



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Pentecost Sunday 11th May 2008

My Dear Friends,

Pentecost brings the Easter Season to an end; it is traditionally called the birthday of the Church. Through their experience of the Holy Spirit on that occasion the first disciples of Jesus were emboldened to begin their mission. They proclaimed Jesus as Lord, truly risen from the dead, and encouraged those who listened to them to lives of service for the common good. Two thousand years later the work and mission of the Church remains the same. As heirs of the early disciples, endowed with the same Holy Spirit, we must attest to the presence of our living Lord in the world and we must employ our own gifts to build up and enrich both the community of faith and the wider world of which we are also citizens. Christ's first words to the disciples after His resurrection were; ***"Peace be with you."*** At every Mass as we prepare to receive the Eucharist we exchange those words with one another. To be credible messengers of peace to others we must first ensure that we are at peace with ourselves. Inner peace comes from a good conscience and a good conscience comes from the Holy Spirit. Today is an opportune moment for us all to renew our baptismal promises and the commitment made at Confirmation.

God Bless you always, Fr James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the following children who receive the Eucharist this weekend:

James Marsh, Shayina Mae Bungay, Lauren Skinnider, Eleanor Verhagen Natasha Bothwell, Stephen Downey, Meghan Donaghy, Olivia Goodman, James Webber and Edward Vear.

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.

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The Youth Group next meet this Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall.

APF RED BOXES

If you hold an APF red box, please bring it as soon as possible for emptying. The boxes may be left at the Presbytery or handed to John Gee. Emptied boxes will be left in the Church Porch for collection. We are seeking additional collectors. If you would like to have a box, please take one marked "New Collector" from the Church Porch and complete the label with your own name and address. This is a highly commended way of supporting world-wide missionary action.

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.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 24th May at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange 93 , Queen's Road, Brentwood Essex . Mr Edward Walsh will give a talk entitled "Antics in Archives" All are welcome to attend for further information please contact Isobel Parks on 01268 289678

OASIS OF PEACE

Oasis of Peace (Medjugorje) Day Saturday 31st May 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in our Church includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Testimonies. Come and celebrate the Feasts of the Visitation and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bring a dish to share, Drinks supplied.

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

Saturday	11.00 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass 6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday (Pentecost)	9.00 a.m. Housebound/Lonely 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 12th May 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Jer Coughlan R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Doug Bere R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Rosie Dunstall R.I.P
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Edith Teasdale R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday	11.00 a.m. First Holy Communion 2nd Group 6.00 p.m. Les Wilson R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Bridie O'Loughlin R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

Baptism: Congratulations to: David Thomas.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal: (Group 2) 7.00 p.m. 13th May in Church

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 Coopersale All Wel- come



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,081.44

Thank you

CAFOD:

£ 50.50