



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th/5th July 2009

Dear Friends,

There is a paradox permeating Christian faith and practice, which is not always recognised: **strength and weakness**. We speak of God as almighty or all-powerful, yet we worship God-made-man as One who suffered and died in humiliating circumstances.

The opening prayer today speaks of the obedience of Jesus, and St. Paul, reflecting on his own following of Christ, says: ***When I am weak, then I am strong***. The way of the world is that of aggressive pushiness. The weakest go to the wall and society has no time for losers. As Christians, we must resist such a mindset. We are not to go it alone, depending upon our own human resources; we are to recognise our natural frailty and to call constantly upon God to come to our aid.

Jesus did not praise the strong, and He did not court those in high places. Instead, He said: ***Blessed are the gentle*** and ***Blessed are the poor in spirit***. In this Ordinary Time of the Christian Year, we are to remember that we are ordinary people in ordinary circumstances; we lead ordinary lives. However, the ordinary is graced by God and, day by day, we are called upon to discern His power and presence in the little things of life.

God bless you always,
Father James

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A call has gone out from Archbishop Vincent Nichols to spend one hour a week in prayer before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament to pray for our priests, at the beginning of this **Year for Priests**. He says, '*The practice would sustain us in our life together, enable us to thank God wholeheartedly for the gift of our priests*'. The Pope has held up the Cure of Ars and the stigmatized Saint Pio of Pietrelcina as models of the priesthood.

BAPTISM

Charlotte Willis. Congratulations

MARRIAGE

(July 9th). Joanne Rainey and Paul Chapman. Congratulations.

FATHER BILL ON THE MOVE

After eight years as the Dan of Brentwood Cathedral, Fr. Bill Nix will be moving in the autumn to take up a new posting as parish priest of Braintree.

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Father James is looking for a volunteer to edit a parish magazine for our parish. Only two issues a year. Please let him or Deacon Duncan know if you are interested.

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS!

If you lead a group or run an activity in the parish, please write a few lines about the past year's activities and drop into the presbytery, clearly marked: PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT, or send by email. Thank you!

SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Orders have now been placed for the new sanctuary carpet and the stone lectern and font. It is hoped that the work will be completed by mid-September.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL SINGERS

are making a return visit to Our Lady of Grace, Station Road, Chingford, on **Sunday 12th July at 7 p.m.** Tickets are £7. Bookings: please call 07973 686756 or email music@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

ECCA CONCERT: ‘*Some Enchanted Evening*’. (Sacred & Secular music)
Saturday 11th July at St. John’s Epping at 7.30 pm. Entrance free.
Programmes £2. Refreshments during the interval. All Welcome.

IS THIS FOR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?: Journey in Faith

An information evening will be held in the Presbytery at **8pm on Wednesday 5th August**, when the programme will be outlined. All those wishing to **learn about our wonderful Catholic Faith** are encouraged to attend this meeting, at which dates and times of the meetings during the year ahead will be discussed. Please let Deacon Duncan or Fr. James know if you can attend the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot attend it.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION / READERS

Please collect your new rotas from the post box in the porch. There is a copy on the web site.

CTED CHILDREN’S WORK REVIEW-

To revitalise the children’s mission in Epping. Anyone interested in helping to put together a strategy for the next 2 years or simply to find out about it, is asked to attend a meeting on Thursday **July 16th at 8pm** at 2nd Chapter, 7, Station Rd, Epping. phone: 571555

AIDS, CONDOMS & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Is the Pope a mass murderer? A date for your diary!: 13th October 8pm in the Hall—a presentation with the theme taken from Polly Toynbee of the Guardian, who regards the Pope as a mass murderer because of the Church’s teaching. Public material to prove its wisdom. Discussion. Open to all, Catholic or not.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

The Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has a vacancy for a full-time Senior Administrator based at the head office in Rayleigh, Essex. The successful candidate will be literate in up-to-date IT software packages; have proven administration experience at a senior level and ability to manage a small team. The closing date is 16th July 2009 and interviews will be conducted on Friday 24th July 2009. Phone 01268 784544.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 4th/5th July 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Annie Ryan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Pamela Flipping
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 6th July 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Jennifer Peacock (sick)
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Cleonagh Jolly <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Mavis Webb <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Smith / Whitehouse Families
Friday	9 a.m.	Fr. John Mack, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Robert Hedley, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	People of the Parish

Alleluia 11am Mass: *Sing praises to the Lord, Alleluia! Sing praise to greet His Word, Alleluia. His Word is a sign of His Wisdom and His Love, Alleluia, al-*

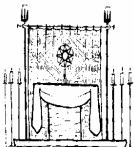
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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, Paulette Jarrold, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

HOLY HOUR

Monday
at 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

£ 1209.63

Mission Appeal last week:
£ 280-00

of which CAFOD:

£ 80.03

Thank you