



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

9th Sunday of the Year

1st June 2008

My Dear Friends,

The liturgy has reverted to Ordinary Time in the Christian Year and this will take us right down to the start of Advent in six months time. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green; green, since it is the predominant colour in the natural world, is meant to represent growth. Sunday by Sunday and day by day as we hear the scriptures we are called to grow in the knowledge and love of God. Our ordinary lives are made up of routine actions which, if performed dutifully and generously, will bring us to Christian maturity.

The simple parable which forms the core of today's Gospel is about firm foundations. Like buildings, human lives can suffer subsidence unless they have a solid basis. To listen to Christ's message and to put it into practice is the surest way to lay a firm foundation. Morning and evening prayers are building blocks for day to day Christian living. As our day begins we ask God's guidance and help for the hours that lie ahead. As the day concludes we offer thanks for all its blessings and ask pardon for all its missed opportunities. Let our prayer at Mass today be for the grace to use this ordinary time well.

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MONSIGNOR BILL NIX Mgr. Bill Nix will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of his ordination at a special Mass in Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 6th June followed by refreshments in the Hall. For catering purposes please put your name on the list in the church porch if you are staying for refreshments (no need to do so if you are just coming for the Mass).

CHRISTAIN AID Congratulations to all those who collected for Christian Aid. A total of £845,25 was collected. Will collectors collect their "thank you" cards from the Post Box in the Church porch.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COURSE Abbotswick in association with the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will be presenting a leadership course for ministers, pastoral assistants parish leaders teachers, religious and priests. This course will be held at Abbotswick from Friday 6th June to Tuesday 10th June 2008 and led by Fr William Jarema and William Winski. Call 01277 373959 for more information.

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM A free course running on Wednesday afternoons/evenings until end of June Understanding Islam led by Dr Chris Hewer at Woodgrange Baptist Church 1-1.30 p.m. or Bryant Street Methodist Church 7.30-9.30 p.m. See details in Church Porch.

HELP 500 CHILDREN HAVE A HOLIDAY Energetic and friendly helpers needed to help children on holiday at the St John Bosco SVP camp this year. All the details are on www.bcys.net/bosco Helpers aged 18+ need a CRV check, the camp will arrange this if necessary.

VACANCY Holy Cross Roman Catholic Primary School in Harlow are looking for a Class Teacher in September 2008 and another to cover Maternity in November 2008 to April 2009. More details and application from the school. 01279 424452 closing date 13th June 2008.

VACANCY Deputy Headteacher is required from September 2008 at St. Ursula's Roman Catholic Infant School, Harold Hill, Romford. Please contact the school for more information and an application pack. 01708345200.

VOCATION ENQUIRY EVENING

For those thinking about a call to the Priesthood, please come to a meeting on 6th June at St. Vincent's Presbytery Waldegrave Road Dagenham Essex RM8 2QB starting at 6.45 with supper. For more information, please call Fr. Joseph Silver on 01085907222.

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

CHURCH INTERIOR RE-DECORATION.

The inside of the church will be re-decorated **commencing 23rd June 2008** and it will be necessary to re-locate Mass during the 3-4 weeks whilst the decoration takes place as follows:

- Morning Prayer will be said at 8.45 am and the 9.00 am weekday Mass will be celebrated **in the Presbytery** commencing Monday 23rd June
- **Saturday 6.00 pm and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the Church Hall** commencing 30th June. For the three weekends, it will be very helpful, if some 'young muscle' can set out the chairs in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoons and replace the chairs on the stage after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday.
- The **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after weekday Masses and the Monday evening Holy Hours will be suspended** from 23rd June until the re-decoration is completed.

The help of everyone is sought to make our worship run relatively smoothly during this period of upheaval.

SEND US TO OZ - COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE Sunday 8th June after the 11.00 a.m. Mass. Let us give a final push to send the two "J's" to Sydney World Youth Day to represent our parish. Filter Coffee, Tea and Milkshakes will be available free of charge. Donations would be most welcome. Raffle suitable for adults and children 25p a ticket. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.

APF RED BOXES If you hold an APF red box, please bring it as soon as possible for emptying. The boxes may be left at the Presbytery or handed to John Gee. Emptied boxes will be left in the Church Porch for collection. We are seeking additional collectors. If you would like to have a box, please take one marked "New Collector" from the Church Porch and complete the label with your own name and address. This is a highly commended way of supporting world-wide missionary action.

VACANCY St. Peter's R.C. Primary School in Dagenham is seeking a Reception Class teacher required for September. Application Forms and further information available from Mr D Craft (Headteacher) on 0208 270 6524

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY OF RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS This takes place on Saturday 28th June from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre in Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. Please bring packed lunch. Bookings please 01277 265219.

BRES Summer Lecture Will be held on Thursday 5th June at 7.30 in the Cathedral Conference Centre "Catholics and Climate Change" Speaker Mark Dowd. Cost £3 for unwaged £5 for waged. BRES Office for more details 01277 265285

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 31st May and 1st June 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 a.m. James Burke R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. Intentions of Cecilia Joseph

Intentions week commencing Monday 2nd June 2008

Monday	9.00 a.m. Special intention (P.J.)
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Nancy Murrhry R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Vera Steeden R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Kieran McClean R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Agnes Blunt R.I.P.

Morning Prayer will be held 15 minutes before 9am Morning Mass.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30 — 12.00 Noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Rosalie Shannon, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Paulette Jarrold, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Kathleen Schofield, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Anne Higham, Josie McGlynn, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Jeanette Mulligan and Ted Abbott.

HOLY HOUR

Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the Church All Welcome



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday for an hour after Mass and Tuesday till 12.30



ROSARY GROUP

Thursday at 5.30 p.m. at the home of Charles Ward at 22, Vicarage Road Cooper-sale All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,070.81

Thank you

CAFOD:

£ 91.00