



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

Christ The King

23rd November 2008

My Dear Friends,

We have reached the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, always dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Even a cursory study of history shows us how kingdoms come and go, empires rise and fall. We pray at every Mass for the Kingdom of God, that it may be revealed to us in all its glory in due course. God the Father in vindicating His Son by His resurrection from the dead has constituted Him as Sovereign Lord of that Kingdom. The reign of God and the Lordship of Christ differ radically from all earthly concepts of power. The poor are raised up, the rich sent away empty; love and grace replace power and might; peace and justice prevail over violence and greed. To inherit the Kingdom of God, as today's graphic Gospel tells us, we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, take in the stranger, and visit the sick and the imprisoned.

Today we welcome Mr George Rishawi, a Palestinian Catholic, who represents a co-operative of Christian woodcarvers based in Bethlehem. In recent years their livelihood has been seriously affected by the upheavals in the Holy Land. He will speak on their behalf and will have samples of the craft on display. With the approach of Christmas this is an opportunity to buy some lovely crib figures.

It is with great regret that I have accepted the resignation of Mr Martin Higham as Parish Secretary. During his four years in that post he has worked tirelessly and generously in the service of the parish. I thank him on your behalf and I thank him for his many kindnesses to me. Martin will be much missed.

God bless you always, Fr James

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THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2010

Anyone interested in this once every ten year event is invited to contact Fr. James. The play would be the centre piece of a 9 day coach trip to Bavaria and the Austria Tyrol. Approximate cost: £995.

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 574719.

CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE

The Children's Carol Service will take place at 4.00 p.m. on December 14th.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Bazaar date 6th December. 2 weeks to go. The children of the parish have the opportunity to contribute to the success of the Bazaar by giving out grown toys in good condition. Christmas is coming so space will be needed in the store cupboard.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION IN THEYDON BOIS

Congratulations to all the children from Theydon Bois who entered the competition. All the cards showed the true meaning of Christmas. The winner was James Willis of 18 Morgan Crescent and two runners up Rory Applin and Nicholas Willis, all member of our parish. The Christmas card is distributed to all homes in Theydon Bois and will have James' drawing on the front.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will take place on Saturday 6th December at The Grange 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex at 2.30 p.m. There will be a talk on "Mediaeval Colchester's Lost Churches" by John Ashdown-Hill.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: MRS JANNETTE MULLIGAN

Jannette died in St. Clare's Hospice on November 14th after a long illness, courageously borne. We offer to her husband Frank and to his children Thomas, Anthony and Michael (aged 2½) our deepest sympathy. Funeral Requiem is at 12.30 p.m. Wednesday 26th November. May she rest in peace.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

This will be observed next weekend with an appeal and retiring collection for the Brentwood Youth Service. Sunday 30th at 11.00 a.m. Mass presents Youth Mass, please come along and join in we need as many of you as possible to be there. There will be a meeting for all those wishing to take part on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30. p.m. to go through anything that needs to be done. Bearing this in mind that the next Youth Group will be on Monday 15th November at 7.30 p.m. and there is a Youth Mass in Brentwood on Wednesday 3rd December. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to send Lourdes forms back. Cheers.

BETHLEHEM ART A co-operative of Palestinian Christian Wood Carvers will be visiting the parish this weekend November 22/23 to exhibit examples of their craft. Their trade has been devastated by recent upheavals in the Holy Land and they fully deserve our support.

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

VACANCY ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

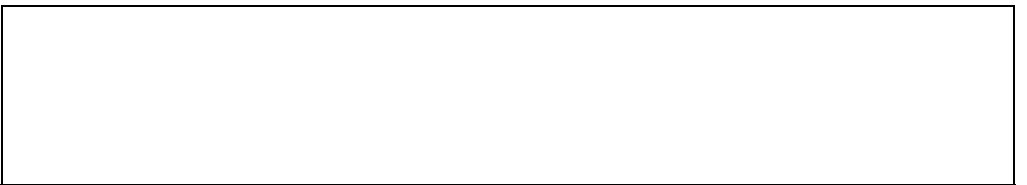
Foundation Stage Teacher—temporary required for 1st January 2009 for 2 day weekly. Please contact the school on 020 8508 6315 for details and application form. Closing date 1st December 2008.

CHURCH BENCHES PROJECT

The Church Benches Fund is now within almost £2,000 of its target. If you could donate something towards this amount please let Fr. James have your offering, indicating whether it can be Gift Aided which is worth an additional 28% at no further cost to you. Thanks to everyone for their tremendous support.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 22nd & 23rd November 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Bobby Dew R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. Deborah Byrne R.I.P.
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 24th November 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Oswald Pelosi R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Josie McGlynn R.I.P.
Wednesday	12.30 p.m. Requiem Jannette Mulligan
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Deceased members of the Steel family
Friday	9.00 a.m. John Garbutt R.I.P.
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Lady Joan Russell R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Deceased members of Harrison Family 11.00 a.m. People of the parish




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, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney and Beth Davie.


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 Charles Ward's
 22 Vicarage Road,
 Coopersale at 5.00.p.m.
 All Welcome



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,175.26	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 70.25	