

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>		
<b>TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Intentions of Joan Holland (Scannell)</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Ania Wigley RIP (Wigley)</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Veronica Beard RIP Anniv (FM)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
<b>TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sept 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Patricia Scannell RIP 1st Anniv (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 £106 in Envelopes and £294.50 in Loose plate. 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.

**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.**

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa**

### **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)** **EDUCATION SUNDAY** **8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Today's readings have some of the messianic joy that Jesus brings to all people, especially the poor.

The First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, is full of hope and joy. He looks forward to deliverance from exile; people will be healed, creation revived with gushing water.

In response, Psalm 145 (146) is a prayer of praise to the God who feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and cares for the poor and downtrodden.

St James, in the Second Reading, clearly states that God chooses the poor, and that we too must not favour the rich and powerful at their expense. We are all equal in God's sight and must act accordingly. We are all heirs to his kingdom.

The Gospel recounts the healing of the deaf man with an impediment in his speech. His healing is not just physical; the whole person is opened to the Lord.

Let us try to spread some of the joy of Jesus around us this week. Perhaps in this way we can become more aware of any hidden prejudices we may hold in our relationships to others.

*O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**MASSES NEXT WEEK:** Please note that next week there will NOT be Mass on **Wednesday or Thursday.**

**FR FIACRA COTTER:** On Tuesday, next week, we say goodbye to Fr Fiacra and thank him for his time with us over the past few weeks. On Thursday we welcome back Fr John Tuohy, who will be supplying here until 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Patricia (Pat) Protheroe, a longstanding parishioner here, who died on 1<sup>st</sup> September. May she rest in peace. We offer her family our deepest sympathy. Pat's Requiem Mass will take place in our church on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 11.30am. *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.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025:** **Applications for the 2024/25 programme have now closed. There will be a meeting, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, from 5pm-5.45pm, for the parents of those children who have applied to join the programme.**

**CONFIRMATION 2024/2025:** Bishop Alan hopes to visit our parish in 2025 and will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time.

If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to register your interest by Sunday **22nd September 2024** at the latest.

**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:** Veronica Beard, Mgr Michael Wilson (8/9) Elsie Hayes, Fr Charles Johnson, Fr Conrad Smith (11/9), Joseph Pinto (12/9), Canon James Hemming (13/9), John O'Halloran, Peggy Curran, David Ridge, Fr Louis Heston, Archbishop George Beck, Fr Theophilus Borer, Deacon Arthur Woods (14/9), Elaine Gaughan, Peter Coneely (15/9) **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**PRO LIFE GROUP:** On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.15pm-8.45pm a Pro Life Group is being launched in our neighbouring parish of **St Edmund and St Thomas More**, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 1SZ. All are very welcome to attend this new group. Please keep this intention in your prayers, greatly appreciated. For further details please contact Paul 07861032174

**CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE:** 2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** from 11am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Please bring a packed lunch.

**MUSIC EVENING:** Please do join us for a parish fund-raising event **NEXT Saturday. 14<sup>th</sup> September** when Rusty Spoonz, music duo, will be playing some familiar hits from the 1950's to (almost) the present day. Brian Sainsbury and Friends will sing songs from The Dubliners to Fisherman's Friends from 7pm for the first hour. Bring your own food and drink and pay at the door. £5 per person (under 21s free). Speak to Valerie Tannahill after 11am Mass or message her on 0754 531 2521 (to indicate numbers attending).

**DATE FOR THE DIARY – CHRISMTAS MARKET:**

**SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – 10am – 2pm:** Christmas market preparations are under way, but as always we rely on our generous parishioners for their time and donations. If you have any new or unused items that would be suitable for the gift stall or raffle please leave in the church porch or in the office for the attention of Adriana or Emma.

If you think you might be able to spare some time to help set-up the event or at the event itself, please contact Adriana on 07828 118 909.

**JUMBLE ITEMS:** Please **do not** leave items of jumble in our church porch as we then have to dispose of them, at times having to actually pay to do so.

**OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY: SATURDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024:**

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

**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

**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.”