



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Corpus Christi Sunday 25th May 2008

My Dear Friends,

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of Our Lord's Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. We have just had First Holy Communion for seventeen children in the parish. This annual celebration is one of our most important activities as a faith community, since the Eucharist is central to Catholic belief and practice. We are handing on to the next generation what we in turn received from those who went before us. Ever since the Lord Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper two thousand years ago, His followers have remembered both His words and actions. The Mass is the unbroken thread that links us to the apostolic community. St. Thomas Aquinas, writing in the 13th century, has given us a concise definition of the Eucharist. ***"The sacred banquet in which Christ is received; the memory of His passion is brought to mind; the mind is filled with with grace and the pledge of future glory is given to us."*** As we receive the Eucharist again today let us do so with profound reverence and silently utter the words of faith; ***My Lord and My God."***

God Bless you always, Fr James

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**MONSIGNOR BILL NIX** Mgr. Bill Nix will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of his ordination at a special Mass in Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 6th June followed by refreshments in the Hall. For catering purposes please put your name on the list in the church porch if you are staying for refreshments (no need to do so if you are just coming for the Mass).

**TUITION OFFERED** Students may wish to take advantage of special tuition (at very reasonable rates) for Organ, Piano, Music Theory and help with School Music (English and RE up to A level). Please contact James Devor on 07515738519.

**PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COURSE** Abbotswick in association with the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will be presenting a leadership course for ministers, pastoral assistants parish leaders teachers, religious and priests. This course will be held at Abbotswick from Friday 6th June to Tuesday 10th June 2008 and led by Fr William Jarema and William Winski. Call 01277 373959 for more information.

**UNDERSTANDING ISLAM** A free course running on Wednesday afternoons/evenings until end of June Understanding Islam led by Dr Chris Hewer at Woodgrange Baptist Church 1-1.30 p.m. or Bryant Street Methodist Church 7.30-9.30 p.m. See details in Church Porch.

**OASIS OF PEACE** Oasis of Peace (Medjugorje) Day Saturday 31st May 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in our Church includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Testimonies. Come and celebrate the Feasts of the Visitation and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bring a dish to share, Drinks supplied.

**HELP 500 CHILDREN HAVE A HOLIDAY** Energetic and friendly helpers needed to help children on holiday at the St John Bosco SVP camp this year. All the details are on [www.bcys.net/bosco](http://www.bcys.net/bosco) Helpers aged 18+ need a CRV check, the camp will arrange this if necessary.

**VACANCY** Holy Cross Roman Catholic Primary School in Harlow are looking for a Class Teacher in September 2008 and another to cover Maternity in November 2008 to April 2009. More details and application from the school. 01279 424452 closing date 13th June 2008.

**VACANCY** Deputy Headteacher is required from September 2008 at St. Ursula's Roman Catholic Infant School, Harold Hill, Romford. Please contact the school for more information and an application pack. 01708345200.

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

## **VOCATION ENQUIRY EVENING**

For those thinking about a call to the Priesthood, please come to a meeting on 6th June at St. Vincent's Presbytery Waldegrave Road Dagenham Essex RM8 2QB starting at 6.45 with supper. For more information, please call Fr. Joseph Silver on 01085907222.

**MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL** The minutes of the PPC meeting on 7th May are available for collection from the Post Box in the Church Porch. A copy of the minutes and current information about The Box are on the Notice Board.

**SEND US TO OZ - COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE** Sunday 8th June after the 11.00 a.m. Mass. Let us give a final push to send the two "J's" to Sydney World Youth Day to represent our parish. Filter Coffee, Tea and Milkshakes will be available free of charge. Donations would be most welcome. Raffle suitable for adults and children 20p a ticket. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.

**APF RED BOXES** If you hold an APF red box, please bring it as soon as possible for emptying. The boxes may be left at the Presbytery or handed to John Gee. Emptied boxes will be left in the Church Porch for collection. We are seeking additional collectors. If you would like to have a box, please take one marked "New Collector" from the Church Porch and complete the label with your own name and address. This is a highly commended way of supporting worldwide missionary action.

**CHURCH BENCHES** It has become evident that many parishioners will welcome the replacement of our church benches in order to return the "centre aisle" layout. The Parish Council has approved a design for such benches and a prototype is now available by the Ambo for parishioners to satisfy themselves about the "seatability" and kneelability of the design (The bench ends will be a slightly plainer design than that of the prototype). Please let Fr. James of Deacon Duncan have any comments, which can then be taken into account before the order is placed.

**VACANCY** St. Peter's R.C. Primary School in Dagenham is seeking a Reception Class teacher required for September. Application Forms and further information available from Mr D Craft (Headteacher) on 0208 270 6524

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY OF RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS** This takes place on Saturday 28th June from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre in Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. Please bring packed lunch.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 24th and 25th May 2008**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Angela Riccoboni R.I.P.
Sunday (Corpus Christi)	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m.

**Intentions week commencing Monday 26th May 2008**

Bank Monday	10.00 a.m. Intentions of John Flanagan
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Intentions of the O'Sullivan family
Friday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 a.m. James Burke R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. Intentions of Marie Joseph

**Bank Holiday: Monday 26th May — Mass at 10.00 a.m.**  
**Recently deceased: Please pray for Patricia Gandy who died on 20th May, may he rest in peace. 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, Margaret Yeadon and Ted Abbott.

**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 5.30 p.m. at the home of Charles Ward at 22, Vicarage Road Cooper-sale All Welcome



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,438.71	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 40.00	