



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

23rd Sunday of the Year

6th September 2009

Dear Friends,

In the last couple of decades, the study of history has undergone a considerable change. Until then, reflections on the past were mainly about kings and emperors, battles and mighty warriors. Now, much greater attention is being paid to social history, to the lives of ordinary people who, in their own day, were unable to speak for themselves. This new-found emphasis was long overdue, and reflects the concerns voiced by Jesus and the writers of the New Testament. In today's reading from St. James, we hear the following words:

***It is those who are poor according to the world that God chose to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom.***

In our world of so-called celebrity culture, the need to recognise the dignity and worth of the poor is as great as ever. It is not by accident that the first of Our Lord's Beatitudes is:

***Blessed are the poor in spirit.***

God bless you always,  
Father James

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### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

All applications must be handed in by Sunday September 6th. There will be a parents' information evening at 8 pm on Tuesday 22nd September.

### **FORTY HOURS' ADORATION**

will take place from **8 pm on Friday 2nd October**, beginning with Holy Mass, to 12 noon on Sunday 4th October, ending with Holy Mass at 11. As usual, we appeal for watchers to cover the entire period, especially the night hours. There is a rota on the notice board for the names of watchers. As Our Lord said, ***"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"*** If you would like a candle to burn throughout the 40 hours for a deceased loved one, please enclose their name and £1 per candle in an envelope, and put through the door of the presbytery, clearly marked, **"40 Hours"**.

### **BAPTISM**

Jabob Wells — Congratulations

### **80th BIRTHDAY**

Mr. John Hannis—congratulations

### **MISS JOYCE PECK, R.I.P.**

Funeral Mass 10.15 Tuesday, 8th September.

### **JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday, 10th October, in our hall.

### **THANK YOU**

to Janet Abbots for £200 raised at car boot sales.

### **WHIST DRIVE**

on Thursday 10th September at 7 pm at 10, Bower Court, Epping. Admission £2 with refreshments. All welcome.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

meets on Wednesday, 9th September at 8 pm in the presbytery. Any interested parishioner will be welcomed.

### **ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE, WARE—England's oldest Catholic School**

Old Hall Green, Nr. Ware, Herts, SG11 1DS, will be holding their annual Open Morning on Saturday, 26 September, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Everyone Welcome. For further details, phone 01920 824247. [www.stedmundscollege.org](http://www.stedmundscollege.org)

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

## **"YoUth GrOuP IS BACK!**

Monday 7th September 2009, in the Church Hall at 7.30pm, hope to see everyone there, bring friends also, don't forget to follow us on Facebook to see any updates under Epping Catholic Youth Group. Hope to see you there.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR 'LIFE'**

On Tuesday 29th September, Feast of St Michael the Archangel, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information contact: The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740

## **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MASS**

Saturday 26th September at 3.30pm in the Cathedral. to celebrate the vocation of marriage and the joy of family life which are fundamental to our sustained growth as a Christian community. As part of that growth we are setting up a network of couples to help and support Marriage and Family Life ministry in our parishes. Hopefully some of those families who come to the Mass will be interested in becoming part of this network. R.S.V.P. by 11th September, please, to Phil Butcher on 01277 265252

## **ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY**

will meet on Saturday 19th September at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. Dr. James Hagerty, author of a recent biography of Cardinal Hinsley, will give a talk entitled, 'Cardinal Hinsley: the cross and the flag'. For further details please phone 01268 289678

## **CHURCH READERS**

We are seeking volunteers for his important ministry. In particular we need to supplement the team at 6pm Mass. An introductory training session is arranged for Saturday 19th September at 10.00 a.m. in the Church. If you can help please contact Fr James or Deacon Duncan. The commitment should be about one weekend a month.

**AIDS, CONDOMS & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**—a presentation by Fr. Stephen Langridge, parish priest, Balham. Tuesday 13th October at 8pm in our hall. All welcome, Catholic or not.

## **BRES AUTUMN LECTURE**

on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Cathedral House. Fr Christopher O'Donnell O.Carm, author and theologian, will speak on '*The Challenge of St Thérèse: Thoughts on the visit of her Relics*'. Tel: BRES on 01277 265285. Cost: £5 waged, £3 unwaged.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### This weekend 5th and 6th September 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Margaret White, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Moira Keenan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 7th September 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Frank Smith, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	<b>10.15</b> a.m.	<i>Requiem:</i> Joyce Peck, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Intentions of Liddall Family
Thursday	9 a.m.	Doug Bere, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Douglas Dew, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Ajita & Anita (thanksgiving)
Sunday	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Annie Thompson, <i>R.I.P.</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, 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 Flower,

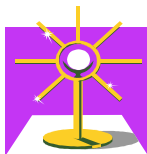
### HOLY HOUR

Monday  
at 8 pm in Church.  
*All Welcome*



### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

for an hour after 9am Mass each  
weekday and Tuesdays till 12.30



### ROSARY GROUP

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



### Offerings

£ 1,108.99

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£62.04

**Thank you**