



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

27th Sunday of the Year

4th October 2009

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

From the earliest times, God intended that men and women should be in partnership to procreate their kind in his name. Up to the time of Moses, there were no clear guidelines for people to follow regarding relationships between the sexes – come to that, there was little obvious guidance on any moral issue!

Over the centuries we have tried to become more civilised: as Christians, we promote God's concept of 'family', based on a permanent bond between mother, father and children – with all the attendant difficulties in relationships. Our primary aim should always be to live lives which are wholly pleasing to God. Every one of us comes from a family. We all had a father and a mother, just as God intended. We have all experienced a mother's love and, for most of us, our father's care and support within the family has also helped to form our character. Unfortunately, some marriages fail and there is a clarion-call for our Christian love and support to be brought into play; these days, the separated and divorced play an important role in the 'balance' of the faith community. As part of God's plan, marriage is not for everyone: single people also provide a powerful influence within society. Similarly, the widowed are welcomed within our community and their contribution is valued and encouraged. Children, too, have their part to play. We are all part of a 'loving family of faith' and no-one should feel excluded.

The very stern tone in the first part of today's Gospel leads us to consider what God asks of us in our personal relationships; we should pray for enlightenment. The second part of the Gospel reminds us that we were all once children and that we should make the effort to love God and our neighbour as God loves us, whatever the circumstances, and express this love with a child-like simplicity. It is not for us to be judgmental about our neighbour....that is God's role alone.

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“Every time we look at Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, our place in Heaven is raised for ever” - St. Gertrude. Jesus invites us to spend time with Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament: *“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”*

40 HOURS ADORATION: Till 12 noon on Sunday 4th October (includes Mass)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS’ MEETING

8pm Tuesday 6th October in the Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Next on Saturday **17th October 10.30** a.m. in the Hall.

PARISH DAY OF SPIRITUAL RECOLLECTION

Saturday 7th November 10.30 to 3.30. This will be conducted by Bishop John Crowley, retired Bishop of Middlesborough. All are welcome.

EPPING CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Monday 5th October 7.30—9.30 pm in the Hall. A great programme has been planned. Don’t miss out!

A NEW COURSE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

will start on Friday 6th November at 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.

OASIS OF PEACE DAY—Saturday 31st October in our church.

Date for your diary: Restore to Halloween its original meaning: the Eve of All Saints’ Day (All Hallow’s Eve), and let’s celebrate in prayer: *“In prayer you will find your deepest joy”*. **10.30 to 4.** Mass at 11.50. Bring packed lunch; drinks provided.

BAZAAR COUNTDOWN

Time to give the Bazaar Juggernaut a nudge. December 5th seems ages away, but by appealing for different things each week, the stalls can be well stocked. The appeal next week is for White Elephants i.e., something you hate and someone else will love.

Does death from AIDS result from the attitude of the Catholic Church?

Fr Stephen Langridge, from Southwark Diocese and an acknowledged expert on this subject, will be coming to our Church Hall on **TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER AT 8pm** to enlighten us all. Everyone is invited – parishioners and all-comers – with the opportunity of questioning Fr Langridge on this thorny issue. Tape your TV programmes for the evening and come to hear this talk on a most riveting subject!

SVP RAFFLE NEXT WEEKEND: SAT/SUN OCTOBER 10TH/11TH

The proceeds of the raffle go to SVP's work nationally and internationally, and especially to, e.g., desperately-needed emergency aid in Sudan, where SVP runs baby-feeding stations. Please bring your wallets and purses!

ADVANCE NOTICE RE SAT. 26TH DEC.

(Boxing Day) There will be no 6pm Mass on that day.

LOVE AT THE HEART OF THINGS

A time of prayer for young adults with the relics of St Therese of Lisieux. Special Liturgy with the relics of St. Therese for young adults at **7.30pm on Wed.14th Oct.** at Westminster Cathedral, followed by an All-Night Vigil. Email info@bcys.net for your **free** ticket

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 10th October, 2pm in our hall. **Help** wanted to sort Friday and sell Sat. The hall will be open from 2.30 until 7.30 Friday 9th and 10.30 Sat.10th morning. **Jumble is urgently needed, please!**
Cakes will be welcome to have with a cup of tea, please.

PRAY WITH ST. THERESE

Young adults' Liturgy 7.30 Wed 14th Oct Westminster Cathedral, followed by All-Night Vigil. info@bcys.net for free ticket.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO PRAY FOR PEACE – 25th OCTOBER

This annual CTED Service will be in our church at 4pm on Sunday 25th October. Support from all the local Christian congregations is normally very good and you are invited to help us, as enthusiastic hosts, to show our joint concern for peace – in the world, in our country, in our community, in our homes and in our minds. There will be an inspirational speaker – Mr Tom Benyon, Founder Trustee of Z.A.N.E. (Zimbabwe, a National Emergency), who will enlighten us about some of the horrific happenings and hardship in that country. There will be a retiring collection for ZANE (if you are unable to be present, your donations could be handed to Fr James or Deacon Duncan beforehand!). Tea and biscuits will be served in the Church Hall afterwards, when there will be an opportunity to talk to Tom Benyon and to collect informative literature.

Please come!! Please bring your friends and family. Community prayer is very powerful. Any queries to Deacon Duncan.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 3rd/4th October 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Teresa Carney, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Kathy McQueen, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 5th October 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Douglas Dew, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Fr. Brian Welsh, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Sheila and Louis Ives, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	John Glynn, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	6 p.m.	Frances Crossan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Mr and Mrs Tisi - <i>Ruby Wedding</i>

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

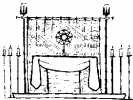
Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohey, Paulette Jarrold, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie, Kathleen

HOLY HOUR

Monday
at 4pm in Church.

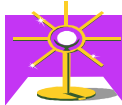
All Welcome

Please note new time



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

£ 1,320.15

Of which CAFOD

£91.62

Thank you