

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
13th and 14th December 2014

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| Sat 13th Vigil Mass | 6 p.m. | David Jolly RIP |
| Sun 14th | 9 a.m. | People of the parish |
| | 11 a.m. | Denis Earl RIP |

Week Commencing 15th December 2014

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| Mon 15th | 9 a.m. | Mark Toohey |
| Tues 16th | 9 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Wed 17th | 9 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Thurs 18th | 9 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Fri 19th | 9 a.m. | No morning Mass |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Jubilee Mass I |
| Sat 20th Vigil Mass | 5 p.m. | Jubilee Mass II |
| Sun 21st | 9 a.m. | James Marshall RIP |
| | 11 a.m. | People of the Parish |

Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Liturgy

Confessions: 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller, Mark Toohey, Jenny Downs and Sean Clohessy.

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| <u>OFFERINGS:</u> | Offertory Envelopes | 203.00 |
| (£) | Offertory Loose Plate | 326.23 |
| | CAFOD | 20.00 |



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Third Sunday of Advent

14th December 2014

Dear friends,

the coming week promises to be eventful for me as I celebrate with you the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. As has already been noted this will be a dual event on Friday 19th December at 7.30pm and Saturday 20th December at 5pm. The Friday Mass will involve priests from all over the diocese and friends from other parishes where I have served over the past half century. The Saturday Mass is specifically for Epping parishioners. Today's second lesson urges us to rejoice always in the Lord and at present I am experiencing both joy and thankfulness that God has enabled me to reach this landmark in my ministry. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to share this occasion with me.

John the Baptist is again prominent in the gospel today. Last week I quoted him as the voice crying out prepare the way of the Lord. Tomorrow's **Service of Penance and Reconciliation** will help us in our Advent preparation for Christmas with the opportunity to come to Confession. Please make every effort to avail yourselves of this moment of grace.

This afternoon our annual Carol Concert will take place at the revised time of **5.30pm.**

God bless you always
Fr James

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*** Fr JAMES' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS & RECEPTION***

As already notified in previous Newsletters, there will be a **Mass at 5.00 pm** (Note NOT 6pm) next **Saturday 20th December 2014**, which will be **followed by a Buffet Reception and Parish Party in the Church Hall to which ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED – INCLUDING CHILDREN** (whether or not they attend the 5.00pm Mass). At this Reception, presentations will be made to Fr James to mark the celebration of 50 years of devoted service as a priest. **Please do come and join the party, which will commence immediately after**

“In Conversation with Bishop Alan” – an evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. **Thursday 18th December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30-10.00pm** including fish & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org or on the Brentwood Vocations Facebook Page. The evening is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

ADVENT SERVICE OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION:- Monday 15th December at 8pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: Christmas Day Luncheon. Churches together in Epping invite anyone in the Epping area, who will be alone, on Christmas Day, to a traditional Christmas lunch in our Church hall. No charge will be made. Transport can be provided if necessary. Couples seeking company are also welcome. Please telephone Mary Morgan on 01992 574719. Our Church Hall will be open from 10.30am. until 12.30pm. on Christmas Eve to receive gifts food etc. We need drivers, on Christmas Day, to bring our guests and to take them home from 3.30pm onwards. If you are able to help in anyway, please telephone Mary. Your generosity and kindness is deeply appreciated.

ICT Technician at Trinity Catholic High School: required as soon as possible 36 hours per week – 46.2 weeks per year
Salary Scale 5, Point 22 - £21,588 (full time equivalent)

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS can be collected from the hall after all Masses. Help is needed for the distribution of other cards in your area where people are unable to get to church.

RECENTLY DECEASED: please pray for Mrs Meredith Manning and Mrs Vincent Traynor recently deceased. RIP.

“HE’S BEHIND YOU!” Following last years success, I have bought 25 tickets for Woodford Pantomime’s ‘ Cinderella’ at the Sir James Hawkey Hall in Woodford Green on Friday 16th January 2015 at 7.30pm. Please contact Maggie Keeling at: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879, or I’ll be in the choir loft after 11.00am masses. All tickets are £12.15 each. First come first served.

PARISH NATIVITY & CAROL SERVICE THIS SUNDAY AT 5.30pm: Children, parents and all young at heart parishioners and their friends are invited to come and enjoy this lovely event. **Children who wish to dress up for the action need to be at the Church Hall at 4.15pm** to get themselves ready. This is a **WORLD PREMIER PERFORMANCE and the young members of the cast hope that they can look forward to your enthusiastic support.** There will be light refreshments in the Church Hall after the service.

PRAYER VIGIL: During Advent why not come to pray for mothers with crisis pregnancies at Marie Stopes, Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill on Saturdays 7.45am - 11.00am? There will be a peaceful (i.e. **not** a protest) prayer vigil and mothers who wish will be offered counselling and practical help to keep their babies. See poster in church porch for more details or to arrange a lift call Paul on 01992 577104.

ECCA CHRISTMAS CONCERT: ECCA will be holding a Christmas Concert on **FRIDAY 19th December at 8pm** in St.John's Church, Epping. A happy evening is in store which includes carols for audience participation and seasonal refreshments. Admission is free. Programmes £2.50 to offset expenses and a retiring collection for "The Box". Please come.

Nine Lessons and Carols at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 21 December at 4.00 pm led by Bishop Alan. This is a beautiful service of music, readings and prayer to which everyone in the diocese is welcome.

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD: PRINCIPAL - Salary Range: £90k - £100k required from September 2015

Due to the retirement of the current Principal, the Governing Body is seeking to appoint an outstanding, inspirational leader to the post of Principal. Information on www.uai.org.uk or email teacherapplication@uai.org.uk **Please note unable to accept CVs.** Completed application forms should be returned to the HR Officer by **Closing Date: 12 noon Wednesday 28 January 2015. Interviews: w/c Monday 2 February 2015**

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Father James or Deacon Duncan, so we may welcome and inform you about our parish life.