



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th August 2008

My Dear Friends,

I have been very struck by words in the first reading today: ***I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.*** I hope that they will find an echo in our hearts and minds in the next few weeks as the various aspects of refurbishment in the Church fall into place. Some of you, I know have had misgivings about the necessity and expense of it all. However, every house owner sees to it that his or her property is kept in good order and is a place which is both attractive and welcoming. The same holds good for the House of God. As you all know, our Church is open from dawn to dusk each day to provide an oasis of quiet beauty for anyone seeking refuge from the speed and noise outside. We are custodians of a precious resource and should be proud of the responsibility entrusted to us.

By the time you read this I will have had my eye operation at Moorfields Hospital and will be recuperating at St Joseph's Convent, Littlehampton until August 29th. I am grateful for all your assurances of prayer. Masses this week and next are being covered by Fr Stuart Foster whom we welcome back to Epping.

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The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society would like to invite you to support the following events which are being organised to raise vital funds needed to help thousands of children and families throughout Essex and East London:

Saturday 13th September – James Bond Charity Fun Casino Night—Beat the post holiday blues and have a great night out with friends/family at our James Bond Fun Casino Night!

On Saturday 13th September 2008 at The Halfway House Marquee, Herongate, (from 7.30pm) be greeted by the paparazzi and red carpet, enjoy a drinks reception, lovely canapés and enjoy spending your casino chips on the blackjack, roulette or stud poker tables with the chance of winning one of many great prizes at the end of the evening. Finish off the evening dancing to our great DJ. Tickets are only £25 pp and can be ordered from Childcare BCCS on 01268 784544, debit/credit card can be taken over the phone.

Saturday 27th September – Children's Charity Bike Challenge. Enjoy the fun of cycling past all the farm animals and help raise money for local children and families at the same time. Ages 5-8 years 2 circuits plus fancy dress competition
Ages 9-12 years 4 circuits. Entry fee in advance is £10 per child which includes entry to the challenge, entry into Old MacDonald's Farm for the afternoon, plus entry for 1 accompanying adult. Prizes for the Most Original Fancy Dress, Best Dressed Bike and certificates and goodies for all those who successfully complete the challenge, plus the chance to win great raffle prizes.

For an entry form and sponsor sheet contact Childcare BCCS on 01268 784544

To sponsor one of these events or donate raffle or auction prizes please contact Tracy Jordan by email tjordan@childcareuk.org or tel 07912 308000.

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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

“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.

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

SPONSORSHIP of NEW BENCHES for CENTRE AISLE, etc

Continued thanks for the generous sponsorship received so far, **which has already provided nearly 60% 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 present church benches will be removed to Waltham Abbey parish after the 11 am Mass this Sunday (17th August) and the church floor will be sanded and sealed during next week, with the new benches being delivered during the week ending 29th August.

Masses on Saturday 23rd August and Sunday 24th August will be celebrated in the Church Hall. (Back to normal from 30th / 31st August).

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

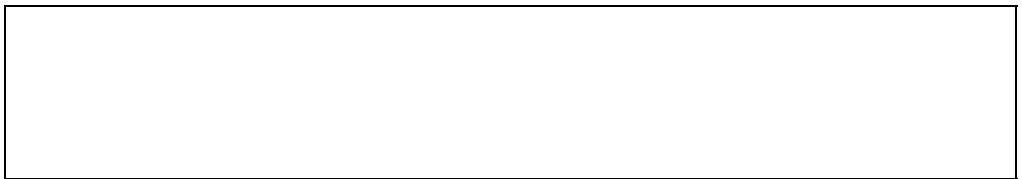
RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER – CHURCH HALL

Tickets are now on sale after each Mass @ £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.**

Get your tickets this weekend so that we shall know numbers attending for catering purposes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 16 & 17th August 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Ted Abbott R.I.P 11.00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 18th August 2008</u>	
Monday	No Services in the Church
Tuesday	No Services in the Church
Wednesday	No Services in the Church
Thursday	No Services in the Church
Friday	No Services in the Church
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Celebrant's intention 11.00 a.m. Holy Souls




Morning Prayer recommences: 1st September


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:	£ 1,119.99	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 40.54	