



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2008

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love God and the second commandment is to love our neighbour. It sounds simple enough, but why, even in a Christian environment, do we find ourselves sometimes showing antagonism towards God and what we see as his awkward standards, and having an aggressive attitude towards those around us?

Surely, the main reason is that our perception of God and our neighbour is sometimes tinged with our self-importance, as we put our own priorities before those of God and as we discount the needs of others because we feel that our own needs are greater or more important.

During this week, why not pray about it? How can we better please God by incorporating these two great commandments into our daily lives...even if they are sometimes inconvenient? God's love deserves our love in return.

On Friday, we welcome back Fr James, rejuvenated after his holiday in Australia. We hope that he is refreshed spiritually and physically and ready for the parish's challenges of the coming months.

This Sunday, we bid farewell to Fr Patrick. We thank him for his ministry and wish him well in his future work, particularly with the African Street Children.

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Please list your dead relatives and friends and put it in an envelope marked "November Dead List" and put it in the plate beneath the Altar. Masses are said throughout November for these souls.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2009

The Commission for Justice and Social Responsibility is organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 25th May—1st June 2009. Those interested in joining this pilgrimage should contact phil@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 265290.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

This group is for children ages 4—9 yrs and older siblings of those who attend. We urgently require helpers to ensure that this group can continue. Mums and Dads of the children who attend this group would be particularly welcomed to help teach our children the Word of God. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please ring Norah on 01992 577932.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RAFFLE

The SVP raffle tickets for the National Raffle will be sold after all Masses on November 1st and 2nd. Proceeds go to SVP's efforts to alleviate poverty and suffering overseas, especially in India and the Sudan. Tickets cost 50p each or £5 a book.

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 774719.

ADVANCED PLANNING

The Children's Carol Service will take place at 4.00 p.m. on December 14th. This Sunday, 26th October, after 11.00 a.m. Mass there will be a short meeting to discuss the liturgy. All interested parishioners are invited. After a soup lunch the afternoon will be spent on costume design. Anyone skilled or imaginative, or possessing a portable sewing machine is pressed to come. We expect to finish at 4.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Bazaar date 6th December. As always it is the first Saturday in December. The appeal next week is for Fancy Goods; anything made in fabric (garments, household linen, bags etc.)

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

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

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be on the 17th November at 7.30 in the Church Hall. Bring friends, all are welcome.

ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE (ACAT)

We have a very devoted **letter-writing group** of 23 parishioners (six Groups), each of whom writes an average of one letter each month in support of someone who is being tortured. There are no meetings involved – it's all done at home and it's not a difficult task. The facts are presented to us in a bi-monthly Newsletter and the letters may be long or short, depending on how much we want to say about the person being tortured.

We need a few more letter-writers to join the group. Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) can explain what is required, so please let him know if you may be interested in joining in this **very worthwhile Christian Action**.

HELP NEEDED URGENTLY

One of our parishioners is urgently **seeking help, starting immediately and then for the next 12 months**. Due to a health problem, she has limited mobility, is unable to drive and is looking for someone to do the 'school run' for her two daughters (Mon – Fri) and to provide some additional help during the daytime. The work will be within a loving family. It is vital that the person applying for the job is a car-driver, honest and dependable – not necessarily a parishioner. Please **contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173)**, so that arrangements can be made to meet the family and discuss the details, including payment.

ANNUAL SERVICE for the BEREAVED – 3pm SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

This service is arranged for all those who have lost loved ones – spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends – whether recently or some time ago. The service includes hymns, named remembrance of the loved ones who have died (during which candles will be lit), a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Tea/coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall afterwards. Do join us. Any queries to Deacon Duncan.

NEW CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTRE

A new shop, being run by Epping Elim Church, is to open at 7 Station Road, Epping on 4th November. It will be stocking books, cards, CDs etc etc. Your support will be welcome, though this should not detract from the support we give to the Piety Stall in our Church porch.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 25th and 26th October 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Ber and Cindy Cahill R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Terence Dowling R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the parish
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 27th October 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
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Thursday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Denise Collett R.I.P.
Sunday	<u>(ALL SAINTS DAY)</u> 9.00 a.m. Mary and Francis Fletcher R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish


<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u>	To Charles Ward upon the celebration of his 97th birthday. As a daily communicant, he is an inspiration to us all. <i>Ad multos annos!</i>
<u>Recently deceased:</u>	Please pray for Royston Lunniss who died in St Margaret's Hospital on Thursday.

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
*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 David and Pat Jolly's 2a Vicarage Road, Coopersale at 5.00.p.m.
 All Welcome



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,121.85	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 60.07	