

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>		
<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>		
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Bob Browne RIP Anniv (Browne)</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Bernie Quinn RIP (Scannell)</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Bereavement Service</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of St Charles Borromeo	
	9.15am	People of our Parish
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Teresa Fowler RIP (Whitehouse)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Deceased Jolly/Carroll Family (Jolly)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Fr Christopher Hogan RIP (PACT)
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023</b>		
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Luke Buenaventura RIP (Anderson)</b>
<b>Nov 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>All who died in World Wars</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 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.

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

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

Our readings this week remind us that the love of God and of our neighbour is the foundation and the rock of our faith and life.

The text from Deuteronomy (**First Reading** - Deuteronomy 6: 2–6) is the famous *Shema Yisrael* prayer, beloved by Judaism and used every morning and evening. Israel keeps the law of God because she loves God with her whole soul.

In the **Gospel** (Mark 12: 28–34), Jesus uses the same text to answer the scribe's question as to which is the greatest commandment. However, Jesus takes it further by adding a second commandment, to love one's neighbour. These two commandments are inseparable.

The few verses of Psalm 17 (18) in our **Responsorial Psalm** are a song of love and praise to our God. The Psalm is a prayer of thanksgiving to the God who has done so much for us and continues to do so.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading** (Hebrews 7: 23–28), represents Christ as the ideal high Priest of the New Covenant. He unceasingly intercedes for us with the Father.

This week may the command to love God with all that we are and in all that we do find expression in our awareness of all whom we meet.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025:** The next session for the children will take place NEXT **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:** **THIS 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.

**MESSAGE FROM MARY'S MEALS:** "Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific **£341.95** which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 17 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all."

**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:** Dermot Healy, Thecla Floor, Tullia Borelli, Yvonne Morrall (2/11), Della Napolitano, Mary McGoveney (3/11), Irene Negri, Mary Horan (4/11), Mary Darwin, Mario Shieani (5/11), Ann Stewart, Veronica Munday, Winifred Evans Veronica Faulds, Veronica Munday (6/11), Cardinal John Carmel Heenan (7/11), Deacon Norman Wiseman, Gladys Saunders, Fr William Philpot (8/11), Eunice Scanlon, James O'Reilly, Frances Richards, Elizabeth Ghalan (10/11), **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Mass offerings should be dropped off to the Parish Office. If a specific date is required then please give as much notice as possible. Weekend Masses, especially, get booked many weeks in advance.

**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](https://cafod.org.uk/give)

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY – CHRISTMAS 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. **Raffle tickets will be on sale very soon.**

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.

**BAPTISMS:** Certificates are now ready for collection, from the sacristy, for the parents of those children recently baptised in our parish.

**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.

### **COOK (FULL-TIME) – CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12.00- 19.00hrs  
Required to work in a unique position within a small religious community, based in Colchester – The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.  
If this is of interest to you, please submit a CV and any enquiries to: [caremanager@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:caremanager@canonesses.co.uk) or call on 07394980188.  
Application closing date: 13/11/2024

**EPPING FOREST FOODBANK** needs the usual food and household items. 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 Fr Martin or our Parish Office.

### **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

**HALL HIRE:** Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please contact our Parish Administrator for further information and to book.