

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

Masses & Services Saturday 1st June to Sunday 9th June 2024		
MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (B)		
Saturday 1 st	6.00pm	Intentions of Finn Hughes (Scannell)
Sunday 2 nd	9.00am	Michael Morgan RIP Recently (Cullen)
June 2024	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (GROUP ONE)	
	11.00am	People of our Parish
Monday 3 rd	9.15am	Janet Abbott RIP Recently (Whitehouse)
	4.00pm	ANNE MCNAMA received into church
Tues 4 th	11.00am	ANNE MCNAMA REQUIEM MASS
Wed 5 th	12 Noon	Josephine Fox RIP Anniv (Fox)
Thursday 6 th	NO MASS	
Friday 7 th	Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	12 Noon	NO MASS
	7.00pm	FR MARTIN 40 th ANNIVERSARY MASS
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 9th June 2024		
Saturday 8 th	6.00pm	Intentions of Finn Hughes (Scannell)
Sunday 9 th	9.00am	Alice Drew RIP (Sainsbury)
June 2024	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (GROUP TWO)	
	11.00am	People of our Parish

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all weekend Masses.

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

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings. You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at:

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

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY: Father Martin will usually have his day off on Thursdays. In cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388. This would also apply if Fr Martin is on holiday.

PARISH OFFICE: Our Parish Office is open on Tues, Wed and Fri 9.30am-2pm. The Parish Administrator can be contacted by email on epping@brcdt.org or telephone 01992 572516.

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK: Thank you to our generous parishioners for giving for people in need through the **FOODBANK! WE CAN REFER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF HELP TO THE FOODBANK.
 Please contact our Parish Office.**

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) YEAR B

2nd June 2024

Christ is our eternal high priest, forever interceding to the Father, through the Spirit, for us. The readings this Sunday guide us through the unfolding of the wonderful plan to make all people at one with God.

We begin by hearing how the old Covenant was written in tablets of stone and sealed with the sacrifice of animals. (**First Reading** - Exodus 24: 3–8)

In the Second Reading (Hebrews 9:11–15) is a detailed explanation of how Christ's self-sacrifice has replaced the old Mosaic covenant and religious practices. Christ freely offered himself up to the Father to atone for our sins, and in allowing his blood to be shed on the cross, Christ became the new living Covenant. In doing so, Jesus undid once and for all any need for human or animal sacrifice to make peace with God.

In the Gospel (Mark 14:12–16.22–26) narrative of the Last Supper we witness the beginning of the New Covenant of love. Christ is both sacrifice and Covenant. What was once written on cold, dead stones is now written in the living hearts of Christians.

With the words “This is my body ... This is my blood” we are invited to share in a new communion with God. We become one with Christ in this eternal Covenant of love and are called to share the Risen Christ with all people. With whom am I called to share this Covenant of love?



RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANN MCNAMA, who died on **Saturday 4th May**. May she rest in peace. She will be received into our church on **Monday 3rd June at 4.30pm. with her Requiem Mass the following day, 4th June, at 11am.**

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to families and all who mourn. May the Lord send his Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and give them with the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection.

PARISH CELEBRATION: On **Friday 7th June** Fr Martin will celebrate his 40th anniversary to the Priesthood. Bishop Alan will visit our parish to celebrate Mass with us at 7pm. This will be followed by a parish gathering, with food and drinks, in our Hall to which **we warmly invite all parishioners to attend.**

CORPUS CHRISTI: The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, which our Lord he gave us at his Last Supper and told us to celebrate "in remembrance of Me" will be celebrated at all Masses this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Rehearsal on **Wednesday 5th June 5.30pm only for those making their first Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June.**

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion children: Alice, Amelia, Angelica, Ben, Ella-Rose, Emmeline, Emilia, Gabriela, Isabella, Joseph, Julian, Roma, Sarah, Tamara and their families on receiving Holy Communion at this time

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: The opportunity to receive communion under both kinds began recently here. Many parishes in the diocese have already restored the opportunity to receive from the chalice.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Hayward, Theresa Knott (4/6), John Harris (5/6), Elaine Mannion, Amy O'Day, Frederick Halford, Valerie Thornhill (7/6), Hilda Silver, Roger Hayward, Edward Abbott, Fr Edmund Tyler (8/6), Penelope North, Joanna Curell, Henry Gallagher, (9/6) **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS: We welcome new families and parishioners to our parish. We always want to give people opportunities to use their God-given gifts and talents in our community. The form to register in our parish is available inside the door (by the notice board) in the church porch. Please let us know if you have changed address in our Parish or are moving away.

REPOSITORY: The Religious Goods stall in our church porch has a wide range of cards and rosary beads, religious goods and gifts for all places and occasions.

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS when people often ask to have their homes blessed. We priests are always ready to do this at any time. **O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in Thee.**

OUR PARISH HALL is available to hire at competitive rates, and at a discount for parishioners. It is available on a regular basis on some weekday evenings for anyone wishing to hire either for a parish group or a commercial booking. Please consider using our hall for your celebratory events and mention to your friends. Please contact the Parish Office for details and bookings.

BATTLE OF THE ORGANS: "On Saturday **June 29th** at 8pm, a one-off event will take place in Brentwood Cathedral...a Battle of the Organs.

In charge of these instruments on the night will be Donald MacKenzie (Organist of the Odeon, Leicester Square) and James Davy (formerly Master of Music of Chelmsford Cathedral and currently Organist at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook). We can promise you a highly entertaining evening as these two amazing organists put these organs through their paces, and 'pull out all the stops' to give us a concert to remember.

Tickets are £15 and £7.50 for under 16s, and are available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/83220321803>

Further details available from Richard Nott at organisttraining@brcdt.org"

REVIVE; DISCOVER; EMPOWER' A YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of **22nd - 23rd June**. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

PRAYER TO ST.MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: "St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

God of peace,
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us
To love our neighbour as ourselves
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine.
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world.
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –
Peace that will transform,
Peace that will heal,
Peace that will last.
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ.
The Prince of Peace, Amen