



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th/19th July 2009

Dear Friends,

The phrase "*Compassion Fatigue*" is now widely used to describe the reaction of many people when confronted with the unending demands made by so many sad stories that make the headlines—drought, famine, tsunamis, earthquakes, terrorist outrage—the list goes on and on. As contingent beings, we are limited to what we can apprehend and what we can react to. It is simply not possible to support every appeal that comes through the letter box or is broadcast in the media. And yet, compassion lies at the heart of the Christian Gospel. Today's reading tells us that, on seeing the crowd, "*Jesus took pity upon them*". Christ has compassion for all of us. In turn, we must try to exercise that gift to the best of our ability. Selfishness and cynism have to be resisted, and that resistance comes through kindness and compassion. In the end, the best obituary that any of us can hope for is simply to have it said that "*he or she was kind*": not "*clever*", not "*successful*", not "*rich*", but just "*kind*."

As the holiday season now begins, let us pray for the safety of all travellers and also for those for whom a proper holiday is not a real option.

God bless you always,

Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FORMS

are now available from Father James.

WEDDING

Jade Magri and Matthew Thomas—congratulations.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mr. John Welch. Funeral Mass: Monday 20th July at 11 a.m. We wish Christine and her family our prayerful condolences.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A call has gone out from Archbishop Vincent Nichols to spend one hour a week in prayer before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament to pray for our priests during this **Year for Priests**. He says, '*The practice would sustain us in our life together, and enable us to thank God wholeheartedly for the gift of our priests*'.

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!

SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Orders have now been placed for the new sanctuary carpet and the stone lectern and font. It is hoped that the work will be completed by mid-September.

COLLECTORS AND USHERS

Please collect your new, REVISED list, which includes new helpers, from the porch.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

Saturday 25th July. For the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed! See poster on the notice board.

PRAYER AND PRAISE EVENING

A week early this month, this Sunday, the 19th July, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. At Sion House, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood. .Come and enjoy your Faith!!

HARLOW FOOD BANK

sends thanks to those who donated food as a result of the recent appeal. It is much appreciated.

IS THIS FOR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?: Journey in Faith

An information evening will be held in the Presbytery at **8pm on Wednesday 5th August**, when the programme will be outlined. All those wishing to **learn about our wonderful Catholic Faith** are encouraged to attend this meeting, at which dates and times of the meetings during the year ahead will be discussed. Please let Deacon Duncan or Fr. James know if you can attend the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot attend it.

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.

SPUC PETITION AGAINST ABORTION IN SCHOOLS

If you disagree that abortion should be available to our children at school, please sign the petition on the notice board. (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.)

OASIS OF PEACE (MARIAN) DAY

in our Church Saturday 25th July. Includes Mass, Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Discussion. Bring packed lunch. Drinks available. Everybody most welcome.

CTED Christian Aid Collection 2009: The grand total £5250.27p. Many thanks to Dorothy and all those who helped to achieve this wonderful success.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 18th / 19th July 2009

Saturday 6 p.m. Fr. D. Daly, *R.I.P.*
Sunday 9 a.m. Gertrude Drinkall, *R.I.P.*
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 20th July 2009

Monday 11 a.m. Mr. John Welch
Tuesday 9 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, *R.I.P.*
Wednesday 9 a.m. Sheila and Louis Ives
Thursday 9 a.m. Thomas Allen, *R.I.P.*
Friday 9 a.m. Eucharistic Service
Saturday 6 p.m. John Welch, *R.I.P.*
Sunday 9 a.m. Private Intention

Alleluia 11am 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, al-*

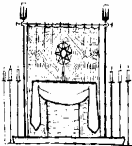
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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,

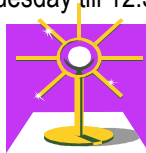
HOLY HOUR

Monday
at 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

£ 1259.60

of which CAFOD:

£ 41.55

Thank you