



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Easter Sunday

12th April 2009

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen, alleluia! We join our fellow believers all over the world in celebrating the good news that is at the heart of the gospel. We are called to be witnesses to the world of the risen Lord. At a time of economic gloom and depression, there is a desperate need for a bit of light and joy which we ought to be able to provide. The Christian life style dares to be different by demonstrating that real and lasting happiness lies not in consumerism and the acquisition of wealth, but in service to others and a generous sharing of what we have. As Scripture says, *God loves a cheerful giver*. It is vitally important that what we say and sing with our lips we must practise and show forth in our daily lives.

We welcome into our faith community four friends, who, having completed the Journey in Faith Course, were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil: Raya Benchikh, Stuart Clark, Adam Frost and Laura Hayes. We also congratulate Anika Psurek who was confirmed. We wish them every grace and joy.

A warm word of thanks is also owing to all, too numerous to mention, who made a positive contribution to all our Easter ceremonies.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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EASTER MONDAY April 13th: Mass at 10 a.m.

BOOKS FOR SWAZILAND: The Epping Churches are helping to build a library for a rural community in this poor African State. A box is in the church porch to receive good condition second-hand books. Children's books, reference books, up-to-date atlases, medical books and classics—no adult fiction, please.

CHANGES ON CHURCH SANCTUARY: Following the largely enthusiastic response to the Benches and Tabernacle & Stand, it has been agreed by the Parish Council that an Ambo and Font, in a style to complement the Altar, should be provided. Whilst this is being done, the sanctuary carpet, which is in a poor state, will be replaced, taking the opportunity to change the colour to a suitable shade of blue. This will then complete all the planned works. Note particularly that it is not intended to re-model the sanctuary floor, nor to replace the crucifix, nor to modify the altar in any way. It has been agreed that the Ambo and Font will be self-financing and, with the help of a very recent bequest and other pledges, most of the funds required are already available. If any parishioner would like to contribute towards this beautification of our church, please let Fr James have your contribution (gift-aided if possible).

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMS

Once again, a merry band of students was housed and fed in our Parish Hall before they began the week's walk to Walsingham. they have promised to pray for the parish, for C.T.E.D., and for Ann, Louise and Dorothy, who prepared the food.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

is just a month away. The parish will be seeking the usual help to collect from the houses in the streets allocated to us by Churches Together in Epping.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND PARADE OF HONOUR

19th April 1.45 pm from the Civic Offices to the War Memorial, Church Hill. This year, the Parade will be supported by the unit of Marine George Sparks, *R.I.P.*, 42 Commando Royal Marines. Marine Georgie Sparks, baptised in our church, tragically lost his life in Afghanistan in November last year.

WHIST DRIVE

7 pm Thursday 16th April at 38A Crows Road, Epping. Admission £2.00 with refreshments.

CAFOD

Bike Ride 10 or 19 miles through Lea Valley Park and along the canal tow path. Sunday 7th June. Fund day out for all the family. Phone 0208 502 9722.

HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: Monday 20th April 5 pm; Monday 27th April 5 pm.
Parents Session Tuesday 28th April 8pm.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: The envelopes for the next year are now available from the back of the Church—please pick up your box. If you want any further information about the envelope scheme or Gift Aid, please contact Malcolm Heughan on 812012.

JUMBLE SALE Saturday 25th April in our hall.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS MANAGER

Post Vacant, £20,000 p.a. full time. Please see full advertisement on notice board.

OUR CHURCH HALL is available for hire at competitive rates all year round. For details, ring Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633. Feel free to tell your friends.

SPUC MEETING: on Tuesday 21st April at Brentwood Catholic Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. John Smeaton, SPUC's National Director, will be speaking about the effects of the Human Fertilisation Bill being passed by Parliament. 7.30 to 9pm. Please make a big effort to attend and hear what you can do to make a stand for the sanctity of human life. More info? Ring Teresa 01277 262251.

OASIS OF PEACE (MARIAN) DAY: Forget your troubles and rest in the Lord on Saturday May 2nd 2009 at our Church, 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Testimonies. Bring packed lunch – drinks provided.

HEADTEACHER REQUIRED SEP 09

at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, Daiglen Drive, South Ockendon, Essex, RM15 5RP. It is a Group 3 School, ISR L18 - L24. Governors wish to appoint an enthusiastic, practising Catholic to lead, motivate and inspire our school community. For details please contact Mrs. P. Morris at the school office, Tel: 01708 853000. Closing date: 22nd April 2009.

THE SOUTH-EASTERN CATHOLIC HISTORY Journal, a publication of the Essex and London Recusant Society, is now available, £6 from Isobel on 01268 289678.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 19th April at St. Peter and Paul's, 342, High Road, Ilford. Starts 1pm with Exposition. Finish with 6pm Mass. Confessions available throughout the afternoon.

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 11th/12th April 2009

Saturday **Holy Saturday** 8.00 p.m. Solemn Vigil of Easter

Sunday **Easter Sunday** 9.00 a.m. Maire Cussen (sick)
 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions week commencing Monday 13th April 2009

Monday	10.00 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Thecla Floor, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Intentions of May and Bill Kelly
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Ward Family deceased
Friday	9.00 a.m. Intentions Pat & Barbara Conneely
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Newly-received Catholics
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Pasqua Capaldi, <i>R.I.P.</i> 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

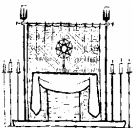
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9am Mass.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30 — 12.00 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, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

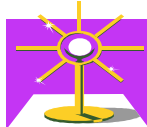
HOLY HOUR

Not on Easter Monday.
 Restarts 20th April
 8 pm in Church
All Welcome.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

No Adoration in Easter Week.
Restarts Monday 20th April
 when 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

£ 1126.82

of which CAFOD:

£ 51.20

Thank you