



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

10th Sunday of the Year

8th June 2008

My Dear Friends,

One of the most hotly debated issues between Catholics and Protestants in the sixteenth century centred around salvation; how exactly are we saved in the sight of God? Luther, strongly influenced by St. Paul, taught that we are “Justified by faith”. Catholics, equally influenced by St. James replied that faith must be proved by good works. Four hundred years later, now that the smoke of controversy has cleared and a calmer atmosphere prevails, we are able to see the truth of both sides. Luther was afraid that many people might conceive salvation as the accumulation of credit in a spiritual bank by which one earned a place in heaven; and his fears were not unfounded. We can say, that in the matter of salvation, it is not what we do for God, but what God does for us through grace, that counts. We trust and put our faith in God and in so doing our lives are fruitful in good works. We do not save ourselves, no matter how virtuously we live. We are saved by Christ who did not **“come to call the virtuous, but sinners.”**

Fr Bill Nix, who was parish priest of Epping for eleven years, before going to Brentwood, celebrates his 40th anniversary of his ordination this weekend. We offer him our prayerful congratulations: Ad multos annos.

God Bless you always, Fr James

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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.

VACANCY Holy Cross Roman Catholic Primary School in Harlow are looking for a Class Teacher in September 2008 and another to cover Maternity in November 2008 to April 2009. More details and application from the school. 01279 424452 closing date 13th June 2008.

VACANCY Deputy Headteacher is required from September 2008 at St. Ursula's Roman Catholic Infant School, Harold Hill, Romford. Please contact the school for more information and an application pack. 01708345200.

VACANCY St. Peter's R.C. Primary School in Dagenham is seeking a Reception Class teacher required for September. Application Forms and further information available from Mr D Craft (Headteacher) on 0208 270 6524

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY OF RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS This takes place on Saturday 28th June from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre in Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. Please bring packed lunch. Bookings please 01277 265219.

SEND US TO OZ - COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE Sunday 8th June after the 11.00 a.m. Mass. Let us give a final push to send the two "J's" to Sydney World Youth Day to represent our parish. Filter Coffee, Tea and Milkshakes will be available free of charge. Donations would be most welcome. Raffle suitable for adults and children 25p a ticket. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS

The new rotas are available for collection from the post box in the Church Porch.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL SINGERS

You are invited to a concert "Music for a Midsummer's Evening" at Our Lady of Grace and St. Teresa of Avila, Station Road Chingford on 21st June commencing at 7.45 p.m. Tickets £7. Details on Notice Board and at music@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

CHURCH INTERIOR RE-DECORATION.

The inside of the church will be re-decorated **commencing 23rd June 2008** and it will be necessary to re-locate Mass during the 3-4 weeks whilst the decoration takes place as follows:

- Morning Prayer will be said at 8.45 am and the 9.00 am weekday Mass will be celebrated **in the Presbytery** commencing Monday 23rd June
- **Saturday 6.00 pm and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the Church Hall** commencing 30th June. For the three weekends, it will be very helpful, if some 'young muscle' can set out the chairs in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoons and replace the chairs on the stage after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday.
- The **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after weekday Masses and the Monday evening Holy Hours will be suspended** from 23rd June until the re-decoration is completed.

The help of everyone is sought to make our worship run relatively smoothly during this

40 HOURS ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AT LOUGHTON

At St. Edmund's Loughton from 8.00 p.m. to
Midnight on Thursday 3rd July and from 6.00 a.m.
on Friday 4th July continuously till 5.00 p.m. on
Saturday 5th July.
All welcome

EPPING CHURCH CHOIRS ASSOCIATION ECCA invites you and your family to their Summertime Concert at St. John's Epping on Saturday 12th July starting at 7.30 p.m. to a programme of sacred and secular music. Admission is free. Programmes £2. We look forward to seeing you there.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING Youth Group gathering on MONDAY 9th June starting @ 7.30pm and finishing @ 9.30 in the Church Hall. FOR Young People AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25yrs. DVD clips, chat, refreshments and time to reflect is all part of the evening. Please bring friends all are welcome. The team would love to see you all there. Any further information email James Ryan: jamesryans@hotmail.com.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are holding a "Most Talented" competition at the Brentwood Ursuline school on Wednesday 25th June. Application form and further details are available from 01268 784544.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 7th and 8th June 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Kieran McClean R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Agnes Blunt R.I.P.
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 9th June 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Edith Teasdale R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Sr Bernadette R.I.P.
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Marian Ward R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Bernard Ward R.I.P.
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Eileen Luker
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Deceased members of Ward Family 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

Calling all Young people of the parish—Come and join the YOUTH GATHER in the Church Hall on Monday 9th June at 7.30. p.m. See inside for details

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 and Ted Abbott.

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 at 22, Vicarage Road Cooper-sale All Welcome



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,198.86	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 80.00	