
 St Ethelburga	The Catholic Parish of St Mary & St Ethelburga, Barking with St Erconwald, Ilford Lane Diocese of Brentwood, Reg. Charity No. 234092		 St Erconwald
	Saints Mary & Ethelburga Linton Road, (between George Street & William Street) Barking, Essex. IG11 8HG	Saints Mary & Erconwald Ilford Lane, (junction with Khartoum Road) Ilford, Essex. IG1 2NP or IG1 2LZ	
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*****ALL SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT LINTON ROAD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED*****

Newsletter N ^o . 1460 - Sunday 6 th December 2020		Mass Intentions this week
Saturday 5 th December	9:30am Mass at St Erconwald's, Ilford Lane 9:30am Mass in the Extraordinary Form (EF) 6:30pm Mass	John Feeney RIP (A) Ints. Celebrant Ints. Celebrant
Sunday 6 th December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B (St Nicholas)	
	9am Mass 10:30am Mass 12noon Mass (EF)	Annie, Patrick & Tommy Lundy RIP ALL PARISHIONERS Ints. Celebrant
Monday 7 th December	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Memorial	
	7:45am Mass (EF) 9:30am Mass	Ints. Celebrant Tim & Lena Bremner - Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 8 th December	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity	
	9:30am Mass at St Erconwald's, Ilford Lane 7pm (EF)	Canon Duckett RIP Ints. Celebrant
Wednesday 9 th December	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	
	7:45am Mass (EF) 9:30am Mass	Ints. Celebrant Mary Morley RIP
Thursday 10 th December	Our Lady of Loreto	
	7:45am Mass (EF) 9:30am Mass	Ints. Celebrant Mbela & Monica Ewnin Barikor
Friday 11 th December	St Damasus Friday Abstinence from Meat	
	7:45am Mass (EF) 9:30am Mass	Ints. Celebrant Ints. Fr W. R. Young
Saturday 12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	
	9:30am Mass at St Erconwald's, Ilford Lane 9:30am Mass (EF) 6:30pm Mass	Liz Stacey RIP Ints. Celebrant Catherine Godfrey (F)
Sunday 13 th December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B Gaudete Sunday (St Lucy)	
	9am Mass 10:30am Mass 12noon Mass (EF)	Graham Harrad RIP ALL PARISHIONERS Ints. Celebrant

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AND PRIVATE PRAYER:

A 2-METRE DISTANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED, IF POSSIBLE. Family and common household groups can sit closer.

FACE-COVERINGS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES inside places of worship, unless you have an exemption.

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED: in Barking 120; at Ilford Lane 100.

PLEASE OFFER YOUR HELP if you can assist with the sanitising and cleaning after each Mass. A big thank you to our volunteer stewards who keep an eye on numbers and compliance with the rules; and to our cleaners, who sanitise after each Mass, and give the church a thorough clean on Monday. Without their help, our churches would not be safe enough or allowed to open for Mass or prayer.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. If you are elderly, or frail for any reason, it may be wise not to come to Mass on Sundays or at all until it is safer to do so.

DO NOT COME TO CHURCH OR ATTEND MASS AT ALL if you feel ill, have a sore throat, are vulnerable, or ought to be shielding.

AFTER MASS PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH IMMEDIATELY unless you are going to receive Holy Communion or help with the cleaning. If you wish to have a conversation with friends or relations please go outside, but do not gather for long, or in groups of more than six!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barking with South Ilford	Christmas Eve Thursday 24 th	Christmas Day Friday 25 th
St Erconwald's Ilford Lane	6pm Vigil Mass (English)	9am Dawn Mass
St Ethelburga's Linton Road	8pm Mass in the Night (English) 10pm Mass in the Night (Latin - EF)	9am Dawn Mass 10:30am Day Mass (English/Latin) 12noon Day Mass EF

PROPOSED MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS:

The Bishops have encouraged the faithful if possible to choose another day in Christmas week for their Christmas attendance, rather than come to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, so spreading attendance at Mass over several days to ease pressure of numbers. Remember that the obligation to attend Mass is no longer in force. Even so, Mass will be celebrated as often as is practicable so that numbers at each Mass stay within the limits for our two churches. Please refer to the table above for times. Please also note that all four Christmas Masses are being celebrated at their proper times, and that there will be an EF Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, as well as a Mass in the ordinary form in Latin with English readings.

