

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>		
<b>TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Derek Flack RIP Anniv (Flack)</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mary Cooney RIP Anniv (Keeling)</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Intentions of Maria Quinn (Scannell)</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Kitty Kelly RIP Anniv (SB)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Pope John Paul II</b>	
	9.15am	Private Intention (SB)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 Noon	Kieran Jolly RIP Anniv (Jolly)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Cynthia Margaret Cullen RIP Requiem Mass</b>
<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Bob Browne RIP Anniv (Browne)</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Oct 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Bernie Quinn RIP (Scannell)</b>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15pm-5.45pm.

**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 week you gave: £362.18 Loose Plate & £160.50 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//////////](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.

**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 TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL:**

Angel of God, my Guardian Dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen!

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

As we contemplate Jesus as the Servant King, our readings today challenge us to consider themes of service and sacrifice.

The First Reading (Isaiah 53: 10–11) comes from Isaiah's fourth song of the suffering servant. Although the servant is rejected because of the message he proclaims, and will suffer because of it, his sufferings will 'justify many'.

The Second Reading (Hebrews 4: 14–16) then reminds us that we can trust even more in finding mercy and grace in times of trouble, because Jesus shared in our humanity. Although he remained without sin, he knows all that human nature brings, including the temptations.

The Gospel (Mark 10: 35–45) brings us full circle as Jesus again speaks of the sacrifice that he, 'the Son of Man', will make. We see James and John approach Jesus seeking a share in his glory. He foretells the suffering that they, like him, will face, and reminds us all that, above all else, we must serve those in need.

Perhaps, this week, we can take time to review the ways in which we serve the needs of others. Knowing that the Lord will always hear us, we can ask for the grace and strength we need to do his will.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025:** The next session for the children will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November** at 4.30pm in our church hall.

**PRAYER PARTNERS:** We are seeking parishioners to become Prayer Partners with our First Holy Communion group. Please speak to Fr Martin if you would like to help. Many thanks to those parishioners who have already offered.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER:** There are sheets and envelopes in church for the names of deceased parishioners, relatives and friends. The names are placed at the altar with our Death Register and remembered and prayed for at all Masses during the month of November, and Masses offered for their Holy Souls.

**NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD:** On **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm**.

**CONFIRMATION:** An Information Evening will be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7pm-9pm** in our Church Hall. **It is not too late to register your interest.** If you intend to attend then please inform our Parish Office if you have not already done so.

**PETITION:** As members of the Catholic community we will be raising a Petition to our local MP, Alex Burghart, stating our opposition to the forthcoming House of Commons Bill for “Assisted Dying”. The Petition is, available for signing, at the back of the church.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **Cynthia Margaret (Catherine) Cullen**, who died on 18<sup>th</sup> September. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will take place in our church **NEXT Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 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 the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection.*

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:**  
Toohey Family, Paula Hall, Catherine Steel, James Bullen, Albert Fuller, John Millward, Fr John Taylor, Fr Stewart Foster, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie. *May the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit down upon them and all who are ill.*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kieran Jolly (16/10), Hester Foster, Jovita Darbyshire, Charles Harrington, Patrick Jolly(17/10), Ted Flanagan, Eve Codling (18/10), Annette Goodchild, Richard Byrne (19/10), Kathleen Asher, Margaret Hanley, Eileen Richardson, Mary McAniskey (21/10), Maria Welch, Canon William O’Neil (22/10), Patricia Worley Gloria Gee, Shirley Staunton, (23/10), James Farrell, Thomas Bowden, Hester Foster, Stanley Cornwell, Rita Gill, Jilda Rowland (24/10), Mary Cooney, Mgr Daniel Shanahan (25/10), Nelle Brett (26/10), John Dubler, Shirley Staunton (27/10), . **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**BAPTISM:** *Congratulations to the family of Nylah D’Cruze-Mason, baptised in our Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. May the Lord bless them and their family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:** In an effort to control the flow of large emails on the diocesan server we have been asked, by the IT Department, to send out our electronic newsletter on a delayed timer. **From next week, the newsletter will be emailed to parishioners on a Friday evening.**

**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.

**PARISH DATABASE:** We are currently updating the parish database in readiness for the distribution of Christmas cards. Please let our parish office know if you have moved address or if you are not registered on our database.

**CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**  
The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [//cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**MESSAGE FROM GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK:** “There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday **26<sup>th</sup> October** please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY (BCCS) CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR** will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 3rd November** from 10.30am - 4pm. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare.

**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