



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th September 2008

My Dear Friends,

I returned to the parish last weekend fit and well after surgery on my eyes. I am very grateful for all the prayers offered and the good wishes expressed during my time of recuperation on the South Coast. It is always good to get back home, but it was especially so on this occasion with the Church newly refurbished. The restoration of the central aisle makes it look much bigger and there is a greater sense of space. The blue curtain behind the Crucifix compliments the blue in the frieze along the walls and the parquet floor looks as good as new. Thank you to all those who have sponsored the project so far. We still have some way to go before it is all paid for. So, if you like what you see, I invite you to contribute as a sponsor.

In the cut and thrust of the world around us litigation is big business. People go to court and sue for all sorts of reasons. Today's Gospel teaches us that there are other ways for Christians to settle differences. Last week, I said that Scripture asks us not to be conformed to a secular mind set but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds.

The liturgy next weekend will be that of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is not given in our Mass books. So, if you have your own Missal, bring it along with you.

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First Holy Communion Programme 2008/09

Application forms must be submitted no later than next weekend September 13/14. There will be an **Information Session** for parents only at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16th September in the hall.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THEYDON BOIS

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 21st September. Entries can be sent to Marie Tisi at 36 Morgan Crescent telephone 01992 814717. There are prizes for the winner and two runners up.

40 HOURS EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following the last two years' rewarding experience, this year's exposition will take place from **Friday evening 26th September to Sunday morning 28th September**. The spirituality of our parish community will be enhanced by this **silent adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to commit themselves to an hour of 'watching' and we are keen for **MEN TO COVER THE NIGHT-TIME HOURS**. A rota is posted on the notice board; please add your name for a time which will be convenient to you...**we need at least two and, preferably three, volunteer watchers for each hour.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS / READERS ROTA

Please will you collect your new rotas from the Post Box in Church Porch.

MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

Please will you collect the agenda for the Parish Assembly on September 10th from the Post Box in the Church Porch. A copy is posted on the Notice Board.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Support Group in the presbytery on Sunday 7th September at 6.00 pm. Anyone saddened by bereavement is welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat. Any queries to Deacon Duncan, please.

WHIST DRIVE

There is to be a Whist Drive at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 11th September at 38a Crows Road Admission £2 with refreshments All 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.

40 HOURS MEMORIAL CANDLES (R.I.P.)

Every year during our 40 hours Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we light candles to burn for all 40 hours for loved ones who have died. If you would like to do this, please put names on paper and put it through the Presbytery letter box in an envelope marked "40 hours" together with £1. per candle.

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK

You are invited to join Fr John Glynn at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 17th September to "Chill With The Lord" Also, for a day of reflection and prayer led by Sr. Ann Sullivan on Saturday 27th September. Further details on www.abbotswick.org

YOUTH GROUP

Monday 8th September is Youth Group Night, starting back fresh from the Summer. Hope to see all young people in the Parish—there's lots going on!!! Talk ... Reflect....Socialize Any info email James at jamesryans@hotmail.com

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 20th September at The Grange 23 Queens Road Brentwood at 2.30 p.m. when Mr Tony Tuckwell will speak about "New Hall: The Ultimate Triumph for Catholicism."

VACANCY

St. Joseph's Convent School Wanstead require mid-day assistants 7.5 hours weekly term time only. For more details please contact Mrs Perrin at the school. Applic. close 22 September

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Dancing classes are held every Friday 5.00-6.30 p.m. or 6.30—8.00 p.m. at St Barnabas Church Hall Snakes Lane East. Any interested boys and girls should turn up to join the Claddagh Academy of Irish Dancing or call Pauline Shaw on 0208 502 6294.

JOURNEY-in-FAITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MEETING

There will be an additional Information meeting on Monday 8th September at 8.00 pm in the presbytery for those interested in finding out more about the Journey-in-Faith Group. At the first Information Evening, it was decided to hold the Group's meetings on Wednesday evenings from 24th September. If anyone would like to find out more about the Catholic Church, but would find Wednesday evenings difficult, please let Deacon Duncan know. Please let Fr James or Deacon Duncan know if you wish to attend the Information Meeting on 8th September,

PARISH ASSEMBLY – WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Our annual Parish Assembly is an opportunity for the various parish committees to report on activities during the last year and for all parishioners to have their say on their favourite topics. It is also the meeting at which next year's Parish Pastoral Council is elected. A Wine and Cheese Reception starts at 7.30 pm, with the Assembly starting at 8pm . Please do come to this important meeting...It is YOUR PARISH and you should know how it works and what goes on.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 6th and 7th September 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Margaret White R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Lonely & Housebound parishioners

Intentions week commencing Monday 8th September 2008

Monday	9.00 a.m. Teresa Ryan R.I.P.
Tuesday (REQUIEM)	1.45 p.m. Requiem for Luke O'Connor R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Oswald Pelosi R.I.P.
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Josephine McGlynn R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Liam O'Sullivan (sick)
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Esther Bray R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

Recently deceased: Please pray for Mr Luke O'Connor who died 31st August. We offer Mrs O'Connor and her family our prayerful condolences. His Requiem will take place at 1.45 p.m. Tuesday 9th September R.I.P.
Baptisms: James Barron; Grace & Joseph Ward—Congratulations.
Requiem & Funeral of Miss Josephine McGlynn 9.15 a.m. Wed 17th Sept.

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 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 4th September at David & Pat Jolly's 2a Vicarage Road, Coopersale at 5.00 p.m. All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,1197.41

Thank you

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£ 22.62