



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th January 2009

Dear Friends,

The response to the psalm today is: *Here I am, Lord, I come to do Your will.* Every time we say the Lord's prayer, we say something similar: *Thy will be done.* There is good cause for us to examine our lifestyles and our attitudes and then ask ourselves: Do I really mean this? All too often, our minds are made up. We know perfectly well what we want to do or what we want to have and expect God to underwrite our agenda. St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, taught his followers the discernment of spirits. The spirit of the world is not the Spirit of God. How are we able to distinguish between them? The Old Testament reading today tells us that the young Samuel watching in the Temple, learned to pray: *Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.* Any progress in the Christian life is dependent upon our readiness to wait upon the Lord, silently and attentively. It is obvious that anything alien to God cannot be part of His will. But there are other things in life, not necessarily wrong, perhaps even good in themselves, that may not be God's will for us here and now. Christian living is sacrificial and the making of sacrifices is uncongenial to the secular mindset. Discernment of God's will is something we must enter into humbly and prayerfully.

God bless you all,
Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Children's session 5 pm on Monday 19th January.
Parents' session 8pm Tuesday 20th January.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

7.30 pm Wednesday 21st January

FINANCE COMMITTEE

8pm Thursday 22nd January

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Epping Hall 6pm Sunday 18th January

CAFOD

The parish has just sent off a cheque for £2000 to CAFOD.
Thanks to all who support this relief agency.

OASIS OF PEACE (MARIAN) PRAYER DAY

Forget your troubles and rest in the Lord with His Blessed Mother on Saturday January 31st in our Church 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Mass (at 11.50), Rosary, Holy Hour, Talk by Fr. Seamus Heenan, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Bring packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

This year falls on 1st February as part of poverty and homelessness action week, 31st January to 8th February. Let us remember them in our prayers and help them when we can, remembering that the Holy Family experienced homelessness in Bethlehem and Egypt.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Sunday, 25th January, 7.30 to 9pm. Everyone welcome.

PASSION PLAY

On Good Friday, April 10th. Street theatre in South Woodham Ferrers. This production needs people for all sorts of roles and jobs: actors and actresses, stage managers and hands, help in advertising, sound, costumes, props and scenery.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs. Gina Pelosi, who is 93 on January 23rd.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be at 6 p.m. in the presbytery on Sunday **25th January**. Anyone saddened by bereavement is welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat. Queries to Deacon Duncan, 01992 577173.

HARLOW FOODBANK PROJECT COORDINATOR

Christian charity post Part Time: Wednesday & Friday 10.00 – 15.00 (10 Hours) Salary: £3,920 pa (£7.53 ph) in Harlow.
Phone **01279 724515**

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WANSTEAD

Require a cleaner, 4 - 7pm Monday to Friday. 28 days paid holiday. Please contact Mrs. Perrin at the school for further details 0208 989 4700. Closing date 21st January.

THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

will next meet on Saturday 31st January at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood at 2.30 p.m. Author Dr. James Hagerty will give a talk entitled 'Cardinal Hinsley: the cross and the flag'. Anyone wishing to join the Society should contact Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

THE ILFORD URSULINE PREP SCHOOL

wishes to appoint an Admin. Assistant from 2nd March 2009. 8am to 1pm Monday to Friday - 25 hours per week – term-time plus – (negotiable). 4 weeks paid holiday .

(Salary scale = £17,580 pa pro rata, £9.39 ph)

Anyone interested please contact [iups@ilfordursulineprep.
redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:iups@ilfordursulineprep.redbridge.sch.uk)

or telephone **020 8518 4050**. Closing date 23rd January.

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

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Ernesto Bungay, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Pelosi Family 11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions week commencing Monday 19th January 2009

Monday	9.00 a.m. Eddie & Mary Cordwell
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Fr. John O'Neill, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Maureen Groom, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9.00 a.m. Ives & Dooley Families, deceased
Friday	9.00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Martin
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Henry Fowell, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Cyril Mulvaney, <i>R.I.P.</i> 11.00 a.m. People of the parish

Morning Prayer each weekday in the Church 15 minutes before 9 o'clock Mass.

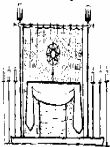
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Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Rosalie Shannon, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Paulette Jarrod, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Kathleen Schofield, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild,

HOLY HOUR

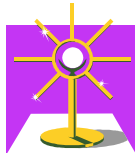
*Monday evening in Church
at 8.00 p.m.*



All Welcome

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday for an hour
after Mass and Tuesday till
12.30



ROSARY GROUP

Thursday
at David & Pat Jolly's,
2a, Vicarage Road,
Coopersale
at 5.00 p.m.

All Wel- come



Offerings last Week: £ 1358.48

Of which CAFOD: £ 52.53

Thank you