



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Solemnity of All Saints

1st November 2009

This is one of those feast days which are so important that they take precedence over the Sunday in the liturgical calendar. We are celebrating something which is central to our faith: **we are celebrating the Communion of Saints**. This is not only an association of canonised souls, united in Christ, who have found their way to heaven after living exceptional lives. The Communion of Saints also includes the souls of the countless billions of ordinary Christians – many from our own families and friends – who did their best to please God, by the way in which they led their lives and that, through their baptism, are assured of their place in heaven with Jesus for eternity.

But the Communion of Saints also includes those of us who are 'still on our way' – still trying to please God, still experiencing the joys and difficulties of life – and who believe that the way in which we respond to the call of Jesus now will dictate how we are received into heaven when we are called by God to our own heavenly reward.

The richness of the joys and sorrows which we encounter in life, help us to grow in Christ and we can be sure that today's Christian community is 'on its way' as part of the eternal community of saints. We can look with love and admiration on the canonised and un-canonised saints in heaven. Let us be inspired by them and ask for their prayers. Of one thing we can be sure: **the Communion of Saints is alive and well and we have our own important part to play in its work.**

### Deacon Duncan

Please do come to the Parish Day of Recollection this Saturday 7th of November (see Page 3). Bishop John Crowley can be expected to provide a great spiritual 'lift' in our lives. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

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## **NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS**

You are invited to submit in the traditional manner lists of your deceased friends and relatives to be placed before the altar during the month of the Holy souls.

## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

Next on Saturday **14th November 10.30** a.m. in the Hall.

## **A NEW COURSE FOR ALTAR SERVERS** Starts Friday 6th November 5pm.

Anyone, boy or girl, man or woman, who has made his or her First Holy Communion, is welcome to attend. Please give your names to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan.

## **BAZAAR DATE: 5th December: 5 weeks to go!** - Next week Bottle Stall.

The bottles don't have to have alcohol in them, though that is always acceptable. Sauce, shampoo, cleaners, soft drinks... anything in glass or plastic gratefully received. There is a list in the porch for helpers to run stalls or help for a couple of hours.

## **ANNUAL SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED: 3pm Sunday 15th November**

This is arranged for all 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 Hall afterwards.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS and other items FOR SALE**

in the hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Also a few pieces of small furniture.

<b><u>SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>Sept</u></b>	<b><u>Year to date</u></b>
Offertory - envelopes & standing orders	4,013	23,160
Offertory from loose change	1,374	5,994
Other income	1,224	26,762
Total Income	6,611	55,916
Expenditure	11,817	47,120
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,206)	8,796

## **Gift Aid It**

HMRC will add 28% to your offertory contributions when tax payers join the gift aid scheme. Parishioners contributed ca. £15,000 to parish funds last year. Please contact Malcolm Heughan on 812012 for more details.

## **Loose Change**

Cannot be Gift Aided. We can supply a box of weekly offertory envelopes. Contact Malcolm Heughan on 812012.

### **CHILDREN'S NATIVITY DRAWING COMPETITION!**

Could all entries be submitted (ideally) by Sunday 1st November, please. Lots of time in half-term to be creative. There will be a box in the Church entrance to place them in.

### **CAN YOU PLAY 2 HYMNS ON THE PIANO?**

The 'Rejoice!' Choir would welcome an assistant pianist to fill in when our pianist is away. You will find us a friendly group. Please speak to us after 11am Mass.

### **PEACE SERVICE 25TH OCTOBER**

Thanks to all who attended the CTED Peace Service last Sunday. £440 was collected for ZANE (Zimbabwe, a National Disaster).

### **PRISONERS SUNDAY**

**15th November.** Please pray for prisoners and their families, that they don't give up hope. If you would like to contribute to their support, there are envelopes in the porch. Volunteers are also needed: please contact 0207490 3139.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Fr. James or Deacon

### **PARISH DAY OF SPIRITUAL RECOLLECTION**

Parishioners are warmly invited to a day of spiritual reflection and prayer conducted by the retired Bishop of Middlesborough, Mgr. John Crowley on

#### **SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER.**

This is open to all who worship here, but is particularly intended for those involved in any form of ministry or committee work as an opportunity for some spiritual renewal.

The Programme is as follows:

- 10.30 a.m.** Mass. (Bishop John to preach)
- 11.15** Coffee and chat
- 11.30** Talk
- 12.15 p.m.** Midday Prayer
- 12.30** Lunch break—please bring a packed lunch—hot drink provided.
- 1.30** Talk
- 2.15** Holy Hour in Church
- 3.00** Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Anyone unable to come for the whole day is welcome to come to part of it.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### This weekend 31st October / 1st November 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Canny Family deceased
Sunday	9 a.m.	Denise Collett, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 2nd November 2009

Monday	<i>All Souls</i>	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tuesday		9 a.m.	Billy Hanley, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday		9 a.m.	Denise Johnson, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday		9 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday		<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Requiem Rita Gill
Saturday		6 p.m.	Billy Hanley
Sunday		9 a.m.	People of the Parish
		11 a.m.	Wedding Anniv. Louise & Paul Knight

**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

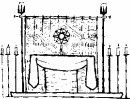
**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohey, Paulette Jarrold, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Kathleen Flower, Gladys Saunders, Arthur Devereaux, Jennifer Peacock, George Rimmer, David Jolly.

### **HOLY HOUR**

Monday  
at 8pm in Church.

*All Welcome*



### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Monday to Friday for an hour  
after 9 a.m. Mass  
and on Tuesday till 12.30

*Jesus awaits you*



### **ROSARY GROUP**

Friday at 5.00 p.m. at the  
home of Charles Ward  
22 Vicarage Road

Coopersale  
*All Welcome*



### **Offerings**

£ 1189.09

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**Thank you**