable way to end Good Friday. Please support them.

EASTER LILIES: In memory of a loved one. Please make an offering of £2 per bloom and mark the envelope "Easter Lily".

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS: Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (25th March) will be at **9.30am and will be arranged for Children and Adults.** This will be a good opportunity to **bring the family** on this important day. As in previous years the children will be invited to go round the church to the Stations with Deacon Duncan. Afterwards, there will be the opportunity to join with all the Christian denominations in a **Walk of Christian Witness**, which starts from near the Shell Petrol Station at about 11am and will end on the Green in front of our church, with coffee in our Hall afterwards.

GOOD FRIDAY CAR PARKING: Parishioners are reminded that **car parking on Church Hill is restricted to Residents** only. Parking enforcement officers are likely to be on duty during our Good Friday afternoon church service.

LENT LUNCH: Many thanks to all those who attended, contributed and helped to make our Lent lunch such a pleasant occasion. We raised £285 - a wonderful achievement. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ST VINCENT de PAUL RAFFLE: Many thanks to all who bought tickets and made donations last Sunday making a total of £408. The list of prize winners will be posted on the notice board after the draw which takes place on 31st March.

EPPING FOREST DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE is a non profit organisation which aims to spread nationwide and is currently trying to establish itself in Epping Forest District. The purpose is to reduce the stigma of dementia and, by increasing awareness and understanding, to create a dementia friendly community. It plans to do this by linking with a wide cross section of organisations of all types and sectors. Anyone interested in getting involved or learning more should go to dementiaactionalliance@alzheimers.org.uk or speak to Deacon Duncan or Paul Ives.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016/17: The named boxes of offertory envelopes for the 2016/17 tax year are now available for collection from the church porch. Please let Mrs Margaret Lechley know (telephone 01992 812935) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2015/16. Similarly, please can you let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

'The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer Group invite you to a **Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy** at **Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood** on **Sunday 3rd April 2016.** Please arrive from 10.30a.m. for 11.00a.m. start. Confession will be available and Mass will be celebrated at 3.30p.m. For further information, please call Claire Wallis on 01277 658783. All welcome.'

PARISH HALL: A reminder that our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or mobile 0776 4404813 for further information.

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.