

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

23rd June 2024

Today's readings provide an opportunity to focus on our trust in God with great courage and hope. Three of the texts demonstrate the Lord's power over the sea, and his care for us.

In the **First Reading** (Job 38: 1.8–11), the Lord responds to Job's complaints that he has been punished unjustly. God speaks of his divine power over his own creation.

God's control over nature is also echoed in the **Gospel** (Mark 4: 35–41), as Jesus calms the storm. The disciples panic as the gale takes hold, awakening Jesus, who chides them for their lack of faith. They are filled with awe as Jesus stills the waves, asking: 'Who can this be?'

The Psalmist tells of the sailors' fear as their frail boats are buffeted by the winds and waves, but they give thanks to the Lord for his loving care as he leads them to a safe haven.

St Paul expresses his gratitude for the overwhelming love of Christ, through whose life, death and resurrection we are offered a new creation. (**Second Reading** - 2 Corinthians 5: 14–17)

This week we might pray for an increasing awareness of the Lord's constant presence in our lives. We can express our gratitude for his love in the words of the psalm refrain: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.



Masses & Services Saturday 22nd June to Sunday 30th June 2024		
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 23rd June 2024		
Saturday 22 nd	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 23 rd	9.00am	Janet Abbott RIP Recently (Cullen)
June 2024	11.00am	Sean Clohessy RIP Anniv (Clohessy) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – GOING FORTH MASS
	3.00pm	Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 24 th	Nativity of St John The Baptist	
	9.15am	Michael Reilly RIP Recently
Tues 25 th	9.15am	Fr James Hawes RIP Anniv (FM)
Wed 26 th	12 Noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion – NO MASS
Thursday 27 th	NO MASS	
Friday 28 th	Feast of St Irenaeus	
	12 Noon	David Jones RIP Recently (Lavin)
Saturday 29 th	12 Noon	Baptism of Mia Biczó
FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL (B) 30th June 2024		
Saturday 29 th	6.00pm	Fr James Hawes RIP Anniv (Murray)
Sunday 30 th	9.00am	Graeme Hollinshead RIP Recently (Cullen)
June 2024	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.

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<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings. Last weekend you gave £98 in Envelopes, £347.70 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//////////

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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Santi who died on 14th June. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated in our church on **Monday 1st July at 12 noon.** May she rest in peace. *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 her family 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.*

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

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 NEXT Friday, 28th June at 5pm in our church.**

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

COMMUNION CATECHISTS: We need more to help prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. Please contact Fr Martin or our Parish Office who will be delighted to hear from you.

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 your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Doherty, O'Sullivan, Peter Burns (22/6), Beryl Burke (23/6), Fr Reginald Browne (24/6), Michael O'Reilly (25/6), Anne Dollard, Canon James Dacey (26/6), David Nicholson (27/6), Jack Higham (28/6), Antony Williams, Fr James Hawes (29/6). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

MASS INTENTIONS: If you, or anyone you know, wishes to have Mass offered for anyone living or dead, please contact our parish office, by phone, letter or e-mail or stating the intention, and Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible. If you require a specific date or a weekend Mass, please book as soon as possible as weekend dates are usually booked for many weeks ahead.

BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, 7th 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.

CHARITY APPEAL: Aoife Dolan-Palmer, one of our altar servers at 11am Sunday Mass, has set up a Just Giving page for the charity, 'The Little Princess Trust'.

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Aoife has been growing her hair for some time now and will be donating 9 inches after her haircut on **Friday 12th July.** She would be most grateful for donations via the link, https://www.justgiving.com/page/aoife-dolan-palmer-1718884390586?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Faoife-dolan-palmer-1718884390586&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

EPPING CHORUS: will perform "*Rutter Requiem*" at St John's Church, Epping, on **Saturday 6 July - 7.30pm** Tickets £10 (under 18s free) all unreserved available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/epping-chorus: See posters for details.

NEED OF URGENT HELP: If you or someone you know urgently needs help, please contact the Priest's House. We will endeavour to assist through parishioners who have volunteered to help, the Church, Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like a phone call or e-mail can be a real comfort to many.

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.

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