



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Corpus Christi

13th/14th June 2009

Dear Friends ,

Following soon after the celebration of the Holy Trinity, the Feast of **Corpus Christi** emphasises another great Catholic truth. The doctrine of three Persons in one God distinguishes Christians from Jews and Moslems. Our belief in the Eucharist marks us off from Christians of the Protestant reformed tradition. For us the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass is not simply a symbolic memorial service. It brings us into the presence of Christ and, transcending time and space, enables us to share in the experience of the disciples in the upper room. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote:

*Come, adore this wondrous Presence,  
bow to Christ, the source of grace.*

The lamp burning beside the tabernacle is a reminder to us that Christ, the Light of the World, is still with us. Our body language of a genuflection or a profound bow expresses our sense of awesome wonder. The Eucharist is indeed the Mystery of Faith.

We eat and drink the Body and Blood of the Lord. It is little wonder that at the moment of Communion we say:

**My Lord and My God!**

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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## **MISSION APPEAL**

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Amandus Kapele of the East African Province of the Holy Ghost Fathers. He will be preaching an appeal for the missions. I recommend him to your customary generosity.

## **FONT AND LECTERN**

Drawings of the proposed new font and lectern are on view in the church porch for parishioners' inspection.

## **HEALING MASS**

on Thursday 25th June at 2.30 p.m. with Father John Glynn at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Navestockside. Phone 01277 373959 for more information.

**WOULD YOU DO THE MOONLIGHT & SUNLIGHT COLOURTHON for BCCS on Saturday 4th July 2009?** Moonlight Colourthon: Walkers will walk a half marathon (13.1 miles) at night along Southend Sea-front! Why not join us and support the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society in our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year? Sunlight Colourthon: This walk starts at 3pm in Chalkwell Park, Westcliff on Sea. To register for either walk call Claire Mathews on 01268 784544 or you can download the registration form from our website at [www.childcareuk.org](http://www.childcareuk.org).

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

needs new members to visit the elderly, people in hospital and anyone who wants a visit. The commitment can be as little as one hour a week. Please speak to Fr. James or any S.V.P. member if you are interested.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL**

Will members please collect their copies of the minutes of June 3rd from the post box. A copy of the minutes is on the notice board and on the parish website.

## **PARISH BUDGET**

The Finance and Development Committee has approved a budget for the current tax year - total expenditure forecast: £106,852 against an expected income of £95,358. We are therefore expecting a deficit of £11,494 although we start the current year with funds of £77,509. For more detail, please speak to a member of the committee.

## **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

The Brentwood Diocesan Network would like to invite RCIA Teams, catechists and sponsors to their Summer Study evening on Wednesday 24th June at the Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Brentwood, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The free evening will facilitate the sharing of good practice and building on all the excellent things that are already happening in our parishes. For booking and further information, contact the Adult RE Office on 01277 265219

**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. Speak to Fr. James or Paul, 577104.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The group will meet at 6pm in the presbytery on Sunday 14th June. Anyone distressed by bereavement is welcome to join the group for a cup of tea and a chat... A problem shared is a problem halved!

## **GOLDEN WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!**

to Michael and Diane Harrington.

## **HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

will meet on Wednesday 17th June at 8 pm in the Cry Chapel. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## **HIRE OUR HALL FOR YOUR EVENT!**

Phone Arnold on 01992 573633.

## **WHIST DRIVE**

Tuesday 16th June at 7 p.m. Admission £2 with refreshments. All welcome at 62A Bower Hill, Epping.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**This weekend 13th/14th June 2009**

Saturday	6 p.m.	Rosina North, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9 a.m.	Rachel Lowes, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Intentions Week Beginning 15th June 2009**

Monday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6 p.m.	Intentions of Janet Abbott
Sunday	9 a.m.	Derek Wells, <i>R.I.P.</i>

**Alleluia 11 o'clock 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, Alleluia.

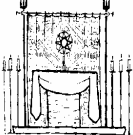
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**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, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

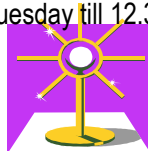
**HOLY HOUR**

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**

£ 1177.22

**of which CAFOD:**

£ 61.60

**Thank you**