



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

6th Sunday of Easter

27th April 2008

My Dear Friends,

The word "Mission" usually evokes evangelization in Africa or the Far East. Mission appeals are usually made with this in mind. However, there is an equally urgent need for mission in our own country where so many lack even basic knowledge about Christ. We should all be ready to communicate our faith to others; not in an aggressive or pushy fashion but quietly and with conviction. In the reading from the first letter of St. Peter today we hear these words, ***"Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have."***

In many ways, lay people are better placed to do this than the clergy for the simple reason that the laity are much closer to the unchurched. They are your neighbours in the street; your colleagues at work; you meet them at the leisure centre, in the supermarket or over a pint in the pub. To conceal one's Christian faith or be reluctant to discuss it does a disservice to those who are often intrigued to know what difference it makes to your life. One does not have to be a learned theologian or an eloquent preacher to be able to convey something of the power of the Gospel. Personal conviction couched in simple words and actions is what really matters.

God Bless you always, Fr James

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## **CHRISTIAN AID**

There is to be a house to house collection during the week of 11th—17th May, Will volunteers please contact Dorothy Whitehouse on 01992 577173. Long streets are divided up so that this important life-saving work can be shared.

## **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.

## **LIVING LIFE IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

You are warmly invited to a series of six talks between Easter and Pentecost on Tuesdays 1– 29th April and on the 6th May at the Sion Community in Sawyers Hall Lane Brentwood 8-9.30 p.m. followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome. For more details please call 01277 215011 or 0208 531 7020.

## **A DAY WITH MARY**

A day with Mary at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stanford Le Hope in Essex, on Saturday 3rd May commencing at 10.00 a.m. Programme includes, Rosary, Mass etc., Bring shared lunch. Further information on 01375 415891.

## **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.

## **HEALING MASS**

Fr John Glynn will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick on Wednesday 7th May at 2.30. p.m. Call 01277 373959 for more details.

## **EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW 23rd May—25th May**

A weekend for young women aged 18-35 who would like to know more about the religious life - please call 01277 373959 for details.

## **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.

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

## **THANKS TO THE WHISTERS**

Correction — Thanks to Maureen McClean and the team of happy whisters for the donation of £168 during the year. Not £1668 as last weeks newsletter.

## **PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING**

The Praise and Worship Evening takes place at the SION Community Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Sunday 27th April from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

## **VACANCY**

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School is looking for a Class Teacher. Please call the school for further details on 01279 424452

## **VACANCY**

Walsingham House is looking for a Director of Retreats—details are on the Notice Board in the Church Porch.

## **MASS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS 5th May Westminster Cathedral**

Parishioners are invited to this Mass for Migrant Workers at Westminster Cathedral commencing at 11.00 a.m.

## **Send us to Oz**

A BIG thanks to all who attended and supported the quiz. It managed to Raise a total of £1400. This means that £125 is going to Richard House Children's Hospice in Beckton, for the Auction that took place, and £1275 will go towards paying for James Harold and James Ryan to go to World Youth Day in Australia. Both lads are very amazed at the turnout of the event and the amount it raised, and once again send their THANKS. THANKS people of Epping!!!

## **VOCATION ENQUIRY EVENING**

For those thinking about a call to the Priesthood. When: Friday 2nd May. Where: Abbotswick House of Prayer Navestock Side Brentwood Essex Please call Fr. Silver on 02085907222 for more details and to book a place.

## **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.

## **OPEN THE DOORS TO DIALOGUE**

Bishop Thomas is leading a conference on Catholic approaches to inter-faith relations at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre on Saturday 17th May 10.30 –3.30 p.m. Drinks provided but bring own lunch—to book a place call 01277 265289.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 26th & 27th April 2008**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Jackie Blanks R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Bob Nolan R.I.P. 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Intentions week commencing Monday 28th April 2008</u></b>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Nancy Thorpe R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Donor's Intention (E.T.)
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Friday	9.00 a.m. Fr Francis Tester R.I.P.
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Tommy Callaghan R.I.P.
Sunday (Ascension)	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish 11.00 a.m. Philip Connolly R.I.P.

**Baptisms: Oscar Bennett , Ella & Hannah Maskell (Twins) Congratulations**  
**First Holy Communion Class 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 30th April 2008**  
**Recently deceased: Please pray for Mr John Stimson, Brother of Mrs Catherine Seel**

**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, Barry Stibson, Anne Higham, Josie McGlynn, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Jeanette Mulligan, Margaret Yeardon, and Maddie Kavanagh

**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 22 Vicarage Road Coopersale All Welcome



Offerings last Week:

£ 1,204.09

Thank you

CAFOD:

£ 22.00