

WELCOME TO CHURCH. To attend weekend Mass in our Church it is advisable to book a seat. Please change or cancel your booking(s) if you will not be attending the Mass you have booked, so that places are freed up.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15th August 2021

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday 14 th	6.00pm	Private Intention	
Sunday 15 th	9.00am	Private Intention	
August 2021	11.00am	The People of our Parish	Live streamed
Monday 16 th	9.15am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 17 th	9.15am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Wednesday 18 th		St Helena, Patroness of Colchester Borough	
	12 noon	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 19 th	9.15am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Friday 20 th		St Bernard	
	12 noon	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 21 st	6.00pm	Private Intention	
Sunday 22 nd	11.00am	Private Intention	
August 2021	11.00am	The People of our Parish	Live streamed
	3.00pm	LATIN MASS in the Tridentine Rite	

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE available on request to the priest.

READINGS FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 1st August 2021

EXODUS 16:2-15 The Lord said, "I will rain down bread for from the heavens".

PSALM 77 "The Lord gave them bread from heaven".

EPHESIANS 4:17-24 You must give up your old way of life and put on the new self

Alleluia, Alleluia! "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come the Father except through me". Alleluia!

JOHN 6:24-35 Jesus said 'I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will not hunger'

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster/

Daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea: <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

St. Joseph English Martyrs Bishops Stortford www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford/

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous offerings of an average of £800 weekly in standing orders and on the weekend 31st July/1st August £111.40 in envelopes, £150 loose plate. Last week's offerings will be published in the next Newsletter. Offerings can be given in to the Priest's House and made online for our parish and charities our Parish supports by going to:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping////////

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK is looking for volunteer delivery drivers https://volunteer.trusselltrust.org/opportunities/19335-food-bank-river-delivery-driver-epping-forest-2021-06-9?_ga=2.106761728.2040570999.1626708403-1092072778.1611397708

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15th AUGUST 2021

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Even since the earliest times in the Christian Church, the date of Our Lady's death has not been known exactly. A feast in honour of the Virgin Mary's 'Falling Asleep near Gethsemane' has been honoured since the 4th Century, at which time legendary stories were circulating in a large variety of languages including Ethiopian, Coptic and Old Irish. Although details varied considerably, they recounted how, shortly before her death, Mary was visited by an angel, who gave her a palm-branch, the sign of victory, and promised that her body would not be destroyed in death; four days later, Mary was borne to paradise in heaven by angels. These accounts reflect an imaginative interest in her last days, in a way not dis-similar to early accounts of the death of the apostles.

Since the 6th century, the commemoration of the Virgin Mary's death, or 'falling asleep', has been known as 'The Assumption' because traditionally she was raised body and soul into heaven. By 20th century, this belief was worldwide and, after consulting with the bishops across the world, Pope Pius XI declared infallibly in 1950 that the Virgin Mary had been assumed body and soul into heaven.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of 'The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary', which as a solemnity is designated as a Holyday of Obligation on which we are expected to attend Holy Mass (Coronavirus permitting!!) at which we can all give thanks for Our Lady's generosity and devotion, which continue to inspire us all.

God bless.

Deacon Duncan

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

I thank you once again for your many greetings, kindness and generosity in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood on 12th June. I am very grateful for the £5534 donated by parishioners to mark the event, which after the £491 cost of the green Chasuble results in me receiving a cheque for £5043.

I have gone on holiday to my family in Ireland for the month of August. I am most grateful to Fr Gerald Gostling, who will celebrate the Parish Masses this weekend and to Fr Bijaya Chandra Nayak from St Joseph's Leyton for celebrating the Masses on the weekends of the 22nd and 29th of August. On August weekdays, Deacon Duncan will lead Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion at the normal Mass times.

I hope and pray that you all keep safe and well and have a good holiday time.

With prayerful good wishes. Fr John.

THE LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS: While this is a welcome change, the Government and its advisers advise us to be cautious, especially in enclosed spaces. In our church, there are still restrictions, including wearing facemasks and sanitising of hands, until we have had time to reflect on the guidance from the Bishops' Conference and the Diocese on how best to introduce changes. Our first concern is for the health and wellbeing of all members of our parish family and to protect people from danger.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Application forms are in church for parents wishing to prepare their child for first Reconciliation & Holy Communion in 2022.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED FORMS NEXT FRIDAY 20th AUGUST. Children should be in School Year 3 or older in 2021/22 and it is essential that families be attending Mass consistently. Parents who completed forms earlier this year for 2021 first Holy Communion programme do not need to complete another form as these will be carried forward, unless we hear otherwise. There will be a meeting for the parents in **September** in the Hall. However, our arrangements are conditioned by the Covid regulations regarding the use of our church hall. Further details will follow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: We are grateful to our Catechists who prepare children for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Our programme for 2021/22 will commence in September. There will be a higher number of parents wishing to prepare their children for the sacraments as we could not run the programme last year. We have a dedicated team of Catechists, but need more to support the number of children we anticipate on the course. We **desperately** need some more parishioners to assist with this important work for a couple of hours a week. You do not have to be a teacher or have special skills **we just need you**. Please, don't just think someone else will do it – if not you then who? If you can help, please contact Fr John or our Parish Office.

