

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>		
<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>		
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Richard Holmes RIP Anniv (Lavin)
July 2024	11.00am	Bernadette Bikhit RIP Recently (Scannell)
	3.00pm	Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SAINTS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS	
	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Patrick Brennan RIP Anniv (SB)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	NO MASS	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>		
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**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//////////](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.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** One of our parishioners will be visiting Lourdes later this month on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. She will light a candle there for all our parishioners and especially for the sick of our parish.

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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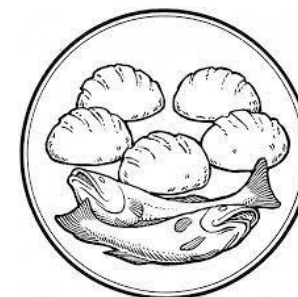
This Sunday's readings remind us that God provides for us physically as well as spiritually.

In the **First Reading** (2 Kings 4: 42–44), Elisha assures his servant that one hundred people will be fed with just twenty barley loaves because the Lord has promised it, while the Psalmist (Psalm 145) praises the Lord who, by feeding us from his own hand, 'answers all our needs'.

St Paul, writing to the Church at Ephesus (**Second Reading** Ephesians 4: 1–6), assures the Christian community that, despite any evidence to the contrary, God, who unifies the people, is in control.

The three readings are brought together in the **Gospel** (John 6: 1-15) account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (which is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist and the only miracle of Jesus that is recounted in all four gospels). Not only does Jesus outdo Elisha's miracle, he demonstrates that, by feeding the people from his own divine hands, God is unifying the people through meeting their need.

Let's pray, this week, that we might know ourselves to be in the hands of the Lord, and that our lives may bear abundant fruit as a result.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Geoffrey Richard Hooper who died on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024. May he rest in peace. Many parishioners will remember Geoffrey as our organist, playing at both Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am Mass, for many years. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in memory of Geoffrey on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm** at Theydon Bois Baptist Church followed by a buffet served in the adjoining hall. Geoffrey's daughter, Rhoda, has personally written to the us to invite any parishioners who knew Geoffrey to attend this service. Invitations are in the church porch.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:** A few people have asked Fr Martin if they can dip the host into the chalice instead of taking a sip from the chalice. He has checked with the Diocese and discovered that the Bishops of England and Wales have stated that, while priests and deacons are allowed to do this, members of the congregation are not allowed.

**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.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to the family of Michael Miley McCarthy baptised in our Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. May the Lord bless them and their family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.

**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 John Harding, Winifred Smith (28/7), Louis Vittoria, George Gee (29/7), Mary Lewis, Arthur Devereux (30/7), Fr Michael O'Sullivan (31/7) Harry Day, Maureen McClean (1/8), Fr Richard Rowe, Fr Thomas Jordan (4/8), Vera Nolan, Mary Doherty, Deacon Fredrick Wall (6/8), Barbara Wilson, Thomas Staunton (8/8), Mary Boland, Marie Longton, John Welch (9/8). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**PART-TIME CARETAKER:** A vacancy has arisen for a part-time **Caretaker for our Parish**. The start date for the role is October 2024 and the salary is negotiable depending on skills and experience. A full Job Description can be viewed on Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese (dioceseofbrentwood.net). If you would like to discuss the role please speak to Fr Martin or our Parish Administrator.

**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.

**REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:** Parents and carers who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2025 must have been attending Sunday Mass consistently over the years. If parents attend Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER THIS WEEKEND.**

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Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b>	
	9.15am	Patrick Brennan RIP Anniv (SB)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</b>	
	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
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**“ADOREMUS” FESTIVAL AT OSCOTT COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM**

On **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** at Oscott College in Birmingham, the “Adoremus” National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales. Our diocese has been allocated a limited number of places for this event. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at [frdanmason@brcdt.org](mailto:frdanmason@brcdt.org) by the 1<sup>st</sup> August. There will be a coach leaving for the Congress from St Edward's Church, Romford (RM1 4AT) at 8am on the day. There is no charge for the coach or attending the Congress but you will need to bring a packed lunch. For more information please visit the Adoremus page on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website: [Adoremus at Oscott - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Adoremus at Oscott - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk))

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON** is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday **26<sup>th</sup> August 2024** from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.