



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

28th Sunday of the Year

11th October 2009

Dear Friends,

The Kingdom of God cannot be bought: indeed, worldly wealth makes it difficult to enter it. Such is the emphatic message of Jesus in the Gospel today. We ignore it at our peril. Because of modern media, especially satellite T.V. and the internet, our world has become a very small place. We are confronted every day by the staggering contrast between the rich and the poor. We are tempted to think that our modest, middle-class existence puts us somewhere in between. Let's make no mistake about it, we have to be numbered amongst the wealthy of the world. The challenge of the Gospel is meant for us: warning us against complacency and urging us to strive for a much fairer distribution of the Earth's resources.

The Forty Hours' Adoration last week was a source of great blessing for our parish. I thank all those who actively participated, especially for all who kept the rota of watchers going throughout the two nights. A special word of thanks is due to Mrs. Suzanne Newbury for her superb flower arrangements. Next month parishioners will have a further opportunity for spiritual strengthening when Bishop John Crowley will come to give us a Day of Recollection: Sat. 7th November 10.30 to 3.30. Make a note in your diary now.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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

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.

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 DATE: 5th December

The children of the parish have the opportunity to contribute to the success of the Bazaar by giving toys in good condition. Christmas is coming, so space will be needed in the toy cupboard.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND READERS' ROTAS

Please will the above collect the new rotas from the post box.

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 rivetting subject!

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP—Sunday 11 am Mass—Term Time Only

This group is for children aged 4 to 9 years and older siblings of those who attend. We urgently require helpers to ensure that this group can continue. Mums and Dads of the children who attend this group would be particularly welcomed to help teach our children the word of God. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please ring Norah on 01992 577932.

ADVANCE NOTICE RE SAT. 26TH DEC.

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

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

SVP RAFFLE THIS 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. Thank you for giving generously.

PRAY WITH THE RELICS OF ST. THERESE

At Westminster Cathedral Monday 12th Oct 5 pm to Thurs. 15th 7pm. More information on www.rcdow.org.uk

BRIGHT AND LIGHT SAT. 31ST OCTOBER 5.30 to 7 pm

Calling all school children upto year 7 to join in our alternative message to Halloween: an ecumenical party with bouncy castle, games and prayer. At St. John's C. of E. Church. Free tickets from Mary Morgan 574719.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO PRAY FOR PEACE – SUN. 25th OCTOBER

In our church at 4pm. Support from local Christian congregations is normally very good and you are invited to help us, as enthusiastic hosts, to show our joint concern for peace 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 Hall afterwards, when there will be an opportunity to talk to Tom Benyon and to collect informative literature. Queries to Deacon Duncan.

MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

Will members please collect their copies of the Minutes of the Parish Assembly on September 23rd from the Post Box. A copy of the Minutes is on the Notice Board.

DAY of SPIRITUAL RECOLLECTION FOR ALL PARISH HELPERS

Bishop John Crowley (Bishop Emeritus of Middlesborough Diocese) has agreed to lead a **Day of Spiritual Recollection** in our Parish on **SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2009**. The event is open to all parishioners over the age of 15, but particularly those who are involved in any parish activity or committee. Everyone is invited to attend and benefit from the spiritual guidance which Bishop John imparts on such occasions.

The event will be free of charge to all parishioners and will commence with Mass at 10.30am, followed by a coffee break, two talks, light lunch, Holy Hour and Benediction, finishing at 3.15pm.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 10th/11th October 2009

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>

Intentions Week Beginning 12th October 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Amanda Steer, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Paddy Keating, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Sir Evelyn Russell, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Fr. Ivan Rudkin, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Ann Heron, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Byrne Family deceased
Sunday	9 a.m.	Barbara Ryan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

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

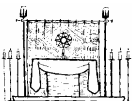
Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohey, Paulette Jarrold, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie, Kathleen

HOLY HOUR

Monday
at 4pm in Church.

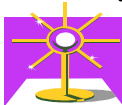
All Welcome

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

£ 1518.68

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£44.00

Thank you