

| Masses & Services Saturday 26th April to Sunday 4th May 2025 | | |
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| SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | | |
| 27th April 2025 | | |
| Saturday 26th | 6.00pm | Janet Abbott RIP Anniv |
| Sunday 27th | 9.00am | Pope Francis RIP Recently |
| | 11.00am | Visita Mateos RIP (Herrero Mateos) |
| Monday 28th | St Catherine of Siena | |
| | 9.15am | Intentions of Mrs Mary Stanisclass |
| Tuesday 29th | 9.15am | Daphne McAdam RIP Anniv (McAdam) |
| Wed 30th | 12 Noon | Giovanni Borelli RIP (Mansell) |
| Thursday 1st May | | NO MASS |
| Friday 2nd | 12 Noon | Private Intention (Sr Susan) |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER C YEAR C | | |
| 4th May 2025 | | |
| Saturday 3rd | 6.00pm | Private Intention |
| Sunday 4th | 9.00am | People of our Parish |
| May 2025 | 11.00am | Anne McNama RIP 1st Anniv (McNama) |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.45pm.

ROSARY: After Mass Monday, Tuesday, Friday and before on Wednesday.

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 Easter 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/////////

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY: Fr Martin will usually take his day off on a Thursday. In cases of emergency, if Fr Martin is unavailable, please call St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: If anyone would like to be an altar server, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS: Masses can be booked through our parish office.

HALL HIRE: Our Hall is available to hire at very competitive rates and a discount for parishioners. Please contact our Parish Office for further details and to book.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

27th April 2025



Pope Francis
Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17th December 1936 – 21st April 2025

MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

*Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself.
Thank you for the gift of his papacy.
When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church
your constant mercy toward sinners.
Grant him now your mercy
and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

DIOCESAN MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS RIP: Pope Francis: friend of the marginalised, refugees and migrants, defender of God's good creation, who took forward the precious legacy of Vatican II, and who fostered fraternity with all people. We cherish his example and continue his work.

Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral, by Bishop Alan this **Sunday, 27th April, at 11.30am.**

THE EASTER OFFERINGS: Many thanks for your generous Easter cards, gifts and offerings to Fr Martin. Also a big thank you to all who helped make our Easter celebration very special: our musicians, choir, altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, sacristan, flower ladies, Easter garden arrangers and all those who volunteered their time in any way. The church looked magnificent! Thank you all.

FR JOHN TUOHY: On **Wednesday, 30th April**, we welcome back Fr John Tuohy who will be covering in our parish while Fr Martin is away.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next session for the children will take place on **Saturday, 10th May at the usual time of 4.30pm.**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA – GOOD FRIDAY – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Divine Mercy Novena is from Good Friday 18th to Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April.

Divine Mercy 3pm prayer You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

THE CROWNING OF OUR LADY'S STATUE will take place at the 11am Mass on **Sunday 11th May**, during which the children of the first Holy Communion group will crown the statue of Our Lady and present flowers to her. This is truly fitting as the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

MARY'S MEALS would like to thank everyone in the parish for their contributions of unwanted recyclable items such as mobiles/jewellery/watches/cameras. This initiative raised much needed funds which will enable Mary's Meals to provide young children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: **20th - 22nd June** www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (18+), SATURDAY 24th MAY 2025

A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+), will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on pilgrimage to Walsingham, with opportunities for readers, servers, musicians and singers during the day.

There will be Mass at the Basilica, walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey, Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

To apply to join the BCYS group and find more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

CAFOD FUNDRAISER REMINDER: "On the **27th April 2025** I will be taking on the daunting challenge of the London Marathon to raise awareness for CAFOD and the great work that they do. If anyone is able to support me in raising well needed funds for CAFOD through and a small donation that would be really appreciated. You can donate through my Just Giving page link (https://www.justgiving.com/page/hannah-kilden-1724790248007?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL) or by scanning the QR code with your phone. Thank you in advance Hannah Kilden."

ANNIVERSARIES: Doris Pooley, Elva Robinson, Janet Abbott (26/4), Denis Tedder (27/4), Daphne McAdam, Jeannie Enright, Jim Sullivan, Maria Pascale (29/4), James O'Sullivan, Esther Daly (30/4), Pamela Anderson, Cleonagh Jolly (1/5), John Curran, (2/5), Margaret Smith-Galer, Tom Clark, Duncan Wilkie, Morgan Gardiner (3/5), Patrick Butler, Anne McNama (4/5). **May they rest in peace.**

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**

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS: The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday, 5th May 2025**, 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. For more information or to join the banner procession, visit: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2025/>."

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!**

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 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