



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd November 2008

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As we go about our daily activities, how often do we realise that, in various and often simple ways, we are doing the Lord's work? Whether it be working on something to do with the Church, praying, helping someone in need or just being pleasant to those whom we meet...it's all helping to build up God's kingdom here on earth.

Conversely, of course, if we avoid helping the Church or other people, or go around with a sour expression, we are missing an opportunity to do God's work and so slipping into Satan's influence.

The readings at today's Mass invite us to consider the problem of hypocrisy. Do we really mean to help others in one way or another or are we just keen to give the impression that we do, whilst holding back on a full commitment to love God and our neighbour?

Envigorated by his holiday experiences in Australia, Fr James again will be giving us the benefit of his views in this space from next weekend. Welcome back to this side of the planet!

Deacon Duncan

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## **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

Please list your dead relatives and friends and put it in an envelope marked "November Dead List" and put it in the plate beneath the Altar. Masses are said throughout November for these souls.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2009**

The Commission for Justice and Social Responsibility is organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 25th May—1st June 2009. Those interested in joining this pilgrimage should contact phil@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 265290.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**

This group is for children ages 4—9 yrs and older siblings of those who attend. We urgently require helpers to ensure that this group can continue. Mums and Dads of the children who attend this group would be particularly welcomed to help teach our children the Word of God. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please ring Norah on 01992 577932.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RAFFLE**

The SVP raffle tickets for the National Raffle will be sold after all Masses this weekend (November 1st and 2nd.) Proceeds go to SVP's efforts to alleviate poverty and suffering overseas, especially in India and the Sudan. Tickets cost 50p each or £5 a book.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON**

We are pleased to invite anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to Luncheon in our Hall 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. Elderly or disabled couples and carers are also cordially invited. Come along and enjoy a traditional Christmas Luncheon with all the trimmings. Transport can be provided. Please give your name and address to Deacon Duncan, Fr James (when he returns) or telephone Mary Morgan 01992 774719.

## **CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE**

The Children's Carol Service will take place at 4.00 p.m. on December 14th.

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The Bazaar date 6th December. 5 weeks to go. Next week's appeal is for toiletries. Everyone has a store of unwanted gifts of this kind. Now is the chance to off-load them with a clear conscience.

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

There will be a meeting of the group on Tuesday 4th November at 8.00 p.m. in the Presbytery. Any interested parishioner is welcome to attend.

## **WHIST EVENING**

There will be a Whist Evening on Thursday 13th November at 7.00 p.m. at 3 Lynceley Grange, Epping. Entry £2 (includes refreshments). All very welcome.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

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

## FATHER PAT SHANAHAN

Fr Pat telephoned to say a “big thank you” to all parishioners who made him feel so welcome during his four weekends in Epping. He also said that if anyone wished to contribute to the “Street Children” project he would be delighted to receive your offerings. Please put in an envelope marked “Street Children” Any cheque should be made payable to Fr Pat Shanahan and put either in the Offertory Plate or through the Presbytery letter box. He is off to Bukava in southern Congo shortly to do what he can in this war torn country. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

Yes! its that time of year approaching again.

The Hall is booked, the music is sorted, all we need is YOU!!!

As per usual the date is 31st December (funny that)

Adults £5, Under 18 £2.50, OAP £2.50

Come and see the new year in with family, friends and if you are on your own, come and join in as all are welcome.

Tickets available from: Steve and Shelia Earl 01992610483 and Pete and Sarah Day 01992522476, John and Julie Ryan 01992524633

## YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be on the 17th November at 7.30 in the Church Hall. Bring friends, all are welcome.

## ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE (ACAT)

We have a very devoted **letter-writing group** of 23 parishioners (six Groups), each of whom writes an average of one letter each month in support of someone who is being tortured.

There are no meetings involved – it’s all done at home and it’s not a difficult task. The facts are presented to us in a bi-monthly Newsletter and the letters may be long or short, depending on how much we want to say about the person being tortured. **We need a few more letter-writers** to join the group. Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) can explain what is required, so please let him know if you may be interested in joining in this **very worthwhile Christian Action**.

## ANNUAL SERVICE for the BEREAVED – 3pm SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

This service is arranged for all those who have lost loved ones – spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends – whether recently or some time ago. The service includes hymns, named remembrance of the loved ones who have died (during which candles will be lit), a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Tea/coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall afterwards. Do join us. Any queries to Deacon Duncan.

## NEW CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTRE

A new shop, being run by Epping Elim Church, is to open at 7 Station Road, Epping on 4th November. It will be stocking books, cards, CDs etc etc. Your support will be welcome, though this should not detract from the support we give to the Piety Stall in our Church porch.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 1st and 2nd November 2008**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Denise Collett R.I.P.
Sunday <b><i>(ALL SAINTS DAY)</i></b>	9.00 a.m. Mary and Francis Fletcher R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Intentions week commencing Monday 3rd November 2008**

Monday <b><i>(ALL SOULS DAY)</i></b>	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Bill McEvoy R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Marian Ward R.I.P.
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Wayne Russell R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Deceased members of Canny Family
Sunday (Remembrance Sunday)	9.00 a.m. Gloria Gee R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Our thanks to Janet Abbott and all her helpers at last weekend's Jumble Sale . The magnificent sum of £522 was raised for Parish Funds.**

**Congratulations to Eugene Vincent Hines being Baptised this Sunday**

Morning Prayer each weekday in the Church at 8.45 a.m.

**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, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Jeanette Mulligan, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett and Annette Goodchild.

**HOLY HOUR**

*Monday evening in Church at  
8.00 p.m.*



**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

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



**ROSARY GROUP**

Thursday at David and Pat Jolly's 2a Vicarage Road, Coopersale at 5.00.p.m.  
All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,087.65

Thank you

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