

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**4th and 5th June 2016**

Saturday 4th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Mary Hayter RIP
Sunday 5th	9 a.m.	Tullia Borelli RIP
	11 a.m.	People of Parish

**Week Commencing 6th June 2016**

Monday 6th	9 a.m.	Sr Bernadette Sally RIP
Tuesday 7th	9 a.m.	Jeremiah Kingston RIP
Wednesday 8th	9 a.m.	Thanksgiving (M.H)
Thursday 9th	9 a.m.	Ted Abbott RIP
Friday 10th	9 a.m.	Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 11th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Mary Artemis RIP
Sunday 12th	9 a.m.	Tullia Borelli RIP
	11 a.m.	People of 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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# Newsletter

## The Church of the Immaculate Conception

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5th June 2016**

Dear friends,

an ominous statistic was published recently which showed that non believers now outnumber Christians in this country for the first time. Make no mistake about it , we are living in a secular state. Catholics, practising and lapsed, amount to just 8.3 of the population. The rapid decline in our own numbers of regular mass attenders seemingly reflects a general pattern. However, we must firmly reject any temptation to despondency, still less despair. Those who really believe that Jesus is Lord and that He is constantly with his Church must continue to persevere despite the signs of the times. Our weekly Mass, at which we listen to God's word and nourish ourselves on the Bread of Life, equips us spiritually for our journey of faith. I constantly reflect on some words written by St Paul, at a time of fierce persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Nero. Paul says to the Christians of Rome: ***Since God is with us, who is against us? Rom.8.31.*** God is indeed with us so ultimately we are on the winning side.

I am due for my second cataract procedure next Thursday and am advised that I should take it easy the following weekend 11/12 June. It is proving increasingly difficult to find priestly cover: in the event of failing to do so Bishop Alan has authorised Deacon Duncan to conduct Eucharistic Services instead.

God bless you always,

***Fr James***

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ciaran Freeman who was baptised and made his First Communion on Bank Holiday Monday.

**HALL MANAGEMENT MEETING** will take place in the Cry Chapel on Thursday 9th June at 8pm. Anyone interested may just turn up and will be assured of a warm welcome.

**NAME BADGE WEEKEND:** Whether you are new to the parish or were born in Epping, it is difficult to know everyone you meet at Mass (though Fr James seems to manage it!)

If you would like to be able to greet more people by name, there will be an opportunity to wear a name badge at Mass on the weekend of 11 and 12 June. Labels and pens will be provided.

Coffee will be served in the hall after 9am Mass, as well as 11am, and, if you want to meet more fellow parishioners in the hall after 6pm Saturday Mass, a glass of wine!

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF MERCY MASS** on Sunday 12th June at 6.30 pm. Are you unemployed? Have you been made redundant or are you struggling to find work? Are you and your family affected by these issues in any way? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr James Kennedy CMF, parish priest of St Joseph, Leyton.

**ST ANTHONY'S RELICS** will be visiting Ireland and the UK in the form of two relics, one of which is the one Pope Francis venerated sixteen years ago in Argentina. Earlier, in 1995, during the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Anthony's birth, the relic travelled also to Portugal and was received by Sister Lucia, one of the three seers of Fatima, in the Carmelite Convent in Coimbra. The relics will be accompanied by Fr Mario Conte, editor of the *Messenger of St Anthony*, the magazine published by the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Saint Anthony's Basilica in Padua, Italy, where the Saint lies in his Tomb. **St Anthony's relics will be visiting St Antony's Church Forest Gate from Sunday 26th June -Tuesday 28th June, full programme of times of Masses and Veneration is available.**

**PERMANENT MATHS TEACHER** required for Trinity Catholic High School from September 2016. The ability to teach across all key stages 3, 4 and 5 will be an advantage. For more information please telephone 020 8504 3419 ext 170 or email sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday 10th June 2016.

**Epping St John's School Year 8 Worship Experience – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – volunteers needed 9am-11am**

The annual Year 8 Worship Experience will be taking place this year on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June in St John's Church. During this event, arranged by the Chaplaincy Team at Epping St John's School, 180 students aged 12-13 years will be visiting St John's Church for the morning to take part in the 'Worship Labyrinth', a series of approx 20 stations with interactive activities lasting 3 mins each that encourages them to think about the world, their place in it, God's promises in the Bible and what they believe. They will then take part in a short time of collective worship.

We need approx 30 adult volunteers from across the churches to help us run this event. We need people who are prepared to follow simple instructions to facilitate groups of 7-8 students to take part in one of the 3 min interactive activities. This will need to be repeated for each group of students over about 1 hour 15 mins. You will need to be able to arrive in church by 9am on the Friday and be able to stay until 11am (or maybe 11:15 if things overrun slightly).

Please contact **Alison Dolan on 07855 958 653** or email at [alisonandtim@theboxepping.org.uk](mailto:alisonandtim@theboxepping.org.uk) if you can help.

**ST MARK'S 50 YEARS REUNION :** Former pupils and staff of St Mark's are warmly invited to the school on Friday 1 July to celebrate it's 50th anniversary. 5.30pm: Mass. 6.30pm-8pm: Light refreshments and tours of the school. To help with planning of seating and catering, please let us know of your intention to attend via (01279) 421267 OR emailing [Admin@st-marks.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@st-marks.essex.sch.uk) For the attention of Mel Gunn.

**CARITAS ANCHOR HOUSE:** Caritas Anchor House, an East London-based homeless and social action charity who offer a residential and life-skills centre for single homeless adults and act as a community empowerment hub in the local area. They currently have exciting opportunities for compassionate, enthusiastic and hard-working individuals to come and work as part time **Receptionists** in their Customer Services Team. As a member of the team, you will be making sure that every resident, staff member and visitor has a great experience whilst at Caritas Anchor House.

**Closing date: 12 noon on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**To apply:** Please send your **CV and a supporting statement outlining your suitability for the role addressing the criteria in the job description** to Viki Dobos, Organisational Architect at [v.dobos@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk](mailto:v.dobos@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk)

**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.