

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**23rd and 24th April 2016**

Saturday 23rd April <b>Feast of St George</b> (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Peter Nash RIP
Sunday 24th April	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 25th April 2016**

Monday 25th April	9 a.m.	Intentions of Mike Steele
Tuesday 26th April	9 a.m.	John Mills RIP
Wednesday 27th April	9 a.m.	Teresa Ryan RIP
Thursday 28th April	9 a.m.	Betty Bere RIP
Friday 29th April	9 a.m.	Married Couple
Saturday 30th April (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday 1st May	9 a.m.	Tullia Borelli RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be said on weekdays, 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, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy, Daphne McAdam, Catherine Steel, Ann Dowd, Veronica Beard, Ann Davis, Malcolm Silver and Roger Minnis.

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<b><u>OFFERINGS (£):</u></b>	Offertory Envelope	194.50
	Offertory Loose Change	313.69
	CAFOD	60.47

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**Newsletter**  
**The Church of the**  
**Immaculate Conception**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**24th April 2016**

Dear friends,

***“I give you a new commandment: love one another.”*** These words of Jesus are at the heart of today’s gospel reading. They are also at the heart of Christian living and lie at the heart of Pope Francis’ most recent Exhortation entitled The Joy of Love. Whilst preserving traditional Church teaching on marriage and family life, this document dwells less on rules and regulations and places far greater emphasis on love and mercy when it comes to dealing with the complexities of modern domestic issues. The role of conscience is given due recognition as individuals and couples strive to live out the values of the gospel. The Pope is also making an appeal for mercy and pastoral discernment for those in situations that don’t live up to the ideals of Church teaching.

Catholic family life is enriched and nourished by weekly worship as part of the local family of faith which we call the parish. We come to Mass primarily to worship God and in so doing we draw strength from one another. We can sometimes feel lonely, both in the work place or the street in which we live, where most people have little or no faith. To feel part of a group, sharing our beliefs and values, which meets weekly to give expression to them, enables us to realise that we are not alone but can receive positive support when we need it.

God bless you always.

***Fr James***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** the next meeting is on this coming Tuesday 26th April at 5.45pm

**CONFIRMATION GROUP 2016:** The next meeting of the Group will be on this coming Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This will be the last meeting before examinations and the summer holidays.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Roma Concadoro baptised here this weekend.

**PARISH JUMBLE SALE:** The next Jumble Sale is on Saturday 7th May 2016 at 2pm in our Church Hall. Please bring your saleable jumble to the Church porch at any convenient time, from where it will be taken for storage and pricing, ready for the big event. If you are new to the parish (or even if you are a seasoned parishioner!) and would like to join the team of helpers, either to help get the Hall ready on Friday afternoon of 6th May or to help at the Jumble Sale itself, please let Janet Abbot know (01992 571128). She will be delighted to hear from you.

There is a list in the porch for helpers who are urgently needed to set up on Friday afternoon and to sell on Saturday. Please may we have cakes too for the day. Thank you.

**CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS:** Can you please help our parish's commitment to collect from about 20 streets in Epping and Coopersale, Dorothy Whitehouse (01992 577173) and JoAnn O'Neill (01992 571571) are looking for **confirmation from last year's team of 20 collectors that they will help again this year**. They are also looking for **a number of new collectors to join the team**. Please contact them either outside Mass or give them a telephone call. The total commitment is about 3 hours (deliver envelopes and collect them a few days later).

**Christian Aid Week is 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> May-** during which all collections have to be made.

#### **EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN ROME:**

'In June this year, Bishop Paul Hendricks alongside the Kairos Forum UK and in partnership with the Pontifical Council for Culture, will be coordinating two exciting events in Rome, for the Jubilee Year. These events are creative, international and ecumenical. Our celebratory activities will interweave the Gospel with the lives, stories and experiences of people of all abilities'.

1. **23 June:** An academic symposium, *Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith*.
2. **24-26 June:** A creative and vibrant conference, *Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith: A Celebration* including a differentiated, parallel programme for people who have been intellectually disabled, enabling them to celebrate and promote their vital place within the Body of Christ

***Please do share the news and join us for these events. Information and how to book can be found on [www.livingfully2016.com](http://www.livingfully2016.com) or by calling Cristina Gangemi on 01883372114 or contact [cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com)***

**WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) with Pope Francis, Krakow, 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Wieliscska, 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](mailto:info@bcys.net) before 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016/17:** If you have not already done so, please collect your named boxes of offertory envelopes for the 2016/17 tax year from the church porch. Please let Mrs Margaret Lechley know (telephone 01992 812935) if you would like a set of envelopes or if you need a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your gift aided total for the tax year 2015/16. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

**FINANCE APPEAL:** On the weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April, there was an **important appeal in connection with Parish Finance**. The appeal met with a very generous response (40 in total!!). For those who did not come to Mass in Epping, **copies of the appeal notes have been left at the back of the church, together with some forms for use in your response**. Please feel free to use these and either place your response on the Offertory plate, give it to Deacon Duncan or Fr James, or put it through the presbytery door...we will then be in touch with you. Thank you for your consideration.

**ECCA QUIZ NIGHT:** Ecca are holding a quiz night on Saturday 14th May in our church hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of 8 - (10 max) although fewer numbers can be accommodated. Tickets £7.50. Bring own nibbles, drinks and food. For a good fun evening and to book, ring Janet Clements on 01992 578262.

**GOVERNOR TRAINING:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – 10.30am – 12.00pm. Cathedral House, Brentwood 'Preparing Governors for OFSTED'. Facilitated by Mr. Chris Birtles, serving OFSTED inspector and Headteacher. This training is open to all serving Governors.

Please contact the BRES office 01277 265285 or [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATE:** Are you interested in becoming a teacher of Computer Science and have a degree of 2:1 or above in the subject? If so then please contact Mrs Sam Gillary at Trinity Catholic High School [sam\\_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net](mailto:sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net) 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.