



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th/21st June 2009

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Old Testament times, God spoke to his people through the prophets..our first reading at Mass is an example of how Job received his instructions from God. Today is no different. At our baptism, we are empowered to be prophets – this does not mean that we foretell the future, but that we can understand what God is saying to us through his word, as heard at Mass in the readings and the homily, and when we read our bible. By the way in which we lead our lives and so pass on God's message to the world, we can therefore encourage others to adapt their way of life to be pleasing to God. This is a great Christian responsibility.

In today's Gospel reading, we are encouraged to nurture our faith in God and are given a very dramatic example of the power of Jesus, when the storm is calmed; a power which helps us in our normal daily activities – all that is required of us is complete trust, and never more so than when we are travelling through a stormy time in our own life.

Last weekend we welcomed Fr Amadus, who made a missionary appeal on behalf of The Holy Ghost Fathers for their work in East Africa.If you wish to make a contribution to this missionary appeal, please put your offering in a plain envelope or in the Holy Ghost Fathers envelope and place it on the offertory collection-plate.

This weekend we welcome back Fr Pat Shanahan (whom you will remember appealed on behalf of the African Street Children last year). Fr Pat is supplying for Fr James, who is soaking up the sun in Assisi and who returns to Epping on Thursday, doubtless refreshed and rejuvenated.

God bless.

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### **MESSAGE FROM FR. JAMES:**

Fr. James is having a good holiday and sends his love from Assisi. He will return to England on Thursday, so we wish him and Frs. Michael and Richard a safe journey.

### **CHILD PROTECTION PETITION DAY 4TH JULY**

Please help STOP schools being turned into abortion referral centres! The Government is giving school nurses a clear remit to refer for abortions without informing parents. When a girl under 16 is sent for a secret abortion, it means that an innocent baby dies & a vulnerable teenager has to cope with the attendant trauma without parental support. There is a petition on our notice board protesting against this. ***If you care about Life, we ask you to please sign it.***

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

Will members please collect their copies of the minutes of June 3rd from the post box. A copy of the minutes is on the notice board and on the parish website.

### **MAGAZINE EDITOR**

Father James is looking for a volunteer to edit a parish magazine for our parish. Only two issues a year. Please let him or Deacon Duncan know if you are interested.

### **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!

### **FONT AND LECTERN**

Drawings of the proposed new font and lectern are on view in the church porch for parishioners' inspection.

### **PARISH BUDGET**

The Finance and Development Committee has approved a budget for the current tax year - total expenditure forecast: £106,852 against an expected income of £95,358. We are therefore expecting a deficit of £11,494 although we start the current year with funds of £77,509. For more detail, please speak to a member of the committee.

## **HOLY GHOST FATHERS' MISSIONARY APPEAL**

Thanks to all who responded to Fr. Amadus' appeal last week. If you have a contribution to make to the appeal, please either put it **IN A PLAIN ENVELOPE** marked 'HOLY GHOST FATHERS' and place it on the offertory plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE**

On Tuesday **23rd June**, Vigil of the Birth of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast, ideally on bread and water (but any sacrifice is of value) for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740

## **HEALING MASS**

on Thursday 25th June at 2.30 p.m. with Father John Glynn at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Navestockside. Phone 01277 373959 for more information.

## **PENNIES FOR PEACE**

The bottle at the back of the church has been emptied (twice!) and a cheque for £65.50 has been sent to Pax Christi, the International Catholic Peace organization for their work in peace making and reconciliation. Much of this work is related to the Middle East & Ireland. Pax Christi produce a regular newsletter *Just Peace*, which you are welcome to borrow from the rack in the church porch.

## **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

The Brentwood Diocesan Network would like to invite RCIA Teams, catechists and sponsors to their Summer Study evening on Wednesday 24th June at the Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Brentwood, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. For booking and further information, contact the Adult RE Office on 01277 265219

## **HIRE OUR HALL FOR YOUR EVENT!**

Phone Arnold on 01992 573633.

## **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

### This weekend 20th/21st June 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Intentions of Janet Abbott
Sunday	9 a.m.	Derek Wells, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 22nd June 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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Thursday	9 a.m.	Thecla Floor
Friday	9 a.m.	Ives/Dooley Family deceased
Saturday	6 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	9 a.m.	<i>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</i> Joseph Than
	11 a.m.	Rachel & John Richardson (wedding anniversary)

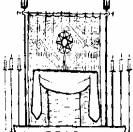
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturday 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 29th June  
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**

£ 1091.73

Mission Appeal 1st week:  
£ 429.50

**of which CAFOD:**

£ 42.17

**Thank you**