



# **Newsletter**

## **The Immaculate Conception**

### **Epping**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**20th July 2008**

My Dear Friends,

Central to our legal system is the principle that a person is innocent until proved guilty. Nevertheless egregious miscarriages of justice can and do occur. Innocent men and women have undergone terms of imprisonment for crimes they never committed. In the bad old days of capital punishment some were even hanged for crimes of which they knew nothing. Even in everyday relationships it is common enough to get it entirely wrong about someone and to judge him or her rashly. An important lesson emerging from today's Gospel is that final judgement belongs to God and it ill becomes us to pass judgement on others. Critics of the Catholic Church are very quick to publicise its failures, pointing to the high percentage of Catholics among the prison population, clerical paedophilia and a host of other scandals. We cannot duck this issues, but we must always remember that Jesus foresaw that the Church here below would contain sinners as well as Saints. In the parable about the seeds in the field, wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest; Then, as we say in the Creed, He will come to judge the living and the dead. Meanwhile it is for us to repent of all rash judgement as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Lord and Saviour.

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## **SPONSORSHIP of NEW BENCHES for CENTRE AISLE etc**

Sincere thanks for the generous sponsorship received so far, which has provided over 25% of the funds required (and much of it is 'gift-aided' adding a further 26% to the donations) There is still a long way to go and additional sponsorship forms may be found by the newspapers at the back of the church.

The decoration of the church is now complete and the new benches and the tabernacle and plinth are planned to arrive before the end of August, after the floor of the church has been sanded and sealed (a relatively dust-free operation these days!). There has been valuable feed-back from parishioners about changing the curtain behind the crucifix and discussions are now under way with suppliers to put this in hand - it will be of a shade of blue which will complement the new blue and gold frieze.

Please either hand your donations - big or small - to Father James or post them through the presbytery letter-box.

### **GIFT AID**

H.M. Revenue and Customs has refunded £10,900 for the past tax year. Many thanks to all who "Gift Aid" their offertory. This refund could even be better if everyone who pays income tax "gift aided" their contributions. Please contact Malcolm Heughan for details on 01992 81 2012.

### **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.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Wednesday 23rd July at 8.00 p.m. in the Presbytery.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to Monsignor Christopher Brooks, parish priest of Chingford who celebrates his priestly Silver Jubilee on Thursday 24th July.

## **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.

## **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 1.30 p.m., 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 19th and 20th July 2008**

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| 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.   |

**Intentions week commencing Monday 21st July 2008**

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| Monday    | 9.00 a.m. Carlo Contino             |
| Tuesday   | 9.00 a.m. Intention of Karen Toohey |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m. Oswald Pelosi             |
| Thursday  | 9.00 a.m. Holy Souls                |
| Friday    | 9.00 a.m. Holy Souls                |
| Saturday  | 6.00 p.m. Holy Souls                |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m. Holy Souls                |
|           | 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish     |

**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.**

**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, Marie Verrall and Vera Nolan.

**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 Charles Ward 22, Vicarage Road, Coopersale. All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,055.14

Thank you

CAFOD:

£ 40.00