



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

3rd Sunday in Lent

14th / 15th March 2009

Dear Friends,

In today's reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear the Ten Commandments. They form the foundation of Judaeo-Christian morality. They are carefully framed to cover our relationship with God, our dealings with one another and our own personal development. We totally misunderstand them if we look on them as a constraint upon our liberty of action. Their purpose is to safeguard human freedom and to foster growth and maturity. Only a fool looks on the highway code as an irksome bind. no-one would feel free to drive a car safely without clearly defined rules for the road. Today's psalm recognises all this; it says

*The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
It gives wisdom to the simple.*

All around us we see the sad consequences of neglecting the law of the Lord. Lent is a time when we ponder that law and recognise it as the message of eternal life.

I would like to express my deep thanks for all the kindness shown me on the occasion of my 70th birthday by way of cards and gifts. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to the hall after 11 am Mass for drinks and nibbles to mark the occasion.

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Every Sunday in Lent, 6 p.m.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS / READERS**

Please collect your new rotas from the post box.

## **FATHER JAMES' BIRTHDAY**

Fr. James invites all parishioners to a "drink and nibbles" in the Hall **after the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 15th March** in celebration of his 70th Birthday. A birthday card is being prepared for parishioners to sign and will be available before all Masses in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, please speak to John and Julie Ryan or Peter and Sarah Day.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for Mrs. Rosalie Shannon, who died on 7th March. Her requiem will be 11 am Monday 23rd March. *R.I.P.*

## **FIVE EVENINGS WITH ST. PAUL — LENT TALKS**

Fr. Michael Butler will give five talks on the subject of St. Paul in our Church **Sacristy** at 8 p.m. on Thursdays 19th, 26th March + 2nd April. In this year dedicated to St. Paul, it is good to have an opportunity of reflection in this way. Tea/coffee will be provided at 7.45 p.m. A £5 contribution towards expenses is suggested for a single talk, or £10 for all talks.

## **CTED LENT LUNCHESES:**

***Many thanks to those who attended/gave so generously to our Lent Lunch. We made £243.84. Very special thanks to the helpers, who really were wonderful.*** On Saturday 21st March 12.30 to 2pm. hosted by the Methodist Church, at the Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Epping, at the rear of the church. A suggested donation of £2.50 is requested for Christian Aid at all the lunches. Please bring your friends - all very welcome.

## **IN LENT COME TO CALVARY**

in Buckhurst Hill. The Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic at the top of Russell Road 'processes' some 400 babies a week. A very small prayer group meets nearby on Saturday mornings to pray peacefully for all involved - babies, parents and staff. Why not join us between 8 and 11.30 am for as short or as long a time as you like? - your presence and prayers are urgently needed.

## **USHERS / COLLECTORS**

We need help to organise collections at every Mass. If you are able to help, please give your telephone no. to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan, or phone Mary 574719.

## **COLLECTING BOXES AT BACK OF CHURCH**

Could you please put money in the following boxes, in order to enable proper accounting for each category:

Black box by newspapers (has 3 slots): 'newspapers' -for all newspapers/magazines

'holy souls' - contributions towards Mass Stipends for Masses for 'Holy Souls' which appear in the newsletters - an alternative to arranging specific Masses with Fr James

'poor box/church maintenance - towards church upkeep, alms payments, etc.

Candle-stand Box For candles and CTS leaflets.

Religious Articles Cupboard Please give money direct to Janet Abbott or place on a shelf in the cupboard. Please do **not** place in 'candles' box. Thanks for your help.

**JUMBLE SALE** Saturday 25th April in our hall. Please put the date into your diary.

## **EPPING CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP**

next meets on Monday 30th March at 7.30 pm in the church hall. The theme will be Easter. Please bring a friend if it's your first time. Anyone who wants to get involved with the running of the night, contact Pete or James Ryan on 01992 524633 or email jamesryans@hotmail.com.

## **FR. STAN FORTUNA**

Inspirational speaker for young people and Franciscan Friar of the Renewal from the Bronx comes to Brentwood Cathedral NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 15th March. Events from 4.30pm onwards - for full details call 01277 265286 or look at [www.bcys.net/frstan](http://www.bcys.net/frstan)

**K.S. 2 CLASS TEACHERS REQUIRED** St. Peter's R.C. Primary School, Dagenham for Sep. 2009. Phone 02082706524 for details. Closing date is noon on **24.03.09**

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME/ASSISI** From Gatwick 26th October—1st Nov. £750 pp. Phone Fr. Stephen Myers on 0208 592 1634

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUPPLIES** provided by former catholic school governor. Dresses, veils, tiaras and accessories. Telephone Clare on 01442 258607 for an appointment or go to [www.fhc-online.com](http://www.fhc-online.com).

**HEALING MASS** Please join us at Abbottswick House of Prayer on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm with Fr. John Glynn. For details call 01277 373959

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This weekend 14th/15th March 2009**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Eileen Lennon
Sunday	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish
	11.00 a.m. Annie Thompson, <i>R.I.P.</i>

**Intentions week commencing Monday 16th March 2009**

Monday	9.00 a.m. Margaret Gibson, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday <i>St. Patrick</i>	9.00 a.m. John Clohessy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Tony Fowly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday <i>St. Joseph</i>	9.00 a.m. Bernard Ward, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9.00 a.m. Philomena Dwyer, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6.00 p.m. David Wagland, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Marian Ward, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

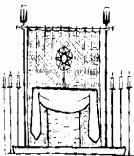
**Morning Prayer** will be held 15 minutes before 9am Morning Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30 — 12.00 Noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Rosalie Shannon, 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,

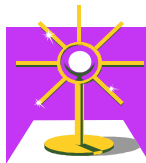
**HOLY HOUR**

*Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the 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**

Thursday at 5.00 p.m. at  
the home of Charles Ward  
22 Vicarage Road  
Coopersale  
All Welcome



**Offerings**

£ 1626.30

**of which CAFOD:**

£ 542.72

**Thank you**