



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

Christ the King

22nd November 2009

Dear Friends,

The Feast of Christ the King brings the Ordinary Time of the Church's calendar to its conclusion. Next Sunday, we start a new Liturgical Year with the beginning of Advent.

The concept of the Kingdom or the Rule of God is central to Christ's preaching, but we miss the point if we think of it in any temporal way. Jesus spelled out the message quite explicitly when He said: ***My Kingdom is not of this world.*** The signs of God's kingdom stand in stark contrast to the symbols of earthly power. On the one hand, there are poverty of spirit, gentleness, peace-making and purity of heart; on the other, military might, defence budgets and the IMF. When we pray ***Thy Kingdom come***, we are asking for the establishment of a rule of mercy and justice that the world does not recognise and cannot give. To bend the knee before the King of Kings is not to grovel before a despot, but to recognise the God of Mercy and the Giver of All Consolation.

Deacon Duncan has gone into hospital for a week for a hip operation. We wish him well and hope that it is not too long before he is back in action once more.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

This Saturday **28th November 10.30 a.m.** in the Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' SESSION

Tuesday 24th November at 8 p.m. in the Hall.

BAPTISM: Lillie McClean. Congratulations.

NO MASS ON BOXING DAY SATURDAY EVENING 6PM

Please make a note of this advance notice.

BAZAAR

Only a fortnight to the Bazaar. Donations of goods for all stalls may be handed in next week. It is helpful to stall-holders who have to price things to have plenty of notice.

MEETING OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will be on Wednesday, November 25th at 8pm in the Presbytery. Will members please collect their agendas from the post box. Everyone is welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

All welcome. 7.30 till late in the Church Hall. Adults £7.50; under 18's and OAP's £3.50. Be great to see you there. For tickets, call Julie and John Ryan on 01992 524633. Bring your own food and drinks. **Sorry, no admission on the door. Admission is by advance ticket only.**
Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARD FOR A PRISONER APPEAL

Many prisoners will be alone this Christmas, imprisoned a long way from home and often without any support from friends or family. We invite you to write a message in a Christmas card, send it to us, and we will give your card to a serving prisoner before Christmas Day. Send your card to **Freeport RLTY-SABS-YEKR**, Prison Advice and Care Trust, Suite C5, City Cloisters, 196 Old Street, London EC1V 9FR. Not sure what to write? Guidelines are available at www.prisonerssunday.org

HEALING MASS

at Abbotswick House of Prayer, celebrated by Fr John Glynn on **Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm**. Please visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959 for details.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

We would like to invite anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to join us for a traditional lunch in our hall. Carers with dependants and couples will also be most welcome. Please give your name to Father James or Deacon Duncan, or phone Mary Morgan 574719. Transport can be provided.

SEE THE NEW YEAR IN WITH THE LORD

If we dedicate the first hours of the New Year to the Lord, we can be sure of His blessings on the rest of it! Come and replenish your supply of the Joy of the Lord! Starting at 10 pm on Thursday the 31st December, through to 6 am on Friday the 1st January, Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God. Coffee in the hall available to keep us alert! Praise the Lord with songs, rosary, quiet times, Litany, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass at Midnight! At Our Lady of Fatima, Harlow. What a feast!

FREE Let Me Be Your Home CONCERT

The next concert will be held on Sunday 22nd November 2009 at 7.30pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2PR. Come and join us for an enjoyable Evening Concert with Father John Glynn and Aquila. Further details on the website www.johnglynn.org.uk

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO LIFE

by writing or phoning in against assisted suicide. The bill is being discussed now. The addresses: **Right to Life, PO Box 26264, London W3 9SQ. Sarah@righttolife.org.uk. Phone: 020 8992 7657**

“Woe to you if you do not defend life!” (John Paul the Great).

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 21st / 22nd November 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Deborah Byrne, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Jeannette Mulligan

Intentions Week Beginning 23rd November 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Rita Gill, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	George Rimmer, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Margaret O'Reilly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Friday	9 a.m.	Pelosi Family and Friends, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Doug and Bobby Dew
Sunday	9 a.m.	Lady Joan Russell, <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.

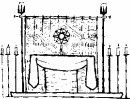
Confessions: Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohy, Paulette Jarrold, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Kathleen Flower, Gladys Saunders, Arthur Devereaux, Jennifer Peacock, David Jolly.

HOLY HOUR

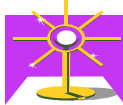
Monday
at 8pm in Church.

*What an exquisite privilege:
to spend an hour intimately
with Almighty God!*



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.
*In the Rosary, Our Lady
leads us to Her Son in the
Joy of the Spirit!*



Offerings

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Thank you