



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th September 2008

My Dear Friends,

This is a special weekend in our parish for several reasons. The present phase of the refurbishment of the Church is now complete with the installation of the new tabernacle on its stone plinth. I thank all those who have so generously sponsored the project. We are well on the way to paying for it all, so it is not too late to make a donation. This weekend also marks our annual observance of the Forty Hours Adoration before The Blessed Sacrament. Again, I wish to thank all those who have volunteered to watch and pray. Finally, twenty eight children will be enrolled for First Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. Mass. One of the many blessings of our parish is the ever increasing number of young families who come here to worship.

The second reading today contains St. Paul's memorable words about the obedience and humility of our Lord in accepting death upon a cross. As a consequence God the Father exalted Him and gave Him a name above all other names. In our adoration this weekend we bend our knees in reverence and awe and proclaim Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

On Wednesday I shall be flying to Australia for a month's leave, forsaking an English autumn for an Antipodean Spring. Deacon Duncan will be in over all charge while I am away, so I leave the parish in good hands.

God bless you, Fr James

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

You are warmly invited to a Praise and Worship Evening at SION Community Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Sunday 28th September at 7.30—9.00 p.m.

OASIS OF PEACE

Oasis of Peace (Medjugorje) Day Saturday 4th October 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in our Church includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Testimonies. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks supplied. For more info. please call Noreen on 01279 415006.

MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

Will members of the PPC please collect the minutes for the Parish Assembly from the post box in the Church Porch. A copy of the minutes is on the Notice Board.

BRES TERMLY LECTURE

30th September @ 7.30 “Praying with Julian of Norwich” delivered by Rt. Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, at Cathedral House, Brentwood.

DIOCESAN PIGRIMAGE 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Next meet is on Monday 13th October 7.30 p.m. in the hall. Please bring friends, everyone is welcome to join the session. If you have not been before, try it. It's a place where you can chill out, and enjoy having a chat whilst reflecting—young parishioner—Let's go for it.

VACANCY—ST. ELIZABETH'S CENTRE , MUCH HADAM

St. Elizabeth's is a non-maintained residential/day Catholic Special School for 80 learners aged 7-19 with epilepsy, autism and complex needs. The Governors wish to appoint two teachers in January 2009. Details are post on the Church notice board in the porch or contacting the school on 01279 844270.

VACANCY

St. Joseph's Convent School Wanstead require mid-day assistants 7.5 hours weekly term time only. For more details please contact Mrs Perrin at the school. Applications close 22 September

VACANCY

St Mark's West Essex Catholic School is looking for a Clerk to the Governors a.s.a.p. starting in November 2008. Please write to the school for an application form. More details can be found on the notice in the Church Porch. Closing date: 17th October.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

The first class for the children is 5.00—6.30 p.m. on Monday 29th September.

JOSEPHINE McGLYNN R.I.P.

Thank you to all who attended Josie's Requiem Mass on Wednesday 17th September. It was a beautiful Mass a fitting tribute to a very special lady. Thanks to Diane and Penny for arranging the flowers and Janet for playing the organ. The collection taken up at Josie's Requiem amounted to £130 which will be forwarded to the Society for Our Lady of Lourdes, Thank you, from "Josies Girls.

JUMBLE SALE

There is to be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 25th October. Helpers are required as well as lots of saleable items—so please keep the date free and support if you can.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI STRATFORD

St Francis Stratford are holding a three day parish retreat to celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. From Thursday 2nd October to Sunday 5th October. Please see notice in Church Porch for more details.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THEYDON BOIS—(Time period extended)

This year we are asking the children to design the Christmas card for distribution to all our homes in the village. The design should be on a pale background in one colour so that it can be printed onto our cards for Christmas. Closing date is now 5th October. Entries can be sent to Marie Tisi at 36 Morgan Crescent telephone 01992 814717. There are prizes for the winner and two runners up.

VACANCY

Iford Ursuline High School is looking for a catering assistant. Please contact 0208 554 1995 for more details and application form.

PEACE SERVICE 12TH OCTOBER 2008

Our church is acting as host for this year's Ecumenical Peace Service on Sunday 12th October at 4.00 p.m. All the churches in Epping and District will be joining us to pray for peace. We have a Catholic priest from St Ives (Cambridgeshire) as our speaker: Fr Paul Maddison has extensive experience of charitable work with the Palestinians in the Holy Land and is director of the charity Holy Land 2003. Please try to join us at this service, so that we may welcome with enthusiasm the fellow Christians from other Epping denominations. The service comprises of hymns, readings and a presentation from Fr Maddison. ECCA will be leading the singing and will include an anthem. There will be a retiring collection from Fr Maddison's charity. There will be refreshments afterwards.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
This weekend 27th and 28th September 2008

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Wayne Russell
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the parish 11.00 a.m. Molly Griffin R.I.P.
<u>Intentions week commencing Monday 29th September 2008</u>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Intention of Michael Jordan
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Josie McGlynn R.I.P. 8.00 p.m. Kathleen Byrne R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion
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Saturday	6.00 p.m. Intentions of Janet & Derek Wells
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Eddie O'Connor 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish


CAFOD: Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd Oct. Collection taken 4/5 October

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



Offerings last Week:	£ 1,224.01	Thank you
CAFOD:	£ 62.00	