



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th July 2008

My Dear Friends,

Words, once spoken, sometimes have a far greater effect than we could ever have imagined both for better or for worse. A hasty or a thoughtless word can inflict a wound that often lasts a life time even when it has long been forgotten by the person who uttered it. This is equally true of a kindly or a affirming word. Words are like seeds, once scattered they can produce all sorts of crops. In today's parable of the sower, Jesus likens His own words to seeds sown in different types of soil. He Himself is The Word: ***The Word made flesh and dwelling amongst us.*** The words which He speaks are life giving provided they are listened to and acted upon. One of the windows in our Church carries the inscription: ***Your words, Lord, are Spirit and they are life.*** It is a sad reality that the Word of God all too often falls on deaf ears or, at best, received with indifference. Today we are all challenged to ask ourselves some searching questions. How do I receive the Words of the Lord? Do they have a lasting effect on the way I live? Do I act upon them or is it merely a case of in one ear and out the other? Does the Word of God have an effect on my own words in speaking to others. Jesus leaves us with two very significant words; ***"Sorry"*** and ***"Thank You."*** How often do I speak them?

God Bless you always, Fr. James

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## **Revised Arrangements for Mass following Church Re-decoration**

Thanks to those who helped to prepare the Hall for Mass during the last two weeks.

The church is now re-decorated and **Mass will be celebrated in Church from next weekend (19th/20th July).**

Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 am in Church from Monday 14th July, with Morning Prayer preceding Mass at 8.45 am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Hour will revert to their normal times from Monday 14th July.

### **IS THIS FOR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?**

#### **JOURNEY - IN - FAITH GROUP 2008 - 2009**

An **information evening** will be held in the Presbytery at **8.00 pm on Wednesday 6th August 2008**, when will be explained the outline of the new Journey-in-Faith Programme. All those wishing to **learn about our wonderful Catholic Faith** are encouraged to attend this meeting, at which dates and times of the meetings during the year ahead will be discussed. Please let Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) or Father James know if you can attend the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot come on this date or at this time.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

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

### **RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2008**

The Parish Social Committee is organising a Race Night in the Church Hall. The nett proceeds will be allocated equally to two causes:

- Joanne Ryan has asked that the 50 % originally to be allocated towards her Training Fund for the 2012 Olympics be re-directed to our **twinned parish of Lebohang in South Africa.**
- **Church Hall Funds** –following recent outside re-decoration.

**Please note the date in your diary.** The committee will be seeking Race Sponsors (£20) and Horse Owners (£5) during the coming weeks. Please support the event generously – Names and money for Sponsors and Horse Owners with their Horse Names can be handed to Paul Harwood, Terry North, Dorothy Whitehouse or Deacon Duncan, or may be posted through the presbytery door clearly marked ‘Race Night’.. The event will be organised into tables of 8 or 10...more details later.

### **WALSINGHAM HOUSE CATERING SUPERVISOR**

Are you able to cook for groups of 40-50 people? Do you like working with young people in a friendly and supportive environment? Are you able to work evenings and weekends in term time with most school holidays free? Salary £10,500 p.a. for a 23 hour week. Based at Walsingham House Canvey Island. Job details and application form from Dr Dominic 01268 696610 Closing date 10th August interviews 22nd August. Start early September.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

There will be a meeting of the group on Tuesday 15th July at 8.00 p.m. in the Presbytery. Any interested parishioner is welcome to attend.

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

SVP — request for household items. We are helping a local family in need. If anyone has an oven, camp or ordinary beds and old carpets or rugs, please contact Susan Asher 575017 or Stan Holder 572520.

### **OASIS OF PEACE (MEDJUGORJE Day)**

On Saturday 26th July at our Church 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Starts with coffee. Rosary 11.00 a.m. Mass 11.50 a.m. Bring packed lunch Drinks provided. Fr Seamus Keenan, Testimonies 2.15 p.m. Holy Hour 3.00 p.m. Come for all or part of the day.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 12th and 13th July 2008**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Norah McGrath R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Intention of Peter Nicholson

**Intentions week commencing Monday 14th July 2008**

Monday	9.00 a.m. Smith /Whitehouse family
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Special intention (BM)
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Wanda Woytecka R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. John Green R.I.P.

**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, Margaret Cabon and Marie Verrall.

**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 5.00 p.m. at the home of Pat & David Jolly 2a, Vicarage Road, Cooper-sale. All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,117.07

Thank you

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£ 40.00