

Masses & Services Saturday 28th September 2024 to 6th October 2024		
TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 29th September		
Saturday 28 th	6.00pm	People of our Parish
Sunday 29 th	9.00am	Mary Conduct RIP (Graves)
	11.00am	Mary Fleming RIP (Scannell)
Monday 30 th	Feast of St Jerome	
	9.15am	Ann Untermoser RIP Recently (Christie)
Tuesday 1 st	Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus	
	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wed 2 nd	Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels	
	12 Noon	Ann Dale RIP Recently (Jolly)
Thursday 3 rd	NO MASS	
Friday 4 th	Feast of St Francis of Assisi	HARVEST FAST DAY
	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 5 th	12Noon	Baptism of Aurelia Faith Maggonage
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 6th October		
Saturday 5 th	6.00pm	Bridget Browne RIP Anniv (Browne)
Sunday 6 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
Oct 2024	11.00am	Intentions of Ian Fleming (Scannell)

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 week you gave: £332.63 Loose Plate & £131.70 in Envelopes. 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.

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.”

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) **29th September 2024**

Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus walked a path of compassion, humility and service. He embodied a true spirit of wisdom and understanding. Even when Jesus was aware that powerful forces were plotting against him and his death was imminent, he never lost sight of his desire to serve others.

In today's Gospel (Mark 9 :30–37), Jesus gently challenges his disciples to abandon their self-importance and ambition and instead follow his example of solidarity alongside the weak and powerless. Jesus turns human power-values on their head: his greatness comes from putting the needs of others first.

The First Reading from the book of Wisdom (Wisdom 2: 12.17–20) tells of how the godless are challenged by the truth. Their rejection of God's law of love foretells the way in which Jesus will meet his death.

In the Second Reading (James 3: 16–4: 3), true wisdom is described as pure, gentle, kind and full of compassion. It directs us to become peacemakers. It is an antidote to the petty ambitions, jealousies and power-plays that were emerging in the early Christian community. We would do well to heed these words of caution in our own churches today.

This week, let us pray for the grace to be true servants of the poor, weak and powerless. In a world full of discord and fear, may we have the strength to stand against injustice and sow lasting seeds of peace and harmony.



RECENTLY DECEASED: **Cynthia Margaret (Catherine) Cullen**, who died on 18th September. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will take place in our church on **Friday 25th October at 11.30am.**

Ambrose Katende, a parishioner here, who died on Monday 23rd September. May he rest in peace.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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 the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection.

HARVEST FAST DAY FOR CAFOD NEXT **Friday, 4th October** calls us to identify with and aid people in developing nations. Envelopes will be given out at all Masses THIS weekend.

COMBONI MISSION APPEAL: At all Masses NEXT weekend, **5th/6th October** a Missionary Sister will speak about the Comboni Missions and a retiring collection will be held to support their work.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025: The next session for the children will take place on **Saturday 12th October** at 4.30pm in our church hall.

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 29th September 2024** at the latest.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: On **Friday 11th October in our parish.** From 6pm we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. At 7pm Fr Martin will celebrate a parish Healing Mass after which there will be anointing of the sick. Refreshments will then be served in our parish hall. All are welcome to attend. **There will not be a 12 noon Mass on that day.**

NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD: On **Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00pm**, our Annual Bereavement Service will be held in our church followed by refreshments in our hall. We will have a Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery on, **Sunday, 17th November at 3.00pm.**

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: Pope John Paul I, Helen Taylor (28/9), Fr Bernard Wakeling, Doris Scott (30/9), John O'Day (1/10), Frank Swan, Margaret Eadon (2/10), Reginald Ivey, Fr Michael Hopkins (3/10), John Hurley(4/10), Fr Henry Healy, Fr David Logue (5/10), Judith Hudson, Bridget Browne, Canon Edward Heery (6/10). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

PARISH COUNCIL: The last meeting was postponed and will now take place on **Tuesday, 8th October at 7pm.** New members are welcome. If you have an item you would like to put on the Agenda then please email our Parish Office.

DATE FOR THE DIARY – CHRISMTAS MARKET:

SUNDAY, 24th 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.

PRO LIFE GROUP: On **Monday 7th 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 12th October from 11 am** (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 For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Easy access from A12 Gallows Corner, and from M25. There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

FROM THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:

Senior carer position for a Community of 9 religious sisters in their home in Colchester. For further details please see their website: <https://canonesses.co.uk/senior-carer-position-howe-close/> OR call Care Manager on 07394-980188

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