



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th October 2008

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some of the actions described by Jesus in his parables seem, on the face of it, to be very hard and unfair and this Sunday's parable is no exception.

We hear the story of the man who, though he was badly dressed, was 'collected' – off the street by the king's servants and taken to the feast. He was then thrown out for being badly dressed!! What an injustice, you might think!

But the purpose of the story is contained in the final sentence... 'many are called, but few are chosen'. We are all called to the banquet of life and we give varying degrees of commitment and devotion to our Lord. But the banquet of life on earth is a mere shadow of the banquet of life in heaven and it is to this banquet that we all are called and aspire.

If we wish to experience the joy of being chosen to be with God in heaven, we need continually to strive to 'dress ourselves' with love and commitment to God and to our neighbour, with all that this implies.

How about a re-cap on the Gospel message when we get home today and retrieve our bible from the bookshelf? Matthew Ch 22 vv 1-14 may 'rattle our cage' a little, if we really pray about it! Why not read it each day this week?  
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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.

### **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.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

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

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RAFFLE**

The SVP raffle tickets for the National Raffle will be sold after all Masses on November 1st and 2nd. Proceeds go to SVP's efforts to alleviate poverty and suffering overseas, especially in India and the Sudan. Tickets cost 50p each or £5 a book.

### **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)

### **ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE (ACAT)**

We have a very devoted **letter-writing group** of 23 parishioners (six Groups), each of whom writes an average of one letter each month in support of someone who is being tortured. There are no meetings involved – it's all done at home and it's not a difficult task. The facts are presented to us in a bi-monthly Newsletter and the letters may be long or short, depending on how much we want to say about the person being tortured. **We need a few more letter-writers** to join the group. Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) can explain what is required, so please let him know if you may be interested in joining in this **very worthwhile Christian Action**.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when we pray for the missionary work carried out on our behalf around the world. The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF – organisers of the Red Box Scheme) works through the bishops, churches and missionary congregations to distribute the proceeds of collections on this World Mission Sunday. As in past years, **we will send a donation from our parish charity fund, rather than having a special retiring collection.**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 11th and 12th October 2008**

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.
<b><u>Intentions week commencing Monday 13th October 2008</u></b>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Michael Robinson R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Owen Madden R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish


**CAFOD:** Thank you to all who contributed to the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. A Total of £554.81 was raised.

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:	£ 1,123.24	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 554.81	