

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>		
<b>FEAST OF SAINTS PETER &amp; ST PAUL 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Fr James Hawes RIP Anniv (Murray)</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Graeme Hollinshead RIP Recently (Cullen)</b>
<b>June 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Maria Santi Requiem Mass NO MASS AT 9.15am today</b>
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Feast of St Thomas</b>	
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Jeremiah Kingsston RIP (FM)</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Martha Feleppa RIP Recently (Jolly)</b>
<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>John Crawley RIP Anniv (Crawley)</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>July 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Intentions of Joan Holland (Scannell)</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 £132.50 in Envelopes, £335.70 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//////////](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.

**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.

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**Registered Charity Number: 234092**  
**Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa**

### FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & ST PAUL YEAR B 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his Name!*

This week we celebrate the feast of the two 'chief apostles' – St Peter and St Paul. Both were faithful rocks on whom Jesus built his Church, unshakeable in their belief that Jesus was the Christ, and ever faithful to the universal mission he gave them. They can greatly encourage us as we, too, try to be Church today, following Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

The Church prays continuously for Peter throughout his ordeal as he lies enchained in Herod's prison. But then an angel comes to release him and he realises that the Lord really has saved him. (**First Reading** Acts 12: 1–11)

Paul, like Peter, is also in prison, and knows that the end of his life is near. But he rejoices that he has kept faith: God has always been with him in his struggles and will bring him safely home. (**Second Reading** 2 Tim. 4: 6–8, 17–18)

As Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Son of the Living God, Jesus establishes him as the rock on which he will build his Church and entrusts him with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. (**Gospel** Matthew 16: 13–19)

This week, as we give thanks for the lives of St Peter and St Paul, we pray for that same courage to put our trust in Christ Jesus, whatever trials we may face in life. Let's ask, too, for God's help as we work together to try to build up his Church.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Santi who died on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated in our church on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **THIS** weekend, 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.

**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 helpers 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.

**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:** Jack Higham (28/6), Antony Williams, Fr James Hawes (29/6), Margaret O'Regan, Noel Hunter, Fr James Littleton (2/7), Patricia Kirrane, Ann Allardyce (3/7), Oscar Micallef (5/6), John Crawley (7/7). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**GENERAL ELECTION SVP & CAFOD:** SVP and CAFOD are working so that the voices of Catholic parishioners can be heard by parliamentary candidates during the campaign period. It is important that our thoughts and decisions are informed by the voices and experiences of the most vulnerable members of our society. You are invited to visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference website at [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk) for their guidance. You may also wish to consult the following websites: [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) and [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter).

*Mary, model of encounter, you heard God's call.*

*Teach us to listen deeply in our polarised world.*

*Mary, woman of courage, you sang joyfully of God's justice and call for fullness of life for all.*

*Mary, seeker of sanctuary, you fled violence and persecution.*

*Be with us as we seek peace and respect human dignity.*

*Mary, mother of community, you joined the disciples at Pentecost.*

*Pray that the Spirit will empower us as we act together for the common good.*

*Amen.*

**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.

**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 9inches 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](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<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm** Tickets £10 (under 18s free) all unreserved available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/epping-chorus](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/epping-chorus): See posters for details.

**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.

Further information on **A DAY WITH MARY** at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday **13<sup>th</sup> July (9.45am to 5.00pm)** is available at [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

**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