FACEBOOK GROUP: Our parish Facebook Group posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. James Ryan manages and monitors the input for security and relevance. If you would like to join the group, please click on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

ANNIVERSARIES: Des Kelly (16/8), Albert Asher (17/8), Edie Taylor (18/8), Jack Bell (18/8), Colin Tucker (19/8), Eric Hollister (19/8), Josephine McGlynn (22/8), Liam Downey (22/8) and Bonita Pascal (22/8). **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:
the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit down upon them at this time.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK We thank generous parishioners who give food and goods for Epping Forest Food Bank, in the basket in our church porch by the Priest's House & Sacristy. It urgently needs: long life milk, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned instant mash, potatoes, snack bars, chocolate bars, small/medium bags of rice, sponge puddings, small jars of coffee, savoury crackers, chocolate spread, reusable face masks, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), laundry tablets, shampoo, deodorant, soap. **Your donations are most welcome!**

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAYS: During the 2021 Season of of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis, on 4th October, thousands Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org. The parish of Gidea Park has organised two study days – on **Saturday 4th September** and **Saturday 2nd October** from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on 'care for our common home' (*Laudato si'*), and the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). These study days, '*The Cry of Creation*' and '*The Cry of the Poor*' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website. Please spread the word on social media.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Archconfraternity of St Stephen, invites all Altar Servers to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 2.30pm**. Principal celebrant Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Servers from beyond the Westminster Diocese are welcome to this Mass if they are unable to attend the National Mass on 25th September in Wolverhampton. If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email johnmccormack528@gmail.com by 18th September 2021. We will need to know how many Altar Servers (& families) will be attending from our Parish, so that accurate numbers can be established.

PRAYER FOR ALL AFFLICTED IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

We pray for all suffering from the pandemic. May God the Father grant health to the sick, strength to all who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to the dead. “Almighty and ever living God, support in our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of the pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to all who care for them, welcome into your peace all who have died, console all who mourn, and grant that we may all find comfort and consolation in your merciful love. We make this prayer, with faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who intercedes for us at your right hand and lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

YOU NEED TO BOOK TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS IN OUR CHURCH: If you have booked a place at Mass and you then cannot attend please notify us. Please notify bookings and cancellations to Deacon Duncan, at duncanjc@whitehouse@gmail.com or 01992 577173

How to stream Sunday Mass from Epping at home. We live stream Sunday Masses at 11am from Epping Catholic Church on You Tube every Sunday.

You do not need a YouTube account to watch. Using a laptop, computer or mobile phone, you need speakers or headphones if your device does not built in speakers. If you have a smart TV, you can pair a device (such as mobile phone or iPad or tablet) to watch it on your television. To view the Mass search: **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping** and visit the channel where you will find the live stream. All you need to do is click on the live video.

If you have difficulty, type the URL (web address) into the address bar:
youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw

On a mobile phone simply scan the QR code to take you to the channel



Please let us know if you have a problem and we will try our best to help.

MESSAGE FROM PROVIDENCE ROW: This September Providence Row are hosting an online special service of thanksgiving and reflection, with our faith partners.

You are warmly invited to join Providence Row for our *‘Calming of the Storm’* service. This will be an opportunity for our faith community to come together to reflect on the impact of the pandemic and start to look ahead to how Providence Row and our community can move forward together.

We hope you are able to join us as we bring our community of faith partners, staff, peers, volunteers and clients together for our special service! This service will be led by Father Chris of St Mary Moorfield’s and also have external speakers talking on their perspective of Faith and responding to homelessness as one.

There will also be an update of the amazing work our Services team have done in their response to tackling homelessness during the pandemic.

Join us on **Thursday 2nd September 19:00-20:00 on Zoom.**

is free, although we do welcome donations which will be used to provide vital support services to people facing homelessness in London.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP to getinvolved@providencerow.org.uk and we will send you further details about the service, including how you can make a donation the link.