

# **Newsletter**

## **The Immaculate Conception**

### **Epping**

**1st Sunday after Easter**

**23rd April 2006**

Dear Friends,

At Easter everything we strive to be as the Church in miniature falls into place. We have demonstrated the four characteristics by which the Church has been recognized since apostolic times; Eucharist, Prayer, Community and Faithfulness to the apostles' teaching. The core of that teaching is the simple and central message: ***The Lord is Risen.*** This is our mission statement by which all else stands or falls. Because the Lord is risen and because He says to us, "Peace be with you" we are empowered to witness to His presence in the world. Words are not enough, they must be backed up by palpable proof: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience and Kindness. Almost 500 people worshipped in our Church last Sunday and that is a cause of thanksgiving. But we do well to remember that the resurrection is celebrated every Sunday not just on Easter Day and at every Eucharist we are enabled to say: "My Lord and My God".

This weekend we give thanks to God for two remarkable people. We give thanks for Her Majesty the Queen who has just had her 80th Birthday. We likewise give thanks for Pope Benedict as he completes the first anniversary of his election as Pope. In their persons they represent countless elderly men and women whose sense of duty and commitment edifies and encourages us all. God grant them continued health and strength to fulfill their exalted responsibilities.

God Bless you all,

Father James.

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Will now take place on Wednesday 10th May at 8.00 p.m. (transferred from May 4th)

## **WHAT'S THE POINT OF PRAYER?**

A view from the pew. A series of three talks and discussions to address this topic will take place in the hall 8.00—9.00 p.m. on Wednesdays 24th May, 31st May and 7th June.

## **CTED—FASHION SHOW**

A Fairtrade Fashion Show raising awareness for Fairtrade and funds for “The Box” has been arranged for Saturday 29th April at 7.30. p.m. in the URC Church Hall, Lindsey Street. Tickets £5 to include refreshments. Please phone Mary Morgan 574719 for tickets and further details. Everyone most welcome. A CTED Planning Meeting will take place in our hall on Tuesday 25th April at 8.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## **PARISH ASSEMBLY Wednesday 14th June 2006 (A date for your diary)**

Would all Parish Organisation Leaders please ensure their reports are prepared and into the Presbytery by end of May for inclusion in the Annual Report to the Parish.

## **PARISH CENSUS**

A Parish Census is planned to be conducted during May when the whole area will be circulated with Census Forms. Prior to this happening, volunteers will be needed on one evening soon to “stuff” envelopes—watch this space for date and time!

## **BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND NEED FOR A DOCTOR**

24th to 29th July 2006. For further details, apply to Fr. James. The Pilgrimage Director is searching for a medical doctor to join our medical team as part of our Pilgrimage Please contact Fr Jean Claude Selvini on 0208500 3953 or Cathy O'Connor on 01206 501146 if you can help. Funding is available.

## **REPOSITORY STALL**

The new repository cupboard is now operational and will be open after the 11 O'clock Mass each Sunday. It is hoped that volunteers will man the cupboard after other Weekend Masses in due course. Please speak to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan, so we can welcome you to our community and inform you about it.

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Has gone live— current and past newsletters are available together with details of parish organisations. Please let Chris Hoare have any amendments (via the Presbytery).

## **CHOSEN AND CALLED: THE CATHOLIC PRIEST**

A residential weekend for men over 18 years of age who wish to explore, discuss, ask questions and pray about a call to the Catholic Priesthood takes place from Friday evening 2nd to Sunday lunchtime 4th June 2006 at Abbotswick. Please talk with your Parish Priest or Fr. Joseph Silver Vocations Director 01268 553425 or e-mail him [bdvocations@aol.com](mailto:bdvocations@aol.com) for further details.

### **FORUM FOR LIFE**

In response to the initiative taken by the Bishops' Conference, a meeting will be held on 8th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Parishioners are urged to come and discuss the issues arising from the proposed "Euthanasia Bill" about to be presented by Lord Joffe in the House of Lords.

### **DAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

Takes place at Abbotswick the House of Prayer from 10.30 a.m. Sunday 23rd April—further information 01277 373959 or [dioceseofbrentwood.org/houseofprayer](http://dioceseofbrentwood.org/houseofprayer)

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Next year's Journey-in-Faith Group will meet from September onwards (approximately 2 weekly) with a view to possible reception etc at Easter 2007. Please let Deacon Duncan, Stan Holder or Fr. James know if you think you might like to join this group, or if you know of someone who might be interested.

### **FREE BOOKS AND TAPES**

Free books and tapes on our glorious faith. Please help yourselves. Available after the 11.0'clock Mass in the Hall on 23rd and 30th April.

### **SPRING INTO ACTION FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding its annual Sponsored Fun Walk on Saturday 20th May 2006. This is one of the Society's major fund-raising events and a great day out for all the family and a chance to help children in need throughout the Diocese. Walkers can start from various places i.e. Basildon, Billericay, Chelmsford, Grays, Harlow, Ilford, Southend, Thurrock, Warley and Wickford, finishing at Brentwood Cathedral. Ring 01268 784544 for sponsor forms & details.

**New Website**—Childcare; [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) for more information on society's work.

**Flora London Marathon 2006**—Join is supporting at the 14 mile point from 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 23rd April nearest station is at Limehouse—Look out for Society's Banner.

### **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society—Annual Open Meeting**

The Director and Trustees of The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society warmly invite you to their Annual Open Meeting on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 11am. The Meeting will be held at our Head Office, Childcare House, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh Essex, SS6 9EH after which light refreshments will be available. Please come along and bring your family and friends to find out more about the work of the Society and to meet the staff. Any questions or suggestions you have about our important work or Annual Report will be welcome. If you are unable to attend but would still like to pose a question for the Meeting then please feel free to write in.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th – 20th May**

Grateful thanks to all parishioners who have agreed to share the work. Most of our roads are now covered, two of them only 10 houses, they are high-lighted in yellow on the map in the porch. Please contact Dorothy Whitehouse on 577173 if you can spare the time to help in this valuable charitable work.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 22nd & 23rd April**

Saturday	6.00 p.m.	Jimmy Moore R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Donal O'Brien R.I.P.
	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Intentions week commencing Monday 24th April 2006**

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Richard Negri R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Theca Floor R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Nora Clark R.I.P.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Des Touhy R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	David & Monica Scriven (In thanksgiving)
Saturday	6.00 p.m.	Marie McCann R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Intentions of Gerry Marry
	11.00 a.m.	People of the parish

***Ecumenical Service: Sunday 30th April at 6.00 p.m.  
at St Mary's Church Theydon Bois***

**Morning Prayer** will be held 15 minutes before 9am week-day Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick:

Annie Doolan, Peggy O'Regan, Yvonne Morrall, Mary and Pat Duffy,  
David Jolly, Rosalie Shannon, Doris Scott, Mary Flower, John Hannis, Ellen Day,  
Paulette Jarrold, Christine King, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, John Hurley and  
Bernard Ward

**HOLY HOUR**

**Recommences Monday 24th April at  
8.00 p.m. in the Church**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

*Recommences 25th April after Morning Mass*

**ROSARY GROUP**

Thursday **6.30** p.m.  
at the home of  
Charles Ward  
22 Vicarage Road  
Coopersale  
*All Welcome*