



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

14th September 2008

My Dear Friends,

Today, instead of the Mass for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year, we celebrate the Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross. In the world of the Roman Empire the cross was a symbol of shame and infamy; crucifixion was afflicted upon rebellious slaves and the most notorious of criminals. The death of Our Saviour changed all that. We, as followers of Jesus, look upon the Cross as the sign of our redemption. Through the Cross life triumphs over death and love is victorious over hatred and division. The Cross occupies a place of prominence and honour in every Catholic Church. The body language of the sign of the Cross opens and concludes every liturgy and is also much used in private prayer. It is intimately connected with the Holy Name of Jesus at which we bow our heads and bend our knee. Today we sing the great hymn; When I Survey The Wonderous Cross. Faith filled words and a noble tune express the essence of today's Feast. What we sing with our lips let us believe in our hearts.

The Requiem and funeral of Miss Josephoine McGlynn take place on Wednesday next at 9.15 a.m. For nearly half a century Josie was a pillar of our parish, She was for many years sister in charge of the Children's Ward at St. Margaret's Hospital. Year after year she went to Lourdes to nurse the sick and her active retirement was occupied with numerous good works in the service of others, May she rest in peace.

God bless you, Fr James

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First Holy Communion Programme 2008/09

Application forms must be submitted no later than next weekend September 13/14. There will be an **Information Session** for parents only at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16th September in the hall.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THEYDON BOIS

This year we are asking the children to design the Christmas card for distribution to all our homes in the village. The design should be on a pale background in one colour so that it can be printed onto our cards for Christmas. Closing date is 21st September. Entries can be sent to Marie Tisi at 36 Morgan Crescent telephone 01992 814717. There are prizes for the winner and two runners up.

“Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life” JOHN PAULII

Why not join Bishop Thomas and the Friars of The Renewal for 9.00 a.m. Mass at Trinity School Woodford High Road on Saturday 27th September. followed by a peaceful procession to Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill and a short Rosary vigil there to pray for the babies, their parents, the doctors, nurses and staff at the clinic. It's a matter of life and death.

40 HOURS EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following the last two years' rewarding experience, this year's exposition will take place from **Friday evening 26th September to Sunday morning 28th September**. The spirituality of our parish community will be enhanced by this **silent adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to commit themselves to an hour of 'watching' and we are keen for **MEN TO COVER THE NIGHT-TIME HOURS**. A rota is posted on the notice board; please add your name for a time which will be convenient to you...**we need at least two and, preferably three, volunteer watchers for each hour.**

40 HOURS MEMORIAL CANDLES (R.I.P.)

Every year during our 40 hours Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we light candles to burn for all 40 hours for loved ones who have died. If you would like to do this, please put names on paper and put it through the Presbytery letter box in an envelope marked "40 hours" together with £1. per candle.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 20th September at The Grange 23 Queens Road Brentwood at 2.30 p.m. when Mr Tony Tuckwell will speak about "New Hall: The Ultimate Triumph for Catholicism.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK

You are invited to join Fr John Glynn at 2.,30 p.m. on Wednesday 17th September to "Chill With The Lord" Also, for a day of reflection and prayer led by Sr. Ann Sullivan on Saturday 27th September. Further details on www.abbotswick.org

VACANCY

St. Joseph's Convent School Wanstead require mid-day assistants 7.5 hours weekly term time only. For more details please contact Mrs Perrin at the school. Applications close 22 September

VACANCY

SS Peter and Paul in Ilford are advertising the post of Youth Co-ordinator to work with young people in the parish on a part-time basis. If you have some years of experience and would be interested in the position please see the Notice Board for more details of contact teresa@bcys.net

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Dancing classes are held every Friday 5.00-6.30 p.m. or 6.30—8.00 p.m. at St Barnabas Church Hall Snakes Lane East. Any interested boys and girls should turn up to join the Claddagh Academy of Irish Dancing or call Pauline Shaw on 0208 502 6294.

RACE NIGHT RESULT

Profit from the Race Night on 6th September was £1209.54, half of which will be sent to Lebohang, our twinned parish in South Africa, and half will be used for the Hall Maintenance Fund. Thanks to all who contributed in any way. The details are displayed on the Church Notice Board.

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT & RE-ORDERING

Thanks continue to flow for the further generous responses to the appeal for donors for the benches, tabernacle and tabernacle veils. The fund has now accumulated 75% of its target, with approximately £9,000 to go!! Sponsorship Forms are available by the newspapers at the back of the church for those who would like to contribute to this project.

JOURNEY-IN-FAITH GROUP

The regular meetings of this Group will commence on Wednesday 24th September at 7.30pm – 9pm. If anyone wishes to know more about the Catholic faith and thinks that they might like to join this Group, please let Fr James or Deacon Duncan know. At present we have enrolled three enquirers – it is not too late to join them.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 13th and 14th September 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Liam O’Sullivan (sick)
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Fr. John Drew R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 15th September 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Kathleen Harrison R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Brigid Jowers R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m. <i><u>REQUIEM</u></i> Josephine McGlynn
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Fr. Michael Baah R.I.P.
Friday	9.00 a.m. Marian Ward R.I.P.
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Tommy Callaghan R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Annette Goodchild


Baptisms: Henry Hawkins — Congratulations.
First Holy Communion: Today 14th September is the final day for submitting applications. An information session for parents will take place on Tuesday 16th September at 8.00 p.m. in the hall.
CAFOD: Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd Oct. Collection taken 4/5 October

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
No Monday evening Holy Hour this week



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 Monday to Friday for an hour after Mass and Tuesday till 12.30



ROSARY GROUP
 Thursday at David & Pat Jolly’s 2a Vicarage Road, Coopersale at 5.00.p.m. All Welcome



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,234.24	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 2.00	