



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 26th and 27th March 2016

Holy Saturday 26th March	7 p.m.	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday 27th March	9 a.m.	Vera Doherty RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 28th March 2016

Monday 28th	9 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Tuesday 29th	9 a.m.	A young married couple
Wednesday 30th	9 a.m.	Betty Bere's Intentions
Thursday 31st	9 a.m.	John Stimson RIP
Friday 1st April	9 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Saturday 2nd	6 p.m.	Mark Toohey's Intentions
Sunday 3rd	9 a.m.	Tom Hughes RIP
	11 a.m.	People of 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	216.50
	Offertory Loose Plate	378.21
	CAFOD	1.59
	Standing Orders February/March	2736.00

Thank you for your generosity

Easter Sunday

27th March 2016

Dear friends,

The Lord is truly risen and we share this joy with our fellow believers the world over. The resurrection is not a myth: that the tomb was empty on Easter morning is an historical fact. The consequences for us are profound; we, too, have the hope of eternal life. As Christ shared human suffering to the full, so we expect to share his glory. The Risen Lord is present to show us now in his word and in his sacraments: he is also present whenever two or three are gathered in his name. This is my last Easter with you in Epping so I have personally celebrated the liturgy with a certain degree of poignancy. Thank you to all those, who with their usual generosity, have given of their time and talent to ensure that our Lent and Easter observances were both edifying and memorable. As always we owe a tremendous debt to Deacon Duncan whose meticulous attention to detail ensured that nothing was overlooked or forgotten. I thank you also for all your many kindnesses to me. I wish you all a very blessed Easter.

God bless you always.

Fr James

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MASS ON EASTER MONDAY: Please note that Mass on Easter Monday will be at 9 a.m.

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.

'Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th April 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!'

CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD ESSEX BRANCH: All are invited to the launch of the Essex Branch of the Catholic Police Guild on 23rd May 2016 at Our Lady of Ransom Church, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh SS6 7HP. Mass commences at 11am and is being said by Essex Police's newest Chaplain, Father Paul Fox. This is followed at 12 noon by a reception at The Royal British Legion, situated at the top of London Hill. Everyone welcome.

World Youth Day (WYD) with Pope Francis, Krakow, 22nd July – 2nd August 2016. If you are in school year 12 through to your early twenties, and want a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity then join Pope Francis and 3 million young people from across the world in Krakow this summer. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) trip includes the full WYD programme plus visits to the salt mines at Wieliska, a day in the mountains at Zakopane, and time visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau, as a sombre reminder of recent history. There are 90 young adults travelling and we have just 7 places remaining. The cost of £890 includes all travel, hotel accommodation and virtually all meals, as well as all excursions, and will be reduced to £640 by bursary funding if needed. For lots more information email Clare Sullivan on info@bcys.net before 14th April.

VACANCY: Person required for a paid position as Executive Assistant to support the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and the work of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Group (DSPG) in the rollout of the Stewards of the Gospel programme throughout the Diocese. The role will be based at Cathedral House, but there will be extensive travel to parishes and deaneries. There will also be some evening and weekend work. The role is for 28 hours p.w.. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Fr Tom Saunders (TomSaunders@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is midday on 4 May.

COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATE: Are you a Computer Science Graduate interested in training as a teacher? Do you have a good degree in Computer Science 2:1 - or above? Are you interested in re-training to become a teacher of Computer Science? If so then please contact Mrs Sam Gillary on 020 8504 3419 ext 170 or email sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net at Trinity Catholic High School.

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.