



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

25th Sunday of the Year

20th September 2009

Dear Friends,

Just as pride was the original sin, so humility is one of the foremost virtues. St. Paul says of Jesus that 'He humbled Himself' and when we reflect upon the circumstances both of His birth and of His death, we come to realise how true that is. In today's Gospel, we read how His disciples were squabbling among themselves about who should be first. Jesus reminds them that to follow Him is to be dedicated to a life of service, and not domination. Power tends to corrupt; service always builds up. whenever God assigns us a task, it should be done for His greater glory and the common good.

The final phase of reordering the sanctuary takes place this week, slightly behind schedule. Also, this week we have our yearly parish assembly on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30. Owing to a prior engagement in the hall, this will be held in Church. Next Sunday at 11 o'clock Mass, the children in the First Communion Class will be enrolled. Once again, I draw your attention to the Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration from Friday 2nd October to Sunday 4th October. The rota of watchers in the porch still has a number of gaps. I encourage as many of you as possible to take part.

God bless you always,
Father James

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HOLY MASS MONDAY TO FRIDAY THIS WEEK

will be in the presbytery, owing to the refurbishment of the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

23 applications have been received. The course is now fully subscribed, and no further applications can be considered. There will be an information session for parents at **8 p.m.** on **Tuesday 22nd September**.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION: *"Adoration of the Eucharist is nothing less than worship of God" (Pope John-Paul II)*

This will take place from **8 pm on Friday 2nd October**, beginning with Holy Mass, to 12 noon on Sunday 4th October, ending with Holy Mass at 11. As usual, we appeal for watchers to cover the entire period, especially the night hours. There is a rota on the notice board for the names of watchers. As Our Lord said, ***"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"*** If you would like a candle to burn throughout the 40 hours for a deceased loved one, please enclose their name and £1 per candle in an envelope, and put through the door of the presbytery, clearly marked, **"40 Hours"**.

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2009

This will take place on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 8 p.m. in the Church**, as the hall is in use. There will be wine, cheese and nibbles **from 7.30 p.m. onwards** in the Hall. Copies of the Parish Report are available at Mass this week-end and further copies will be available at the Assembly. Everyone is welcome.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 10th October, in our hall.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

All those who are suffering the effects of bereavement are welcome to have a cup of tea and a chat on Sunday 27th September at 6 pm in the presbytery.

NEW CHURCH READERS

Thanks to those joining the introductory session on Saturday 19th Sep. 10am-12noon in Church. We would welcome more volunteers, particularly for the 6pm Saturday Mass. Phone Deacon Duncan 577173.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (SCIENCE COLLEGE)

Open Day on Thursday, 24th September, 2009 at the Lower School, Sydney Road, between 6 and 7.30 pm, followed by a presentation from Dr. Doherty at 7.30pm. Closing date for applications for entrance is Friday 23rd October 2009.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.)

The new group will meet on Wednesday 30th September in the presbytery at 7.30 p.m. If anyone wishes to join, they will be most welcome. The group will learn about the Catholic Faith. Meetings about every other Wednesday evening until Easter. Speak to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan.

DAVENANT SIXTH-FORM COLLEGE

A few places remain for new Year 12 Students in the Sixth Form. If you want to find out more about our sixth form where, once again in 2009 A-Level results have been outstanding, please contact the school on 0208508 0404 or email the Sixth Form Administrator, on winnr@davenant.com

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 27th September, 7.30 to 9.00pm.** Please note the date. Everyone welcome.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 19th and 20th September 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Marian Ward, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	John Rogerson, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 21st September 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Ronan Rice, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Roger Garrard, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Thecla Floor, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Ward Family deceased
Friday	9 a.m.	Teresa Carney, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Luke O'Connor, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Murrihy/Flanagan Families, deceased
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

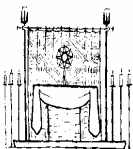
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie, Kathleen Flower,

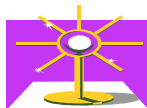
HOLY HOUR

Monday
at 8 pm in Church.
All Welcome



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

please note:
No Adoration this week
as the church is out of use.
Back to normal next week



ROSARY GROUP

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



Offerings

£ 1,079.83

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£27

Thank you