



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16th August 2009

Dear Friends,

Today we keep the solemn feast of Our Lady's Assumption. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary plays a very important part in the life of the Catholic Church; and rightly so, though at some times and in certain places it has been taken to excess — we honour Mary in relation to her Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. She bore the Son of God in her womb; she instigated His first miraculous work at the wedding feast in Cana; and she bravely took her place beneath His cross on Calvary. Dante in his great poem *Paradiso* addresses her with a lovey verse;

**Maiden, yet Mother,
daughter of Thy Son,
High above all others,
lowlier is none.**

He captures very nicely the paradox of her position; she is the humble handmaid of the Lord and she is the Blessed one taken up to glory. As such she encourages us to journey hopefully on our Christian pilgrimage and daily we ask her to pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

God bless you always, Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FORMS

are now available from Father James.

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!

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

A Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 5th September 2009 in the Church Hall to raise much-needed funds for the maintenance of the Church Hall. Tables of eight (max), or we can allocate those on their own to join a table. **Tickets £8, including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.** There will be a raffle (donations of prizes welcomed). Tickets from any committee member after Mass or telephone 01992 577173 to book yours.

RED MISSION BOXES

These are ready for collection from the porch for those who use them.

BCCS CELEBRITY SPORTING DINNER

As part of their anniversary celebrations, BCCS will be hosting a Sporting Dinner on Thursday 17th September at The Chichester Hotel, Rayleigh with guest speaker Ray Parlour.

Tickets are **£45** and include a **3 course dinner**, along with the opportunity to speak with Ray as well as having your photograph taken with him.

To book your tickets, please call Julie Abbott **01268 784544** / jabbott@childcareuk.org

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for Mr. Douglas Dew who died last week. We extend to his daughter Mrs. Jenny Heughan our prayerful sympathy.

EXPLORING AND USING THE MUSIC OF TAIZE

- a date for your diary! -

An Evening Workshop at the Church of the Holy Cross and All Saints, 135, Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM13 3AJ on Monday October 12th, 2009 at 7.30 pm. £3 including refreshments. Phone 01277 233302 or email picturesque@tiscali.co.uk

JOURNEY-IN-FAITH GROUP

If you missed the Information Evening on Wednesday 5th August, and would like to consider joining the weekly sessions which will start in early September, please contact Deacon Duncan for further details (01992 577173). This group is suitable for all those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith, with a view possibly to become full members of the community at Easter next year.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Anyone suffering sadness after bereavement is welcome to join this group for a cup of tea and a chat at 6 pm on Sunday 16th August 2009 in the presbytery. Any queries to Deacon Duncan (01992 577173).

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.

CHURCH READERS

We are seeking volunteers for his important ministry. In particular we need to supplement the team at 6pm Mass. An introductory training session is arranged for Saturday 19th September at 10.00 a.m. in the Church. If you can help please contact Fr James or Deacon Duncan. The commitment should be about one weekend a month.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 15th & 16th August 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	John Welch R.I.P.
Sunday	9 a.m.	Josie McGlynn <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 17th August 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Geoffrey Joel <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Peter Hawkes R.I.P.
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Rose Dawson R.I.P.
Thursday	9 a.m.	Serafino Capaldi <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Lena Chatter <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	John Welch, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Elisabeth Tisi <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

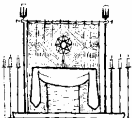
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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, 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,

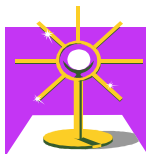
HOLY HOUR

Next on Monday
August 31st
at 8 pm in Church.
All Welcome



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Not during August.
Recommences Tuesday Sep.1st



ROSARY GROUP

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



Offerings

£ 1,041.18

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£81.70

Thank you