



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th / 12th July 2009

Dear Friends,

In today's second reading, St. Paul speaks to us of praise; we are to praise God for the glory of His grace. If we reflect upon the content of our personal prayer, we realise that much of it is given over to petition: we are needy people, so we ask God to supply our wants.

This is quite legitimate: the bulk of the Lord's Prayer is made up of petition. However, we must remember that praise of God should be paramount in our worship. We have only to examine the structure of the Mass to see that this is so. The Gloria, the Alleluia, the Preface and Sanctus, together with the Eucharistic Prayer, are all filled with the praise of God.

To praise the Lord is to acknowledge Him as the Beneficent Creator who shares with us the good things of His Creation. To this end, it is important that we do not neglect grace before and after a meal. We are never to take anything for granted. At a human level too, praise and affirmation of others rather than negative criticism ensures that others feel valued rather than rejected.

God bless you always,

Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FORMS

are now available from Father James.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mr. John Welch. Funeral Mass: Monday 20th July at 11a.m. We wish Christine and her family our prayerful condolences.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A call has gone out from Archbishop Vincent Nichols to spend one hour a week in prayer before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament to pray for our priests during this **Year for Priests**. He says, '*The practice would sustain us in our life together, and enable us to thank God wholeheartedly for the gift of our priests*'.

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS!

If you lead a group or run an activity in the parish, please write a few lines about the past year's activities and drop into the presbytery, clearly marked: PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT, or send by email. Thank you!

SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Orders have now been placed for the new sanctuary carpet and the stone lectern and font. It is hoped that the work will be completed by mid-September.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL SINGERS

are making a return visit to Our Lady of Grace, Station Road, Chingford, on **Sunday 12th July at 7 p.m.** Tickets are £7. Bookings: please call 07973 686756 or email music@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

All those suffering the effects of bereavement are welcome to come for a chat and a cup of tea at 6 pm in the Presbytery this Sunday 12th July.

ST. CLARE'S HOSPICE MIDNIGHT WALK

Congratulations to Francoise Fernandez for successfully completing this year's walk and becoming the overall winner. The award is on display in the porch, together with a basket for donations. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

COLLECTORS AND USHERS

Please collect your new, REVISED list, which includes new helpers, from the porch.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

Saturday 25th July. For the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed! See poster on the notice board.

HARLOW FOOD BANK

sends thanks to those who donated food as a result of the recent appeal. It is much appreciated.

IS THIS FOR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?: Journey in Faith

An information evening will be held in the Presbytery at **8pm on Wednesday 5th August**, when the programme will be outlined. All those wishing to **learn about our wonderful Catholic Faith** are encouraged to attend this meeting, at which dates and times of the meetings during the year ahead will be discussed. Please let Deacon Duncan or Fr. James know if you can attend the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot attend it.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION / READERS

Please collect your new rotas from the post box in the porch. There is a copy on the web site.

CTED CHILDREN'S WORK REVIEW-

To revitalise the children's mission in Epping. Anyone interested in helping to put together a strategy for the next 2 years or simply to find out about it, is asked to attend a meeting on Thursday **July 16th at 8pm** at 2nd Chapter, 7, Station Rd, Epping. phone: 571555

AIDS, CONDOMS & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—a presentation by Fr. Stephen Langridge, parish priest, Balham. Using information provided by the World Health Organisation, the United Nations and the contraception industry, Fr. Langridge challenges the view that the Church is engaged in 'Mass murder' and refutes such arguments with sound scientific facts. Tuesday 13th October at 8pm in our hall. All welcome, Catholic or not.

SPUC PETITION AGAINST ABORTION IN SCHOOLS

If you disagree that abortion should be available to our children at school, please sign the petition on the notice board. (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.)

OASIS OF PEACE (MARIAN) DAY

in our Church Saturday 25th July. Includes Mass, Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Discussion. Bring packed lunch. Drinks available. Everyone most welcome.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 11th / 12th July 2009

Saturday 6 p.m. Robert Hedley, *R.I.P.*
Sunday 9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. M.&D. Harrington (*Golden Wedding*)

Intentions Week Beginning 13th July 2009

Monday 9 a.m. Thecla Floor, *R.I.P.*
Tuesday 9 a.m. R. N. (deceased)
Wednesday 9 a.m. Holy Souls
Thursday 9 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, *R.I.P.*
Friday 9 a.m. Fr. John Mack, *R.I.P.*
Saturday 6 p.m. Fr. D. Daly, *R.I.P.*
Sunday 9 a.m. Gertrude Drinkall, *R.I.P.*

Alleluia 11am Mass: *Sing praises to the Lord, Alleluia! Sing praise to greet His Word, Alleluia. His Word is a sign of His Wisdom and His Love, Alleluia, al-*

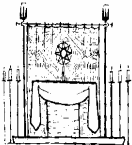
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

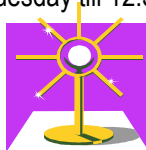
HOLY HOUR

Monday
at 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

£ 1238.31

of which CAFOD:

£ 83.10

Thank you