



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS 23rd and 24th July 2016

Saturday 23rd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Sr Marie Scannell RIP
Sunday 24th	9 a.m.	Rita Creehan RIP
	11 a.m.	Arthur Devereux RIP

Week Commencing 25th July 2016

Monday 25th	9 a.m..	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Tuesday 26th	11a.m.	Malcolm Silver Funeral Service (Including Holy Communion)
Wednesday 27th	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Thursday 28th	9.00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Friday 29th	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Saturday 30th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Special Intention (M.C)
Sunday 31st	9 a.m.	George Clark RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish (John Hawes intention)

Morning Prayer will be said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 a.m. Service.

Confessions: After 6pm Mass on Saturday. **Please note:** NO Saturday morning confessions until 1st weekend in September .

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 and Roger Minnis.

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	181.50
	Offertory Loose Change	241.55
	CAFOD	72.00

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th July 2016

Fr James has been laid to rest with great pomp and ceremony! All three of the liturgies were very well attended, so thanks to everyone who took part in a great tribute for a devoted priest. John Hawes and the family, and Fr John, his best and closest friend for more than 40 years will have been very comforted.

Sincere thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time and talents to make Fr James' funeral arrangements so successful. He would have been truly delighted!!

- Thanks to all those who helped to prepare for the ceremony: Margaret our Parish Secretary, Sarah our housekeeper, Suzanne and her team of flower arrangers (including the owner of Tu-tu-tulip, who came specially to create a floral display), Mary our Sacristan, Ruth who tidied the front lawn and the Car Park, and Pat who organised some urgent maintenance work.
- For the Epping Requiem Mass itself, on a very hot July evening, thanks to Michael and Mary, who organised the congregation of 260 in a church which seats 200!! Also, Peter and the team of altar Servers, Janet, Maggie, Patrick and the choir members, our Readers, Melanie, Fabian, Dorothy and Emma—and Maureen and Dorothy who supplied drinks for visiting clergy.
- Bishop Thomas and no less than 12 priests and 2 deacons concelebrated Mass here in Epping, with 42 priests and 5 deacons concelebrating with Bishop Alan the Requiem Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. Thanks to Paul, who supervised the coach party of 50 parishioners on the coach to Brentwood and to the 'itinerant' altar servers, who were a credit to us.
- Then there was Melanie, who helped in a variety of ways, but particularly in arranging the Reception 'wake' at Brentwood at very short notice.
- Last but by no means least, the congregations at the Reception Service and the two Requiem Masses, including YOURSELVES, were a loving tribute to a devoted priest. Included amongst those visitors attending we were pleased to welcome ministers Geoffrey, Bryony and Piers from St John's Church, Paul from Epping Green Chapel and Michael from the Free Church in Canary Wharf and many lay people from Epping and far beyond.

All in all, a fantastic community effort, of which Fr James would have been proud. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

God bless you all.

Deacon Duncan

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: Application forms are now available and should be returned by NEXT WEEKEND—31st July—at the latest. There will be a meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion children on **Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall**

MALCOLM SILVER RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Malcolm Silver, who died last week after a protracted illness, and for Hilda his wife and their family. The Funeral Communion Service will be held on Tuesday 26th July at 11am with burial at Greenacres, North Weald.

THANK YOU FROM JOHN HAWES (Fr James' brother)

John Hawes has expressed sincere thanks to all parishioners for the Mass cards, good wishes, kind words and condolences following Fr James' death. He has arranged for a Holy Mass to be said, in Epping, for the people of the parish on Sunday 31st July, which would have been the first Sunday of Fr James' retirement.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? We are now inviting anyone who would like to know more about our wonderful Catholic Faith, with a view to possibly joining our community at Easter 2017, to give their name to Deacon Duncan. A series of meetings is proposed, starting in September/October, under the banner of 'JOURNEY IN FAITH', which will interest existing Christians, those from other faiths, or those who have no previous faith-experience. **AN INFORMATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERY ON TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER AT 8.00pm,** at which dates and times of future meetings will be agreed. Everyone will be most welcome.

NOTICES AND ITEMS ON PARISH WEBSITE:

www.eppingcatholicchurch.org.uk

On the website, you will find in the Notices section on the News page an *In Memoriam* by Fr Stewart Foster, and a copy of the speech given by the Parish Council chairman on the occasion of Fr James' Jubilee celebration in December 2014.

CANCELLED RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR JAMES.

Just for the avoidance of doubt, the party planned for this weekend after the 11am Mass will not now take place. Many thanks for those who kindly offered to help with sandwiches etc. There are 30 bottles of Prosecco sparkling wine which are surplus to requirements from the Brentwood Reception on Tuesday. These are being sold @ £5 per bottle; cases of 6 bottles available. Contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173)..... First come, first served!!

JIM SULLIVAN (RIP): Betty, wife of the late Jim Sullivan RIP, would like to sincerely thank all those who have had Masses offered for her late husband.

WHEELCHAIR: We now have a wheelchair for use during services by parishioners and visitors. The wheelchair will be stored under the stairs to the choir loft.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS:

Please will the above collect their new rotas from the post box in the church porch – thank you.

ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION OF FR JAMES' RETIREMENT FUND: If you have already responded to the letter enclosed in last week's newsletter regarding the re-allocation of the Retirement Fund, thank you! If you have yet to do that, you may now reply online - please see the link in Notices on the News page of the parish website. Or you may print a copy, and return it to Melanie Hollinshead by post or via the presbytery. A few additional paper copies are also available at the back of the church. For those donors who do not indicate their preference, we will feel futhorised to allocate their donation appropriately on their behalf. Thank you.

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF THE COACH TO BRENTWOOD FOR FR JAMES' REQUIEM MASS: Whilst there was no charge for passengers who took the coach, donations were greatly accepted from some parishioners who offered them. However, there was still a big shortfall on the cost, so if any other parishioners feel inclined to make a donation please just put it in an envelope addressed to Deacon Duncan through the presbytery letter box.

YEAR OF MERCY Autumn Talks - Cathedral House Conference Centre,

Brentwood: 'Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age' Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, **Saturday 1st October 2016**, 10.30am-12.00noon.

'The Four Last Things' Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, **Saturday 15th October 2016**, 10:30 – 12:00noon.

'Transformed by Mercy' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, **Saturday 5th November 2016**, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

To book a place, please contact the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) Office on **01277 265285** or email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MISSIO – A.P.F. Boxes. If you do not have a Missio Red Box at home (or in the office!), would you like one? What you would collect over the months helps to train and feed Mill Hill Missionaries for work in the deprived parts of the world. **IT'S A VERY GOOD CAUSE!!** If you would like a box (**No door-to-door collections involved. Just put your small change in the box when the Holy Spirit nudges you!!**), please take an un-named box from the Church Porch and put your own name on it, so that we can identify your personal contribution.. Our Parish Missio Organiser, Brendan Carden will be delighted and can be contacted with any queries on 0798 3947505. You will be joining a **friendly and very worthwhile team!**

NOTICE of MARRIAGE. Attention is drawn to the notice of a proposed Marriage in Columbia, which is displayed for a further week on the noticeboard in the Church Porch.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.