



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

Trinity Sunday

18th May 2008

My Dear Friends,

This is the Solemn Feast of the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity. With Jews and Moslems we believe God to be One. Through the revelation given us in Scripture we also believe that God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; not three Gods, but three divine Persons within the unity of the Godhead. When we make the Sign of the Cross we invoke God as our Creator (Father); God as our redeemer (Son); and God as our Sanctifier (Holy Spirit). This great mystery of faith is intimately bound up this relationship of love as today's Gospel tells us. **God is Love and God loves us.** The English mystic Mother Julian of Norwich wrote; **"Know it well; Love was His meaning."** The poet Dante concluded his great epic by speaking of **"The love that moves the sun and the stars"**. Whilst we can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity with our fallible minds, we are nevertheless meant to experience it by our readiness to love and to be loved. When we love God with our whole heart and strength and mind and when we love our neighbour, then we are drawn into the life and power of the Holy Trinity.

God Bless you always, Fr James

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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.

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.

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.

COMMISSIONING MASS FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a Mass on **Wednesday 21st May at 8pm**, at which 15 new Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned for our parish.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass and existing Ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to come to give their support for the newly commissioned Ministers. The following parishioners have agreed to serve in this capacity:-

Mr John Black

Mrs Mary Elizabeth Canny

Mrs Ajitha Dass

Mr Peter Anthony Day

Mrs Julie Knowels

Miss Maria Anne

McCall

Mr Michael McInerney

Mrs Patricia Bernadette Rimmer

Mrs Julia Ann Ryan

Mr Peter John Ryan

Mr Christopher Gerard Scannel

Mrs Patricia Mary

Seager

Miss Tracy Anne Simms

Mr Dirceu Vianna Junior

Mr Justin Karl Willis

Please Pray for them

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.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

You are warmly invited to the Praise and Worship Evening at Sion Community Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Sunday 25th May from 7.30—9.00 p.m.

CHURCH BENCHES

It has become evident that many parishioners will welcome the replacement of our church benches in order to return the "centre aisle" layout. The Parish Council has approved a design for such benches and a prototype is now available by the Ambo for parishioners to satisfy themselves about the "seatability" and kneelability of the design (The bench ends will be a slightly plainer design than that of the prototype). Please let Fr. James of Deacon Duncan have any comments, which can then be taken into account before the order is placed.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	11.00 a.m. First Holy Communion 2nd Group 6.00 p.m. Les Wilson R.I.P.
Sunday (Trinity)	9.00 a.m. Bridie O'Loughlin R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 19th May 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Jer Coughlan R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Margaret Parkinson R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Deceased members of Canny family 8.00 p.m. Commissioning Mass for Eucharistic Ministers
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Jane Edward
Friday	9.00 a.m. Paddy and Mary Duffy
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Angela Riccoboni R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m.

First Holy Communion — Congratulations to the seven children receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

**Molly Sewell, Joseph Pasco, Rory Applin, Lauren McInerney,
Jack Charlton, Georgina Clarke Henry Maquire-Cox**

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 Yeadon and Ted Abbott.

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 and David Jolly
2a, Vicarage Road Cooper-
sale All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,272.82

Thank you

CAFOD:

£ 72.00