

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
2nd and 3rd August 2014

Sat 2nd August Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 3rd	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Harry Day RIP

Week Commencing 4th August 2014

Mon 4th	9 a.m.	Fr Horatio Horsford RIP
Tues 5th	9 a.m.	Michael Ryan RIP
Wed 6th Transfiguration of the Lord	9 a.m.	Sharon Palmer's Intentions
Thurs 7th	9 a.m.	Veronica Hartley RIP
Fri 8th	9 a.m.	Barbara Wilson RIP
Sat 9th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 10th	9 a.m.	Doug and Bobby Dew RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer: Recommences after the Church re-decoration

Confessions: By request to Fr James.

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Mike Collette, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller and Sean Clohessy.

OFFERINGS:	Offertory Envelopes	278.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	243.35
	CAFOD	43.52

Thank you



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

3rd August 2014

Dear Friends,

For most people, the tempo of life slows down during the month of August. In musical terms, life become *piano* and *adagio*—soft and slow. The schools are closed, some businesses shut down for a couple of weeks and many people are away on holiday. A common feature of magazines and newspapers at this time is articles on the holiday reading of people in the public eye. What, if anything, will you be reading during the holidays? I am an avid reader myself and there are many good books I could suggest to you, but I will content myself with recommending just one: The New Testament.

Why not take just one of the Gospels and read one chapter a day during August? St Mark's is the shortest Gospel with just 16 chapters; St Matthew's is the longest with 28 chapters. It is all too easy to be swamped by the trivial and ephemeral language of e-mails and Texts and the chit-chat of Twitter and Blogs. We all stand in need of something more substantial; and what could be more nourishing than the words of eternal life?

The lovely, but undervalued, **Feast of the Transfiguration falls on Wednesday 6th August.** It points us to the glory yet to come, when the woes of this world give way to the fulfilment of the heavenly Kingdom for which we all long.

God bless you always

Father James

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DECORATION OF CHURCH INTERIOR:

We shall be decorating the interior of the church during the next two weeks commencing on Monday 4th August. The church will not be open during this period, so please note the following changes to our normal arrangements:

- **Mass on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August and maybe also on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August will be in the CHURCH HALL.**
- Weekday Mass for two weeks from 4th August will also be in the Church Hall and will NOT be preceded by Morning Prayer.
- Confessions will be heard in the Presbytery, upon request, during this period.

After the 11 am Mass this Sunday, we will need to seek the help of all parishioners present for a few minutes:

- To move Mass books and Hymn books to the Church Hall..
- To put out 3 tables and about 150 chairs in the Hall.
- To transfer everything required for Mass from the Sacristy to the Church Hall
- To transfer the Library Books etc to the Church Hall
- To transfer the Pascal Candle and Stand to the Church Hall
- To move the Music Equipment to the Church Hall

Many hands make light work', as the saying goes, It should only take a few minutes if everyone can help.

RED MISSION BOXES: There was a good response to the recent appeal. Twenty five new boxes have been taken. These will be counted twice annually. Existing boxes are to be handed in as soon as possible.

Our parish promoter is Mr John Gee on 01992 577742.

GIFT AID OFFERINGS: HM Revenue have just refunded us £10927 from our gift aided offerings. A big thank you to all who participate in the Gift Aid Scheme and thank you also to Mrs Margaret Lechley who is always pleased to encourage other tax paying parishioners to join the Scheme at no extra cost to themselves.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to Victor Methodiev and Harrison Dodwell

DAILY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: will re-commence on Monday 1st September.

HIROSHIMA SERVICE: You are invited to an inter-denominational service of light and peace in commemoration and remembrance of the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, to be held on Wednesday 6th August 8pm at Our Lady and St Joseph church, Mill Lane, Stock ESSEX CM4 9RG. Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon will be presiding. A candle will be lit at Stock which came from Hiroshima, and the candle from Essex CCND (Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) will be lit in Hiroshima. For further information please contact Davina Bolt 01277 265234 or email davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org."

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - GOLF CLASSIC:

BCCS is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The Golf Classic is an annual event and this year will be held on Friday 19th September at Ilford Golf Club. The price is £45 non Ilford Golf Club members and £25 for members. This includes competitions plus a 3 course evening meal. Contact John Buckley on 01708 455887/ j.buckley@hotmail.co.uk.

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