



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

29th Sunday of the Year

18th October 2009

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today has marked similarities with the one we heard a month ago. Then the disciples were arguing about which of them was the greatest; today the brothers James and John ask for front seats in the Heavenly Kingdom. On both occasions, Jesus points out that Christian greatness is inseparably linked to humble service. Jesus Himself came: *not to be served but to serve*. The whole concept of ministry is underpinned by service. To minister is to serve. One of the Pope's titles is 'Servant of the Servants of God'. There is nothing demeaning in service, and it is not to be confused with the pejorative term 'servility'. St. Paul reminds us that there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord. When we minister or serve within the community, we are not to do so in a spirit of competition, one trying to outdo the other. Service requires generosity and it also requires humility.

I would like to remind you of the Annual Peace Service taking place here next Sunday, October 25th, at 4 pm. This is an inter-Church venture and I hope that Catholics will be well represented. Please note also that the clocks go back an hour next weekend as British Summer time officially ends.

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

Next on Saturday **24th October 10.30** a.m. in the Hall.

## **A NEW COURSE FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

will start on Friday 6th November at 5pm. Anyone, boy or girl, man or woman, who has made his or her First Holy Communion, is welcome to attend. Please give your names to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan.

## **BAZAAR DATE: 5th December**

Appeal this week is for books, videos and DVD's, etc.

## **OASIS OF PEACE DAY—Saturday 31st October in our church.**

Restore to Halloween its original meaning: the Eve of All Saints' Day (All Hallow's Eve), and let's celebrate in prayer: "*In prayer you will find your deepest joy*". **10.30 to 4.** Mass at 11.50. Bring packed lunch; drinks provided.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND READERS' ROTAS**

Please will the above collect the new rotas from the post box.

**BAPTISM:** Isobelle Byatt—congratulations.

**JUMBLE SALE:** A big thank you to Janet Abbott and her team of helpers for the amazing total of £540. Well done! Thank you also to all who gave jumble.

**PIETY STALL:** Will be open next weekend in the hall after all the Masses. Christmas cards and lots of other things on sale.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP—Sunday 11 am Mass—Term Time Only**

This group is for children aged 4 to 9 years and older siblings of those who attend. We urgently require helpers to ensure that this group can continue. Mums and Dads of the children who attend this group would be particularly welcomed to help teach our children the word of God. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please ring Norah on 01992 577932.

## **VISION AID OVERSEAS**

This is a charity dedicated to helping people in the developing world, whose lives are blighted by poor eyesight, particularly where spectacles can help. It works by sending abroad teams of volunteer optometrists and dispensing opticians, who set up clinics, screen a large number of patients and provide appropriate spectacles. You can help by donating your used spectacles and sunglasses, when you have finished with them, in the box provided in the porch bookcase. We will do the rest. (Sorry, but VAO cannot use broken specs). *J. and P. Group*

### **PARISH MAGAZINE QUESTIONNAIRE:**

Please post your completed forms into the box by the church door. We would love your feedback as well as any help you can offer. If you have any questions, do call ZOFIA on 574148. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. Charles Ward who celebrates his 98th birthday on Thurs 22nd October.

### **CAN YOU PLAY 2 HYMNS ON THE PIANO?**

The 'Rejoice!' Choir would welcome an assistant pianist to fill in when our pianist is away. You will find us a friendly group. Please speak to us after 11am Mass.

### **BRIGHT AND LIGHT SAT. 31ST OCTOBER 5.30 to 7 pm**

Calling all school children upto year 7 to join in our alternative message to Halloween: an ecumenical party with bouncy castle, games and prayer. At St. John's C. of E. Church. Free tickets from Mary Morgan 574719.

### **ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO PRAY FOR PEACE – SUN. 25th OCTOBER**

In our church at 4pm. The speaker is Tom Benyon, Founder of Zimbabwe, a National Emergency. Tea and biscuits will be served in the Hall afterwards, when there will be an opportunity to talk to Tom and to collect informative literature.

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

Will members please collect their copies of the Minutes of the Parish Assembly on September 23rd from the Post Box. A copy of the Minutes is on the Notice Board.

### **DAY of SPIRITUAL RECOLLECTION FOR ALL PARISH HELPERS**

Led by Bishop John Crowley on **SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2009** and open to all parishioners over the age of 15, but particularly those who are involved in any parish activity or committee. Begins with Mass at 10.30am, followed by a coffee break, two talks, light lunch, Holy Hour and Benediction, ending at 3.15.

### **BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL SINGERS**

is part of the Five Choirs Festival at the Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 7th November at 7.30 pm. The programme comprises John Rutter's *Magnificat* and *Mass of the Children* and Parry's *I Was Glad*. Tickets £10.

**LEARN IRISH DANCING** in Epping. Phone Hennigan on 01279 730053.

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### This weekend 17th/18th October 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Byrne Family deceased
Sunday	9 a.m.	Barbara Ryan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 19th October 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Rita Gill (sick)
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Mary and Francis Fletcher
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Intentions of Simone Hopkins
Thursday	9 a.m.	Paddy Keating
Friday	9 a.m.	Bill McEvoy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Billy Hanley, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Ann Heron, <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.

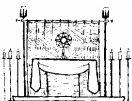
**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohey, Paulette Jarrold, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie, Kathleen Flower, Rita Gill, Gladys Saunders, Arthur Devereaux, Jennifer Peacock, George Rimmer, David Jolly.

### HOLY HOUR

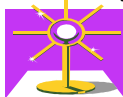
Monday  
at 8pm in Church.

*All Welcome*



### Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday for an hour  
after 9 a.m. Mass  
and on Tuesday till 12.30  
*Jesus awaits you*



### ROSARY GROUP

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



### Offerings

£ 1281.48

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£40.00

**Thank you**