ORDINARY FORM MASS TIMES:

The times of the Sunday morning Masses at St Ethelburga's are 9am and 10:30am. The Saturday morning Mass, which is celebrated as a Sunday Mass, will continue at St Erconwald's at 9:30am. Weekday Masses will continue at 9:30am, until freedom passes are again accepted before 9am.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS TIMES:

Mass at 12noon on Sunday, usually 7:45am Monday to Friday, and 9:30am on Saturday. These times are for an experimental period to see what demand there is for the Old Rite, also known as the Extraordinary Form, *Usus antiquior*, or "Tridentine" Mass. In the Newsletter, these Masses, which are always celebrated in Latin, will be marked as **Mass (EF)**. Please be aware that it is not correct to call the old rite of Mass, the "Latin Mass", because ordinary form Masses too may be celebrated wholly or partly in Latin. Our traditional music evolved to be sung in Latin. When singing is allowed, we will be using it.

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS:

Avoid unnecessary physical contact. Statues, crucifixes, etc, should not be touched. Keep socially distanced. Keep children from touching things. Under 16s must be accompanied. Toilet facilities are not available.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

The opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice has been suspended indefinitely. When receiving the Sacred Host, please receive in the hand only to minimise the possibility of air-borne droplet infection passing from communicant to communicant. Remember to lower your face-covering when about to receive; put the host immediately in your mouth; do not turn away or move away until you have consumed the host.

CONFESSION:

Confessions can be heard when the church is open, before or after Mass, and during Mass if there is a priest in the confessional. For Confession at any other time, just ask the priest in church, or contact him for an appointment.

BAPTISMS; WEDDINGS; FUNERALS:

Please contact the priest to arrange an appointment.

FR YOUNG'S AVAILABILITY:

Please telephone the presbytery to speak to the priest and, if necessary, make an appointment.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

The morning Mass will be at 9:30am at St Erconwald's, Ilford Lane; the evening Mass will be at 7pm at Linton Road, and will be a sung Mass in the extraordinary form. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived, that safety, protection, support, and love is granted to these precious children of God.

INSTRUCTION FOR THE SACRAMENTS:

Application Forms for **infant baptism, that is, babies**, are available in the church porch at Barking and on request. If the candidate for baptism is old enough and so capable of receiving instruction, this must be given first.

CATECHESIS FOR CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION:

Availability of a vaccine against the Covid Virus means that Catechesis for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion will almost certainly go ahead in 2021, with a delayed start. Watch this space in January 2021.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL:

To receive the Newsletter by e-mail, e-mail barkingsme@dioceseofbrentwood.org and ask to be put on the e-mailing list.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.smeparishes.org

The Newsletter is posted each week. Please note that at present, the Newsletter is the only part of the website that is being maintained. This will change in the new year, when the website is given a make-over.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

If it is convenient, you can always make your contribution by bank transfer. These are our bank details: Catholic Church Barking St Mary and Ethelburga, HSBC 91 High Street, Brentwood, Essex. CM14 4RU. Sort Code: **40-13-22**. Account Number: **11017721**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Covid situation has affected the collections at Mass in church, and our income has fallen. This means that the contribution you are making, whether by envelope, standing order, bank transfer, or by putting what you can afford into the plastic box in church or in through the presbytery letterbox, all the more appreciated.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCIES:

See the Brentwood Diocesan website. Use this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:

A **Certificate of Catholic Practice** is only for those who have been known to be practising for at least 5 years. It is only required for applications to oversubscribed Catholic schools. The priest will need to see you and recognise you, and he will then need to have a note of the name, date of birth, and address of the applicant.

CAFOD WORLD:

GiftsWorld Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

BCYS ADVENT CONCERT:

Sunday 6th December 4pm, and throughout Advent on YouTube: Sing along to your heart's content at home! Donations welcome to support the Trussell Trust, supporting food banks across the Diocese, and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. For details and links: www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals: please arrange by prior appointment with Father Young
New to our communities? Please say 'hello' to Father Young, and fill in a Register Form (in porch)