



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd August 2008

My Dear Friends,

The Parish group returned from Lourdes on Friday evening, spiritually refreshed after an uplifting experience. The holiday season is now upon us and during August many of our activities will be suspended whilst people take a well earned break. The celebration of the Eucharist, however, our primary activity, continues day by day. Just as in the natural order we don't give up eating or drinking, so in the spiritual order we continue to nourish ourselves inwardly. We read in today's Gospel how Our Lord fed the crowd in the wilderness with bread and fish. This miraculous action, attested in all four Gospels, prefigures the institution of the Eucharist in the Last Supper. Next month we shall begin a new programme for First Holy Communion - to hand on the gift of the Eucharist to our children is one of the most important activities in which we engage as a community of faith.

God Bless you always, Fr. James

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SPONSORSHIP of NEW BENCHES for CENTRE AISLE etc

Sincere thanks for the generous sponsorship received so far, which has provided nearly half of the funds required.

Additional sponsorship forms may be found by the newspapers at the back of the church. The decoration of the church is now complete and the new centre isle benches and the tabernacle and plinth are planned to arrive before the end of August, after the floor of the church has been sanded and sealed, a relatively dust-free operation these days. There has been valuable feedback from parishioners about changing the aged curtain behind the crucifix and discussions are now under way with suppliers to put this in hand—it will be a shade of blue which will compliment the blue and gold frieze and blue kneelers on the benches. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of a bench, please either hand your donation to Fr. James directly or post it through the presbytery letter box. It is hoped that we shall cover the whole cost of the benches through these donations, so rendering unnecessary additional fundraising through social events etc. Please be a generous as possible.

GIFT AID

H.M. Revenue and Customs has refunded £10,900 for the past tax year. Many thanks to all who “Gift Aid” their offertory. This refund could even be better if everyone who pays income tax “gift aided” their contributions. Please contact Malcolm Heughan for details on 01992 81 2012.

IS THIS FOR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

JOURNEY - IN - FAITH GROUP 2008 - 2009

An **information evening** will be held in the Presbytery at **8.00 pm on Wednesday 6th August 2008**, when will be explained the outline of the new Journey-in-Faith Programme. All those wishing to **learn about our wonderful Catholic Faith** are encouraged to attend this meeting, at which dates and times of the meetings during the year ahead will be discussed. Please let Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) or Father James know if you can attend the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot come on this date or at this time.

RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2008

Your chance to win a horse for a fiver or two horses for £10.

- This week, after all Masses, members of the Social Committee will be seeking Owners for Horses in the Race Night on Saturday 6th September.
- Choose a name for your horse (one or two words) which will appear on the Race Card.
- All profits from the Race Night will be divided between our twinned parish of Lebohang in South Africa and our church hall maintenance fund,
- The owner of the winning horse in each race will receive a bottle of wine.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVP — Thank all who kindly responded to their recent plea for household items.

THE PARISH ASSEMBLY— Wednesday 10th September 2008 @ 7.30 p.m.

Would members of parish organisations who wish to report their Groups efforts for the year through the "Parish Report" please ensure their contributions are into the Presbytery by Friday 22nd August.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 2nd & 3rd August 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Jim Lennon R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Intentions of Cecelia Joseph

Intentions week commencing Monday 4th August 2008

Monday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Wednesday The Transfiguration	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Anne Ryan R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

First Holy Communion Programme 2008/09 Application forms are now available from Fr. James for the course starting after the Summer holidays. This year's classes will be held on Monday evenings from 5—6.30 p.m.

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, Margaret Cabon, Marie Verrall and Vera Nolan.

HOLY HOUR

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



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Last day Friday 1st August
Restart Monday 1st September



ROSARY GROUP

Not during August



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,037.27	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 22.00	