



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th August 2008

My Dear Friends,

The opening prayer of Mass today says that The Spirit gives us the confidence to address God as Father as well as Lord. It was the mission of Jesus to reveal to us this paternal/parental side of Almighty God. Time and again Jesus says; "Do not be afraid." This is very evident in today's Gospel when Jesus appeared to the disciples on stormy waters and gave them new heart and fresh courage. Their response is encapsulated in the concluding words; "Truly, you are the Son of God." We too are called upon to make that same act of faith. When life gets turbulent our trust in God our Father as revealed in Christ will see us through.

Last weekend, when speaking of the Lourdes pilgrimage, I stressed the significance of so many young people there and their tireless work helping the sick. The youth contingent from our diocese of Brentwood numbered one hundred and fifty. Unfortunately there was no young person from Epping. Next year I hope that this state of affairs will be rectified and every encouragement, spiritual and financial, will be given by the parish to ensure an adequate representation.

Next Friday is the solemn feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. There will be Mass at 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.

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SPONSORSHIP of NEW BENCHES for CENTRE AISLE, etc

Sincere thanks for the generous sponsorship received so far, **which has already provided over half of the funds required for this project.** If you would like to add your contribution towards the cost of a bench, please either hand your donation to Fr James directly or post it through the presbytery letter-box (sponsorship forms are at the back of the church). It is hoped that we shall cover the whole cost of the benches through these donations, so rendering unnecessary additional fund-raising through social events etc. Please be as generous as possible.

Our church benches will be removed to Waltham Abbey parish after the 11 am Mass on 17th August and the church floor will be sanded and sealed during the following week, with the new benches being delivered during the week ending 29th August. **From 18th – 29th August, weekday services will be held in the Presbytery.**

Masses on Saturday 23rd August and Sunday 24th August will be celebrated in the Church Hall, with normal arrangements returning from 29th / 30th August.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this period of upheaval, during which our lovely church will have been suitably restored.

RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER – CHURCH HALL

There are now only a few horses seeking owners for this fun-event. **Book your own horse and give it a name after Mass today (£5 each)**

Tickets are now on sale @ £8 each (includes ploughman's supper, but bring your own drinks). Tables will be arranged to seat 8 or 10, but smaller parties are very welcome (even singles or doubles!!). Why not bring your friends? All **profits from this Race Night will be equally shared between our twinned parish of Lebohang in South Africa and our Church Hall Maintenance Fund.**

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.

WHIST DRIVE

Whist Drive on Thursday 14th August at 7.00 p.m. at Dorothy and Duncan's 3 Lynceley Grange, Epping. Admission £2.00 including refreshments.

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.

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.

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Christian Aid 2008—Churches Together in Epping would like to thank Dorothy and everyone involved with the tremendous effort this year for Christian Aid. Our final total is a mouth watering £1,159.88. The total for the area was £5,223.35. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

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 9th & 10th August 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 11th August 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Patricia Whitehead R.I.P.
Tuesday <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 a.m. <i>Requiem Mass</i> for Vera Nolan
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Emma Williams R.I.P.
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Longton Family
Friday <i>The Assumption</i>	10.00 a.m. People of the Parish 8.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls 11.00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

Recently Deceased: Please pray for Mrs Vera Nolan who died 6th August. Funeral Mass 9.00 a.m. Tuesday 12th August. We offer Mr Jim Nolan and his family our prayerful condolences. R.I.P.


Baptism: Lucy Traynor—Congratulations

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, Josie McGlynn, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Jeanette Mulligan, Margaret Cabon, Marie Ver-rall and Mike Collett.


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



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 Restart Monday 1st September



ROSARY GROUP
 Restart Thursday 6th Sep-tember at David & Pat Jolly's 2a Vicarage Road, Cooper-sale at 5.00.p.m. All Wel-come



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