



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

21st Sunday of the Year

23rd August 2009

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today concludes the series of readings from the sixth chapter of St. John to which we have been listening for the last five weekends. This final except contains a wonderful profession of faith in Jesus expressed by St. Peter on behalf of all the disciples — ***“You have the message of eternal life and we know and believe that you are the Holy One of God”***. All of us need to express our own personal faith in Jesus both as Lord and Saviour. To that end we would do well to reflect very carefully on the opening prayer of today’s Mass. It makes a twofold petition. Firstly, that we should love what the Lord commands. Secondly, that we should long for what He promises. Christian life is ordered by an observance of God’s law here on earth and it is directed towards a glorious fulfillment in the life to come. In both our loving and our longing we are enabled to find stability and purpose in a world of chance and change. We too, like St. Peter, know that Jesus has the message of eternal life.

God bless you always,                  Father James

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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FORMS**

are now available from Father James.

## **BAPTISM**

Benjamin Edmond — Congratulations

## **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!

## **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT**

A Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 5th September 2009 in the Church Hall to raise much-needed funds for the maintenance of the Church Hall. Tables of eight (max), or we can allocate those on their own to join a table. **Tickets £8, including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.** There will be a raffle (donations of prizes welcomed). Tickets from any committee member after Mass or telephone 01992 577173 to book yours.

## **RED MISSION BOXES**

These are ready for collection from the porch for those who use them.

## **BCCS CELEBRITY SPORTING DINNER**

As part of their anniversary celebrations, BCCS will be hosting a Sporting Dinner on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at The Chichester Hotel, Rayleigh with guest speaker Ray Parlour. Tickets are **£45** and include a **3 course dinner**, along with the opportunity to speak with Ray as well as having your photograph taken with him.

To book your tickets, please call Julie Abbott **01268 784544** / [jab-bott@childcareuk.org](mailto:jabbott@childcareuk.org)

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Please pray for Mr. Douglas Dew who died last week. We extend to his daughter Mrs. Jenny Heughan our prayerful sympathy.

Also, Mrs Lena Chatter , may she rest in peace.

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

## **EXPLORING AND USING THE MUSIC OF TAIZE**

- a date for your diary! -

An Evening Workshop at the Church of the Holy Cross and All Saints, 135, Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM13 3AJ on Monday October 12th, 2009 at 7.30 pm. £3 including refreshments. Phone 01277 233302 or email [picturesque@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:picturesque@tiscali.co.uk)

## **JOURNEY-IN-FAITH GROUP**

If you missed the Information Evening on Wednesday 5th August, and would like to consider joining the weekly sessions which will start in early September, please contact Deacon Duncan for further details (01992 577173). This group is suitable for all those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith, with a view possibly to become full members of the community at Easter next year.

**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.

## **CHURCH READERS**

We are seeking volunteers for his important ministry. In particular we need to supplement the team at 6pm Mass. An introductory training session is arranged for Saturday 19th September at 10.00 a.m. in the Church. If you can help please contact Fr James or Deacon Duncan. The commitment should be about one weekend a month.

## **PARISH WHIST GROUP**

Thanks to our parish whistlers who contributed £88 to parish funds in the last financial year 5th April 2009. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Maureen McClean on 01992 573292.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### This weekend 22nd & 23rd August 2009

|          |         |                              |
|----------|---------|------------------------------|
| Saturday | 6 p.m.  | John Welch R.I.P.            |
| Sunday   | 9 a.m.  | Elizabeth Tisi <i>R.I.P.</i> |
|          | 11 a.m. | People of the Parish         |

### Intentions Week Beginning 24th August 2009

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|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Monday    | 9 a.m.  | Hazel Smith (Sick)            |
| Tuesday   | 9 a.m.  | Mary Wood R.I.P.              |
| Wednesday | 9 a.m.  | Foley/Ryan Families R.I.P.    |
| Thursday  | 9 a.m.  | Liturgy of Word and Communion |
| Friday    | 9 a.m.  | Bill McEvoy <i>R.I.P.</i>     |
| Saturday  | 6 p.m.  | James Hopkins <i>R.I.P.</i>   |
| Sunday    | 9 a.m.  | Douglas Dew <i>R.I.P.</i>     |
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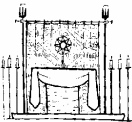
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**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,

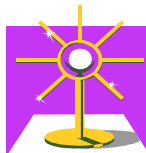
### **HOLY HOUR**

Next on Monday  
August 31st  
at 8 pm in Church.  
*All Welcome*



### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Not during August.  
Recommences Tuesday Sep.1st



### **ROSARY GROUP**

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



### **Offerings**

£ 1,094.82

Of which CAFOD

£20.00

**Thank you**