



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th / 8th February 2009

Dear Friends,

The Mass readings today tackle the reality of human suffering. The God-fearing man, Job, was beset by a series of disasters, yet his faith remained steadfast. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is confronted with all sorts of sickness and oppression. To those who came to Him with all their suffering, He exercised compassion. He faces the sick with the love of God, and stays committed to caring for them. Through the witness and healing work of Jesus, we are encouraged to hold on to the truth that God loves us in our weakness and fragility. We see a reflection of the care exercised by Jesus in the commitment of our doctors, nurses and health workers: all, in fact, who attend to the sufferings of others. No doubt they often protest inwardly at the pain they encounter in their work, but they carry on. That is their enduring witness and we must all be grateful for it.

We do well to note from the gospel today that Jesus, no matter how busy He was, and no matter what demands were made on Him, always began His day with prayer. If we tell ourselves that we are too busy to pray, then we are simply too busy. Without daily recourse to God's grace, we will burn ourselves out and lose all sense of purpose.

God bless you always,
Father James

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ASH WEDNESDAY

25th February. Mass at 10a.m. and 8 p.m. Day of fasting and abstinence.

HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

5 pm Monday 9th February in the Hall.

PARENTS' SESSION

Tuesday 24th February, 8 p.m. in the Hall.

LOURDES FORMS

Those young people wanting to go to Lourdes in July 2009, forms NEED! to be sent back to the BCYS. Places are filling up and we want a great show from Epping this year. Any information about it all see a leader of the Youth Group.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for Mrs. Valerie Pascoe, who died last week.

FIVE EVENINGS WITH ST. PAUL — LENT TALKS

Fr. Michael Butler will give five talks on the subject of St. Paul in our Church Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursdays 26th February, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April. In this year dedicated to St. Paul, it is good to have an opportunity of reflection in this way. Tea/coffee will be provided at 7.45 p.m. A £5 contribution towards expenses is suggested for a single talk, or £10 for all talks.

FATHER STAN FORTUNA

is a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal based in the Bronx, New York. He is an internationally renowned speaker to young people: his style includes a mix of rap and song, and there is a rare opportunity to hear him speak in our diocese on SUNDAY MARCH 15TH from 4.30pm. Open to all aged 15+. For full information visit www.bcys.net/frstan

A PRACTISING CATHOLIC PASSIONATE ABOUT PRIMARY EDUCA-

TION? St. Helen's and St. Mary's Infants and Junior School, Walthamstow, require a Headteacher. If interested, contact 020 8988 5430 or email: gilles.paoli@eduaction.com.

VOLUNTEER BOOK-KEEPER/ACCOUNTANT FOR PARISH ACCOUNTS

We are looking for someone to take on the preparation and reporting of our parish accounts: Responsible to the parish priest. (Currently delegated to Deacon Duncan). The job involves approximately 6-8 hours each month, at any suitable time, either in the parish office, or at home. There is an up-and-running diocesan-based computer programme, with off-line support. Membership of the parish Finance and Development Committee, which meets quarterly. Initially to 'shadow' Deacon Duncan, with a view to taking full responsibility from 6th April 2009.

VOLUNTEER CARETAKER FOR CHURCH, PRESBYTERY AND GROUNDS (NOT CHURCH HALL).

We are seeking a practical person to have oversight on maintenance issues, as follows: Responsible to the parish priest. (Currently delegated to Deacon Duncan). The job is spasmodic in nature, with no set hours of work or expected time commitment and simply needs an eye being kept on emerging needs. To identify small maintenance requirements and to effect repairs etc., either personally or through contractors. To oversee the work of the church contract cleaners and other contractors. To purchase minor maintenance items as required (cost refunded). Commence as soon as convenient.

Please contact Fr. James or Deacon Duncan to discuss.

St Clare's RC Primary School, Cloes Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO16 8AG Tel: 01255 425344

Headteacher required for 1st September 2009 for this Group 3 Primary School (ISR 18 - 24)

Governors are looking to appoint an experienced leader who is a dynamic, enthusiastic, inspirational and committed practising Catholic who will support the distinctive ethos of the school. For further details please contact the school.

OUR CHURCH HALL

is available for hire at competitive rates all year round. For details, ring Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or 0776 440 4813. Feel free to tell your friends.

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
This weekend 7th/8th February 2009

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Jim Walsh, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
	11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions week commencing Monday 9th February 2009

Monday	9.00 a.m. Justin O'Callaghan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Oswald Pelosi, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Nora Clark, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Fr. M. O'Rourke, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9.00 a.m. Edith Teasdale, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Margaret George, <i>R.I.P.</i>
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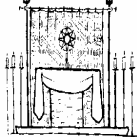
Morning Prayer will be held 15 minutes before 9am Morning Mass.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30 — 12.00 Noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

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

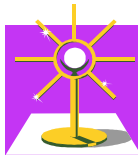
HOLY HOUR

Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the 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

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



Offerings

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Thank you