

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>		
<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Caraid Hill RIP Recently</b>
<b>June 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Intentions of Fr John McGrath (Scannell)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Intentions of the Poole Family (Poole)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Janet Abbott RIP Recently (Cullen)</b>
<b>June 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Sean Clohessy RIP Anniv (Clohessy)</b>
		<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – GOING FORTH MASS</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Traditional Latin Mass</b>

**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. Last weekend you gave £218 in Envelopes, £667.98 in loose plate and £800 in Standing Orders. 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//////////](http://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](mailto: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.

**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.**

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa**

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Our readings this week are full of hope and confidence. May we grow in joyful hope as we pray and ponder them. The theme of growth, seeds, and trees winds in and out of these readings. So does the notion of universality: God's kingdom is for the whole of humanity.

In the First Reading (Ezekiel 17: 22–24), God, through the prophet Ezekiel promises the tiny remnant of Israel that they will grow into a new people, just as the cedar grows from a small shoot.

St Paul, in the Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5: 6–10), reminds the Corinthians of the confidence they have, despite the tensions of living while waiting for the Lord. This fills them with the expectation of being with him one day.

The Gospel (Mark 4: 26–34) contains two parables of the Kingdom: that of the seed, growing secretly; and the parable of the mustard seed. Both parables reveal God working continuously for the growth of his kingdom. As we go about our lives this week, we may find other metaphors for the God who works secretly for his kingdom in all those around us, in our surroundings and in all events.



**THANK YOU:** Fr Martin expresses his thanks and gratitude to everyone who made the celebration of his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the priesthood such a memorable evening. We were privileged to have our Bishop, Alan Williams, with us and several priests of the diocese. Thank you to all who attended the celebration and helped in any way – those who coordinated the evening, the readers, ministers, altar servers, musicians, ushers, sacristan, flower arranger, celebration cakemaker, caterers and volunteers in the hall. Also thanks to all those who contributed to the parish gift and cards together with the individual gifts and cards he received. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all!

**FATHER'S DAY:** We wish all Fathers in our parish a blessed and very happy Father's Day and thank them for their invaluable contribution to family life.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The Going Forth Mass and presentation of certificates will take place at the **11am Mass NEXT Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. This will be followed by a party for the children and their families in the hall. This is a very important occasion and one which the parents were informed of this date many months ago.

**THANK YOU to Stella Pleydell & Pat Blount,** our lead Catechists for giving so very generously of their time and talents weekly, over the past year and previous years, in preparing the children for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. **If you are able to volunteer as a catechist for the 2024.25 programme please speak to Fr Martin.**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We invite children, young people and adults to serve Mass. We ask children who received first Holy Communion in recent times to consider serving the Lord at Mass. Please contact Fr Martin if you would like to serve. **A training session will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm in our church.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Many thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered to join this rota. **A meeting will take place on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, at 6pm in the church for the new volunteers only.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025 Application Forms** for parents to prepare their child for First Reconciliation this year and First Holy Communion in 2025 are available in church. Children should be in **School Year 3** or older in this school year. Completed forms should be returned to the Priest's House by the 8 September 2024

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Since the banking of the offertory monies is becoming increasingly difficult we kindly ask parishioners to try to limit the amount of loose change they put in each week and appreciate your support with this.

**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 all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. **Amen**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Ambrose O'Gorman, Carole Dubber, Muriel Hall (15/6), Bill Dowd, John O'Hallaghan, May & Willie Morgan, Violet Ben Gesser, Bishop Bernard Patrick Wall (18/6), Con Conneely (19/6), Derek Wells (21/6), Jean O'Sullivan, Peter Burns (22/6), Beryl Burke (23/6). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JULY - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm:** Please come along for some lovely treats and at the same time raise money for our parish. All items are homemade and if you can make a delicious donation of baked goods contact Adriana on 07828 118 909.

**FIRE DRILL:** **At all Masses on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June we will hold a practice Fire Drill. Clear instructions will be given, at the time, to the congregation.**

**CAR PARK:** In an effort to address the parking problem in our church car park, we have erected new parking notices. Thank you to those parishioners who have informed us of their car registrations.

**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.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:** "We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood."

**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