



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

4th Sunday of Easter

2nd/3rd May 2009

Dear Friends ,

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. That is why it is the day chosen as World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Pope Benedict has written to us about this day, inviting us to pray trustingly to God for those called to share in the Good Shepherd's ministry of caring for his flock.

The Pope also invites us to celebrate a Year for Priests beginning on 19th June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It is to be dedicated to promoting the spiritual well-being of priests and recognising the irreplaceable value of priestly ministry at the heart of the Church. Pope Benedict says that we should not allow ourselves to become discouraged by accepting as inevitable that a time will come when we have to do without priests. Once again, we entrust the whole Church to the Providence of God in our prayer for and encouragement of priestly vocations. Since the month of May is especially dedicated to Our Lady, we might well pray a decade of the rosary each day for this intention.

Next weekend, twenty of our children will be making their First Holy Communion, followed by ten more the Saturday after, May 16th. Please pray for all of them, their families and their catechists.

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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## **BAPTISMS**

Ava Gaskin and Eoin Jones — congratulations.

## **PROCEEDS FROM JUMBLE SALE**

The sum of £530 was raised for parish funds. Many thanks to Janet Abbott and her generous helpers.

## **CHANGES ON CHURCH SANCTUARY:**

Following the largely enthusiastic response to the Benches and Tabernacle & Stand, it has been agreed by the Parish Council that an Ambo and Font, in a style to complement the Altar, should be provided. Whilst this is being done, the sanctuary carpet, which is in a poor state of repair, will be replaced, taking the opportunity to change the colour to a suitable shade of blue. This will then complete all the planned works. Note particularly that it is not intended to re-model the sanctuary floor, nor to replace the crucifix, nor to modify the altar in any way. It has been agreed that the Ambo and Font will be self-financing and, with the help of a very recent bequest and other pledges, most of the funds required are already available. If any parishioner would like to contribute towards this beautification of our church, please let Fr James have your contribution (gift-aided if possible).

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

This will be on May 10th—16th. The envelopes are now ready in the Church porch. Volunteers are reminded that they can only collect within those dates. The parishioners are invited to pray that the collectors will meet with only generosity and kindness.

## **CAFOD**

Bike Ride 10 or 19 miles through Lea Valley Park and along the canal tow path. Sunday 7th June. Fun day out for all the family. Phone 0208 502 9722.

## **SPIRITUALITY EVENING**

'Where is Wholeness to be found?' Speaker: Sr. Monica Butler, R.S.M. On 7th May at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. Cost: £5 waged, £3 unwaged.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO ARS & PARAY-LE-MONIAL**

St John Vianney Catholic Church in Clayhall has organized a pilgrimage to Ars-sur-Formans and Paray-le-Monial to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of St John Vianney. The pilgrimage takes place from October 26 - October 30 2009. The price is £465 for adults and £400 for children aged 12 or under. Travel insurance is NOT included in the price and must be arranged individually. Contact Fr Jeba Marshall on 020 8550 4540 for more information.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**

The envelopes for the next year are now available from the back of the Church— please pick up your box. If you want any further information about the envelope scheme or Gift Aid, please contact Malcolm Heughan on 812012.

### **SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION**

for the elderly (60+): Flat 26, St. Anne's, St. Anne's Close (off Whitmore Way), Stifford Clays, Grays, Essex RM16 2AY. A double 1-bedroom 1<sup>st</sup>–floor flat with wet room. Newly-refurbished, modern, self-contained, gas central heating. Passenger and stair lifts available. Warden and careline assisted. CCTV and Secure entry systems. Communal gardens, laundry and lounge. Charity run. Within short walking distance from shops, health centre, buses and church. £136.33 per week, inclusive of services and support charges. Contact Brentwood Branch (CWL) Housing Association Ltd. on 01702 510523.

### **DAY OF RENEWAL**

Friends' House, London (opposite Euston Station). 10.30 am to 5 pm. on Saturday 16th May. Main Speaker David Payne, founder of the CAFE Movement. Powerful ministry of Healing and Praise; also Prayer for the ongoing Safety of London.

**GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP** at St. Mary's and St. Ethelburga's Church, Linton Road, Barking on Saturday 16th May. 10 am to 5.30 pm, after Mass of Sunday. Previous experience not necessary. Bring packed lunch. Drinks provided. Cost: £7, or £5 for the unwaged. Phone 0208 594 2849 for more information.

### **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY?**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 – 9.30pm, Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. For information, please phone 01277 265219/257

**HEALING MASS**—at Abbotswick House of Prayer Thursday 7th May 2.30 pm with Fr. John Glynn.

**OPEN MORNING** at the Ilford Ursuline Prep School on Thursday 7th May 9—12 noon. Independent Roman Catholic School for girls. Now open at Nursery level for boys/girls from age 3. Info: email: [Hroddy@ilfordursuline-prep.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:Hroddy@ilfordursuline-prep.redbridge.sch.uk)

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single practising Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events. For more information please tel. **0161 941 3498**, visit the website **[www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk)** or email **[info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)**

### **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Mary Wood, <i>R.I.P.</i> 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish
<b><u>Intentions Week beginning Monday 4th May 2009</u></b>	
Monday	9.00 a.m. Cleonagh Jolly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Reverend Patrick Smee, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00 a.m. George Brennan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9.00 a.m. John Murrhy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	11.00 a.m. First Holy Communicants 6.00 p.m. Thecla Floor
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, <i>R.I.P.</i> 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish 3.00 p.m. First Holy Communicants

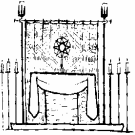
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturday after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Paulette Jarrold, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

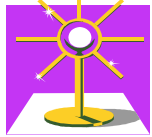
**HOLY HOUR**

Monday  
8 pm in Church  
*All Welcome.*




**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Monday to Friday  
for an hour after Mass  
and Tuesday till 12.30 p.m.



**ROSARY GROUP**

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



**Offerings** £ 1286.31

**of which CAFOD:** £ 42.50 **Thank you**