



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

5th Sunday of Easter

9th/10h May 2009

Dear Friends ,

In today's gospel, Jesus says to us: *Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you.* The words could not be more appropriate for a weekend of Holy Communion celebrations when twenty of our children are receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. Presenting children for First Holy Communion is one of the most important activities in which any parish is engaged. We are handing on to them what we ourselves have received in our unbroken chain of faith practice that reaches back to the Last Supper. Every Catholic church has a tabernacle for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. However, we do well to remember that we are all meant to be living tabernacles where Christ makes His home. He lives in us and we live in Him. Christian living has to be fruitful and such fruitfulness is discerned by the signs of love, joy, peace and patience.

Pray for our children, the Church not only of today, but also the Church of tomorrow. Pray also for their families, in which their faith is nurtured. Let us pray also for ourselves, that we may be ever faithful to our great inheritance.

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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## **BAPTISMS**

Charlie Austin Davis — congratulations.

## **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.

## **THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

- (1) needs new members to visit the elderly, people in hospital and anyone who wants a visit. the commitment can be as little as one or two hours a week. Please speak to Fr. James or any S.V.P. member if you are interested.
- (2) Please bring your wallets and purses to Mass on the last weekend in May, the 30th/31st, for the SVP retiring collection for international aid. Our parish is twinned with four Indian parishes' SVP Conferences, and your contributions support them financially. Any additional funds will go to the International Disaster Fund to support some 30 baby feeding units in the Sudan.

## **WHIST DRIVE**

Tuesday 19th May at 7 p.m. Admission £2 with refreshments. All welcome. At 36, Morgan Crescent, Theydon Bois.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

All those saddened by bereavement are welcome to a cup of tea and a chat at the presbytery on Sunday 17th May at 6 p.m.

## **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.

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

October 26 – October 30. £465 for adults and £400 for children of 12 yrs and under. More information? Ring 020 8550 4540.

## **ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER**

in Doddinghurst invites all young adults (aged 18-38) to spend a weekend of enlightenment and sharing with Fr. William Jerema. After his success last year he is back with a new topic: IN HIS IMAGE: EXPLORING THE SEVEN DWELLING PLACES OF TERESA OF AVILA. Friday 29th - Sunday 31st May 2009. Details available on: [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) on tel. 01277 373959

### **ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER**

is holding a Day on the Eucharist on Saturday 23rd May with Mr Raymond de Souza, an EWTN host (see poster in porch). This important event is geared at helping people throughout the diocese deepen their understanding of this great mystery.

**THE SVP ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP** is a brilliant holiday opportunity for boys and girls aged 8 – 13. The boys weeks for 2009 are 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July; 25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August. The girls' week is 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. The camp site is 40 acres with many sporting activities, plus canoeing, archery and much more. Accommodation is in tents; all food and sporting equipment is provided. The full cost is £130, but any family in financial need should speak to Fr James or the Parish SVP representative, Paul Ives, to see what financial assistance is available. Forms and more details can be found on **[www.bcys.net/bosco](http://www.bcys.net/bosco)**. **Volunteer helpers** are also needed for the camp – must be aged 16+. It is commitment that is essential to the running of the camp – you will make a difference and have a great time.

### **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.

**ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE: A Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives married couples time to look at their relationship. There will be a series of presentations on various aspects of relationship, including the Catholic Church's Vision for Marriage. After each presentation some time is spent together as a couple, reflecting on what has been heard. It is a private weekend with no group discussions. The Weekend to be held is at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent, on 26th – 28th June 2009. If you are interested please call Caroline & Michael L'Estrange on 01277 841051 or go to **[www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)**, through which you can also arrange a booking.

### **TEACHERS REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER 2009**

at St. Ursula's Catholic Infant School, Romford. Senior Leadership vacancies - Deputy Head Teacher L8-12, Learning Support Leader TLR2a and Phase Leader (KS1 initially) TLR2a. Further information from Mrs. Noel McNab, Head Teacher, Tel: 01708 345200, e-mail:head@st-ursulas-inf.havering@lgfl.net

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**This weekend 9th/10th May 2009**

Saturday 11 a.m. First Holy Communicants  
6 p.m. People of the Parish  
Sunday 9 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, *R.I.P.*  
11 a.m. People of the Parish  
3 p.m. First Holy Communicants

**Intentions Week Beginning 11th May 2009**

Monday 9 a.m. John Murrhly, *R.I.P.*  
Tuesday 9 a.m. Win Jones, *R.I.P.*  
Wednesday 9 a.m. Doug Bere, *R.I.P.*  
Thursday 9 a.m. Michael Corsi, *R.I.P.*  
Friday 9 a.m. Des Toohey, *R.I.P.*  
Saturday 11 a.m. First Holy Communicants  
6 p.m. People of the Parish  
Sunday 9 a.m. Les Wilson, *R.I.P.*

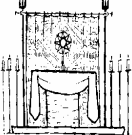
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**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,

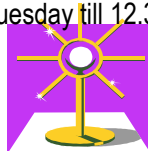
**HOLY HOUR**

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**

£ 1138.82

**of which CAFOD:**

£ 90.00

**Thank you**