



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st September 2008

My Dear Friends,

Next weekend we have our annual 40 hours adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning with Mass at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 26th September and concluding just before the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 28th September. Since we began 3 years ago we are slowly establishing a tradition which, I hope, will continue for years to come. I thank those who have already volunteered to take a turn of watchful adoration particularly during the night hours. I also appeal to those of you who have not yet participated, to support us in this grace filled endeavour. Our Lord in His agony in the garden of the eve of His Passion appealed to His disciples to "Watch and Pray" for an hour with Him. That invitation is extended to His followers down the ages. Our watching and praying next weekend is an attempt to respond to Him.

The Eucharist is central to our Catholic faith. Shortly we are to begin another programme of preparation for First Holy Communion for which a record number of 28 children have been enrolled. One generation of believers hands on the flame of faith to another generation through the gift of First Communion. Pray for these children, for their families and their Catechists. Pray also that the 40 hours adoration may be a source of great blessing for our parish, protecting us from all harm and divisive influences.

God bless you, Fr James

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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.

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

St Mark's West Essex Catholic School is looking for a Clerk to the Governors a.s.a.p. starting in November 2008. Please write to the school for an application form. More details can be found on the notice in the Church Porch. Closing date: 17th October.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLEMENT MASS

This will take place at 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 28th September. The first class for the children is 5.00—6.30 p.m. on Monday 29th September.

OASIS OF PEACE

Oasis of Peace (Medjugorje) Day Saturday 4th October 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in our Church includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Testimonies. Bring a dish to share, Drinks supplied. For more information please call Noreen on 1279 415006.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

You are warmly invited to a Praise and Worship Evening at SION Community Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Sunday 28th September at 7.30—9.00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Stan Holder OBE who celebrates his 80th Birthday this weekend. Ad Multos Annos.

MASTER OF WINE

Congratulations to Mr Junior Vianna who, after eight years of intensive study, has qualified as a Master of Wine. This prestigious company number fewer than three hundred throughout the world.

JUMBLE SALE

There is to be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 25th October. Helpers are required as well as lots of saleable items—so please keep the date free and support if you can.

VACANCY—ST. ELIZABETH'S CENTRE , MUCH HADAM

St. Elizabeth's is a non-maintained residential/day Catholic Special School for 80 learners aged 7-19 with epilepsy, autism and complex needs. The Governors wish to appoint two teachers in January 2009. Details are post on the Church notice board in the porch or contacting the school on 01279 844270.

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. People who want to give anonymously may put envelopes on the Offertory Plate marked "Pew Fund".

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 20th and 21st September 2008

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
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 22nd September 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Josie McGlynn R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Annette Goodchild
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Maria Camilleri R.I.P.
Thursday	<u>REQUIEM</u> 9.30 a.m. <i>Requiem for Alan Neal R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9.00 a.m. Joseph Khan 8.00 p.m. Morgan Family
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Wayne Russell
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the parish 11.00 a.m. Molly Griffin R.I.P.


CAFOD: Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd Oct. Collection taken 4/5 October
Recently Deceased: Please pray for Mr Alan Neal who died suddenly last week. His Requiem Mass 9.30 a.m. Thursday 25th September.
Baptism: Evie Baker—Congratulations.

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:	£ 1,224.01	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 62.00	