



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th October 2008

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the time of Jesus there were two powers competing for people's attention: God and the State Authority. In today's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus telling people that they should 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God'.

How things have changed in the last 2000 years, and particularly in the last century. There are now not two but three powers which compete for our attention. We still have the State Authority and have a clear responsibility to pay our taxes and to observe the laws of our land. We still have God as our supreme power and we do our best to love and serve him and our neighbour. But the third great power – the cuckoo in the nest, so to speak – is Mammon. Mammon is subtle, Mammon is powerful, Mammon often seems very attractive, Mammon is irresistible to some in the short term.

In our consumer-society, we sometimes forget that Mammon is at enmity against God. The pursuit of wealth, the pursuit of personal well-being at the expense of others, the seeking of an over-abundance of good things, self-interests and the like, may make us feel good, but our Christian moral code teaches us to seek moderation in our practices and real concern for the well-being of our 'neighbour'. 'Grasping' attitudes do not feature in the life of a good Christian.

Which leaves us with only two competing powers for our attention. Surely, there can be no doubt about which should have the priority.

Today is World Mission Sunday, when we pray for Missionaries and their good work around the world. We pray also for all those who need their love and care.

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### **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.

### **JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER @ 2.00 p.m.**

The Hall will be open Friday for 2.00—8.00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10.30 a.m. We need help to sort and sell. Please may we have cakes large and small.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON**

We are pleased to invite anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to Luncheon in our hall 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. Elderly or disabled couples and carers are also cordially invited. Come along and enjoy a traditional Christmas Luncheon with all the trimmings. Transport can be provided. Please give your name and address to Deacon Duncan, Fr James (when he returns) or telephone Mary Morgan 01992 774719.

### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

The Children's Carol Service will take place at 4.00 p.m. on December 14th. Next week, 26th October, after 11.00 a.m. Mass there will be a short meeting to discuss the liturgy. All interested parishioners are invited. After a soup lunch the afternoon will be spent on costume design. Anyone skilled or imaginative, or possessing a portable sewing machine is pressed to come. We expect to finish at 4.00 p.m.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

It can't be that time already! The Bazaar is only 7 weeks away. Thanks to those who have already responded to the appeal for patrons; the advance funds are welcome for initial expenses and boost the final total. Next week the Bazaar Offertory Box will be on show ready for your donations of White Elephant. By definition these are unwanted gifts but we will take anything saleable which is no longer needed.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

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

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Yes! its that time of year approaching again.

The Hall is booked, the music is sorted, all we need is YOU!!!

As per usual the date is 31st December (funny that)

Adults £5, Under 18 £2.50, OAP £2.50

Come and see the new year in with family, friends and if you are on your own, come and join in as all are welcome.

Tickets available from: Steve and Shelia Earl 01992610483 and Pete and Sarah Day 01992522476, John and Julie Ryan 01992524633

## NEW COURSE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

A new course of Altar Servers Training will begin on Friday 24th October at 5.00 p.m.

For young and old. Your Children must have made their First Holy Communion. Please give your name to Deacon Duncan or Peter Day (11.00 a.m. Mass)

## YOUTH GROUP

(The ECYG): A BIG thanks to all who attended on Monday it was such a fantastic event to be at, We should all be proud of our young people and what the Youth Group has achieved, THERE WERE 17 at last Monday's event. If you enjoyed it great because the next meeting will be on the 17th November at 7.30 in the Church Hall. Bring friends, all are welcome.

## 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

This 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 send a donation from our parish charity fund, rather than having a special retiring collection.**

## HELP NEEDED URGENTLY

One of our parishioners is urgently **seeking help, starting immediately and then for the next 12 months**. Due to a health problem, she has limited mobility, is unable to drive and is looking for someone to do the 'school run' for her two daughters (Mon – Fri) and to provide some additional help during the daytime. The work will be within a loving family. It is vital that the person applying for the job is a car-driver, honest and dependable – not necessarily a parishioner. Please **contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173)**, so that arrangements can be made to meet the family and discuss the details, including payment.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 18th and 19th October 2008**

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
<b><u>Intentions week commencing Monday 20th 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
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Saturday	6.00 p.m. Ber and Cindy Cahill R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Terence Dowling R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the parish


**Psalm Antiphon at 11.00 a.m. Mass:** Sing a new song to the Lord;  
Sing to the Lord all the earth  
(Sing a new song to the Lord) x 2  
The Lord Bless His name.

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:	£ 1,053.40	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 54.81	