



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Ascension Sunday

4th May 2008

My Dear Friends,

The Easter season is drawing to a close as we celebrate the Lord's Ascension and prepare for Pentecost. Christ, although no longer visibly present as He was during His earthly ministry, is yet powerfully present with His people; His own words are, ***"I will not leave you orphans."*** The Lord is present to us in His word, enshrined in Scripture. He is also present to us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. That is why First Holy Communion is celebrated at about this time. Over the next couple of weeks seventeen of our children will be making their Communion for the first time. Please pray for them and for their families. The Ascension is an encouragement to us to keep our vision clear and our sight fixed upon those spiritual realities hidden from human gaze. We have here no abiding city, we seek for one which is to come.

God Bless you always, Fr James

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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—HELP PLEASE**

Help needed! On Sunday May 18th at 11am the children of the First Holy Communion group will celebrate their Going Forth Mass. This is followed by a small party in the Hall. As all the parents and catechists will be attending mass we need a couple of volunteers to help lay out the food during the Mass. If you can help please phone Claire Platais on 01992 576552 or email me at [cmplatais@aol.com](mailto:cmplatais@aol.com).

## **CHRISTIAN AID 11-17th May**

Thanks to all the volunteers. All our Parish streets are covered. Please pray for them as they perform this charitable service.

## **TUITION OFFERED**

Students may wish to take advantage of special tuition (at very reasonable rates) for Organ, Piano, Music Theory and help with School Music (English and RE up to A level). Please contact James Devor on 07515738519.

## **LIVING LIFE IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

You are warmly invited to a series of six talks between Easter and Pentecost on Tuesdays 1– 29th April and on the 6th May at the Sion Community in Sawyers Hall Lane Brentwood 8-9.30 p.m. followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome. For more details please call 01277 215011 or 0208 531 7020.

## **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.

## **HEALING MASS**

Fr John Glynn will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick on Wednesday 7th May at 2.30. p.m. Call 01277 373959 for more details.

## **EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW 23rd May—25th May**

A weekend for young women aged 18-35 who would like to know more about the religious life - please call 01277 373959 for details.

## **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.

### **PASTROL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—7TH MAY 2008**

Will members of the PCC please collect the agenda from the post box in the Church Porch. A copy of the agenda is on the Notice Board.

### **WHIST EVENING**

There will be an evening of Whist on Thursday 8th May commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the home of Marie and Arnold Verrall, 62a Bower Hill, Epping Telephone: 01992 573633.

### **VACANCY**

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School is looking for a Class Teacher. Please call the school for further details on 01279 424452

### **VACANCY**

Walsingham House is looking for a Director of Retreats—details are on the Notice Board in the Church Porch.

### **MASS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS 5th May Westminster Cathedral**

Parishioners are invited to this Mass for Migrant Workers at Westminster Cathedral commencing at 11.00 a.m.

### **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).

### **OPEN THE DOORS TO DIALOGUE**

Bishop Thomas is leading a conference on Catholic approaches to inter-faith relations at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre on Saturday 17th May 10.30 –3.30 p.m. Drinks provided but bring own lunch—to book a place call 01277 265289.

### **HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL**

PARLIAMENTARY LOBBY MAY 14TH FROM 12.30—EVENING

At the invitation of Lord Alton and the All Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group, representatives from this parish will meet with members of parliament at the Emmanuel Centre Marsham Street SW1 (close by St James Park Station) Paul Ives and Stan Holder will lead and would like some support anytime during the afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

### **JOHN STIMSON REQUIEM MASS** 12.15 p.m. Tuesday 6th May

at St. Edmund's Loughton, Reception afterwards at 5 St. James Street Epping, home of his sister Mrs Catherine Steele.

**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 3rd and 4th May 2008**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Tommy Callaghan R.I.P.
Sunday (Ascension)	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Philip Connolly R.I.P.

**Intentions week commencing Monday 5th May 2008**

Monday	10.00 a.m. Cleonagh Jolly R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Private Intention (LM)
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Private Intention (ET)
Friday	9.00 a.m. Elizabeth McEvoy R.I.P.
Saturday	11.00 a.m. First Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Housebound/lonely 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Baptism: Caitlin Poole—Congratulations**  
**First Holy Communion Rehearsal: (Group 1) 7.00 p.m. 6th May in Church**  
**Bank Holiday Monday: 5th May Mass at 10.00 a.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, Barry Stibson, Anne Higham, Josie McGlynn, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Jeanette Mulligan, Margaret Yeardon.

**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  
22 Vicarage Road Cooper-  
sale



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,146.05	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 61.04	