



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

11th Sunday of the Year

22nd June 2008

My Dear Friends,

Christians are to distinguish clearly between two types of fear. The fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, is an attitude or reverence and awe in all our dealings with Almighty God; We do not treat what is sacred lightly. There is, however, another type of fear, very often irrational, which is a craven anxiety prompted by all sorts of things; fear of the future, fear for our own health; fear of the unknown, etc. It is this sort of fear that we are to guard against by means of steadfast trust in God. Twice in today's Gospel Our Lord says, ***“Do not be afraid.”*** This is an exhortation that is found throughout the Bible, both in the Old and New Testament. The antidotes to fear are faith, hope and charity. St. John says that perfect love casts out fear. Few of us love perfectly; yet the greater our love, the less our fear will be. The same holds true of faith and hope. On the eve of His Passion Jesus said to His friends. ***“Do not let your hearts be troubled; trust in God, also trust in me.”*** June is the month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; part of this devotion is the short prayer; ***“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.”***

The Church will be out of action for the next three weeks owing to redecoration. On week days Mass will be in the house; at weekends it will be in the Hall. We apologise for the inconvenience.

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PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

At Sion Community Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Sunday 22nd June at 7.30 p.m. — 9.00 p.m. All are welcome.

EPPING CHURCH CHOIRS ASSOCIATION

ECCA invites you and your family to their Summertime Concert at St. John's Epping on Saturday 12th July starting at 7.30 p.m. to a programme of sacred and secular music. Admission is free. Programmes £2. We look forward to seeing you there.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS

The new rotas are available for collection from the post box in the Church Porch.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Sunday 22nd June at 6.00 p.m. in the Presbytery. Anyone saddened by the loss of a relative or friend is welcome to come for a cup of tea and a chat—either on a once only or on an on-going basis. Queries to Deacon Duncan.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

“Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, based in Rayleigh, has a vacancy for an experienced part-time Administrative Assistant, 15 hours per week, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 12 – 5pm, £8.00 per hour. The successful applicant will be computer literate, organised and enthusiastic. If you are interested in joining our small friendly team and would like more information, please contact Theresa on 01268 784544. Closing date 11th July 2008.”

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Please make yourselves known to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan, so we can wel-

MASS ARRANGEMENTS DURING PERIOD OF CHURCH RE-DECORATION

Weekday Mass will be celebrated in the presbytery (preceded by Morning Prayer) for the three weeks commencing Monday 23rd June.

Sat 28th and Sun 29th June Mass in church, as normal

Sat 5th and Sun 7th July Mass in the Church Hall

Sat 12th and Sun 13th July Mass in the Church Hall

Sat 19th and Sun 20th July Mass in Church, as normal

During the period from 23rd June to 18th July, the weekday **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and the Monday **Holy Hour** will be suspended, recommencing in church from Monday 21st July..

CHURCH INTERIOR RE-DECORATION As you are aware, the Church is being decorated from 23rd June. We are looking for 12 volunteers to help set up the hall from 16.45 on Saturday for about thirty minutes, and to put the chairs away after the 11.00 Mass on Sunday morning. It will mean you will be needed for just one weekend as we intend to create teams. If you feel you can assist us in this way, please call John Ryan on 01992 524633. It would be much appreciated and many thanks in

40 HOURS ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AT LOUGHTON

At St. Edmund's Loughton from 8.00 p.m. to Midnight on Thursday 3rd July and from 6.00 a.m. on Friday 4th July continuously till 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 5th July.

All welcome

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Youth Group gathering on MONDAY 30th June starting @ 7.30pm and finishing @ 9.30 in the Church Hall. FOR Young People AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25yrs. DVD clips, chat, refreshments and time to reflect is all part of the evening. Please bring friends all are welcome. The team would love to see you all there. Any further information email James Ryan: jamesryans@hotmail.com.

Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (26 July — 1 August 2008)

We are actively seeking, a Senior Medical Practitioner/General Practitioner who would be willing to assist another Doctor in providing medical cover to registered sick/disabled Pilgrims whilst on Pilgrimage. You would be joining a team of volunteer's who consist of Registered nurses and helpers who provide care and assistance, as necessary to pilgrims in their hotel/s. Those people who require assistance are accommodated with the main body of the Pilgrimage predominantly between two designated hotels close to the Grotto. If you would like further information please contact Phyllis Keating (Chief Nursing Officer) on 07900918039.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 21st & 22nd June 2008

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| Saturday | 6.00 p.m. Derek Wells R.I.P. |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. Bernard O'Neil R.I.P. |
| | 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish |

Intentions week commencing Monday 23rd June 2008

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| Monday | 9.00 a.m. Ted Abbott |
| Tuesday | 9.00 a.m. Doug Bere |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m. Holy Souls |
| Thursday | 9.00 a.m. Pelosi Family |
| Friday | 9.00 a.m. Vocations |
| Saturday | 6.00 p.m. Jack Higham |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. Rosina North |
| | 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish |

Mr Ted Abbott: Funeral. There will be a cremation Service at Parndon Wood at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd July R.I.P.

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 and Maddie Kavanagh.

HOLY HOUR

*Ceases 23rd June
Recommences 21st July*



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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Recommences 21st July*



ROSARY GROUP

Thursday 26th June at 5.00 p.m. at the home of Charles Ward at 22, Vicarage Road Coopersale All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,155.87

Thank you

CAFOD:

£ 45.00