



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th October 2008

Thought for the week.

At a time when the whole “developed” world is in financial turmoil and when this turmoil is most likely to affect all of us in some way or other, it is timely that we should hear this weekend’s Second Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. St. Paul urges all of us **not to worry**. As Christians, we are to wrap ourselves in prayer and put our whole trust in God.—not only at this time, but at all times. Any problem with which we have to deal takes on a new perspective when we allow God to be involved in its resolution. As St. Paul says; “Fill your minds with things that are pleasing to God and the God of peace will be with you.” At a time when so many families around us will be affected by changed and difficult circumstances over which they have little personal control, **we all need to pray for each other, that we can continue to experience God’s peace in our lives.**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Patrick Shannahan, who will celebrate Holy Mass for us over the next four weekends. You will recall that he recently made an appeal in our parish on behalf of the Street Children in Africa.

Let us spare a prayer for Fr. James, now sunning himself in Australia, that he may be renewed in body and soul during his holiday and return safely to us on 31st October.

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## **MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL**

Will members of the PPC please collect the minutes for the Parish Assembly from the post box in the Church Porch. A copy of the minutes is on the Notice Board and now also on the Parish Web Site.

## **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.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Next meet is on Monday 13th October 7.30 p.m. in the Hall. Please bring friends, everyone is welcome to join the session. If you have not been before, try it. It's a place where you can chill out, and enjoy having a chat whilst reflecting. Young parishioner—Let's go for it.

## **JUMBLE SALE**

There is to be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 25th October. Helpers are required as well as lots of saleable items—so please keep the date free and support if you can.

## **CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THEYDON BOIS—(Time period extended)**

This year we are asking the children to design the Christmas card for distribution to all our homes in the village. The design should be on a pale background in one colour so that it can be printed onto our cards for Christmas. Closing date is now 5th October. Entries can be sent to Marie Tisi at 36 Morgan Crescent telephone 01992 814717. There are prizes for the winner and two runners up.

## **PEACE SERVICE 12TH OCTOBER 2008**

Our church is acting as host for this year's Ecumenical Peace Service on Sunday 12th October at 4.00 p.m. All the churches in Epping and District will be joining us to pray for peace. We have a Catholic priest from St Ives (Cambridgeshire) as our speaker: Fr Paul Maddison has extensive experience of charitable work with the Palestinians in the Holy Land and is director of the charity Holy Land 2003. Please try to join us at this service, so that we may welcome with enthusiasm the fellow Christians from other Epping denominations. The service comprises hymns, readings and a presentation from Fr Maddison. ECCA will be leading the singing and will include an anthem. There will be a retiring collection for Fr Maddison's charity. There will be refreshments afterwards.

## **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.

## WHIST DRIVE

There is to be a Whist Drive on Thursday 9th October at 7.00 p.m. at 62a Bower Hill, Epping. Admission £2 including refreshments—all most welcome.

## ST MARK'S WEST ESSEX CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Mark's West Essex Catholic school invites children transferring to Secondary School in September 2009, and their parents, to its Open Day Thursday 9th October 9.30 a.m. — 12.45 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m. The Headteacher's talk will be at 8.15 p.m.

## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Your offerings from CAFOD Harvest Fast Day which was last Friday will be collected as you leave the church today. Please be as generous as you can, in support of those who live in dire circumstances in various parts of the world. Even in these times of increasing difficulty in our own society, we cannot really appreciate the utter poverty in which some people have to live. We can at least make some contribution towards relief of their suffering through this collection today. Thank you.

## 40 HOURS' ADORATION

Congratulations to all who contributed to the devotional 40 hours' Adoration last weekend. In particular thanks to Susan Asher for her planning and to Suzanne Newbury for arranging the beautiful flowers. Thanks also to those who donated memorial candles. Thanks to our watchers and especially those who watched during the night-time. It is hoped that that all who spent time before the Blessed Sacrament were fulfilled by their time with Our Lord. We look forward with eager anticipation to next year's 40 Hours' Adoration from 26th—28th Sept 09.

## "BRIGHT & LIGHT" HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE

Last year about 170 children and their parents assembled in St. John's Church for an hour and a half of fun (with Christian influence) on Halloween, to provide a Christian distraction from the pagan practices which have become normal on this night of the year. The event, organised by Churches Together in Epping and District, was a huge success and is to be repeated on **Friday 31st October** this year (though attendance is to be limited to 100 to make it more manageable). Lots of helpers are needed and anyone interested in being a helper on this evening is invited to attend **a short planning meeting at The Box in the High Street opposite St. John's Church at 7.30 p.m. this Wednesday 8th October**. It sounds as if it's fun, it is certainly a worthwhile venture and it deserves our support.

## ST. WINEFRIDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Calling all ex-pupils and ex-staff of St. Winefride's Manor Park. We are celebrating our 100th Birthday in November 2009 and would like to hear from you. If you have any school photographs or interesting memories about the school, please contact us as we are compiling a brochure for the Centenary Year. Contact [info@st-winefrids.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-winefrids.newham.sch.uk)

## 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 4th and 5th October 2008**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Intentions of Janet and Alan Wells
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Eddie O'Connor R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Intentions week commencing Monday 6th October 2008</u></b>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
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Saturday	6.00 p.m. Josie McGlynn R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the parish 11.00 a.m. Patricia Whitehead R.I.P.

**CAFOD: Family Fast Day was Friday 3rd Oct. Collection taken this week end 4/5 October.**


**Antiphon Psalm Sunday 11 o'clock Mass: "God of hosts bring us back" (x2) "Let your face shine on us and we'll be saved."**

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:	£ 1,221.47	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 122.72	