



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

The Ascension of Christ

23rd / 24th May 2009

Dear Friends ,

Today we keep the solemn Feast of the Ascension. Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus is taken up to Heaven, giving us the hope that, in due time, we may be united with Him. But even now He is still present to us, both in His word and in His Sacraments. Wherever two or three gather in His name, He is in their midst as well. One of the principal tasks Our Lord has entrusted to us is to be witnesses to Him throughout the world. We are to share and to spread the good news. To this end, Pope Benedict has dedicated this day as World Communications Day. He asks us to reflect on the place of the media and new digital technologies in the life of the Church as it pursues its mission. We are asked to pray that all the different communications media may be used wisely for the common good and for the greater glory of God.

Ascension leads us to Pentecost next weekend. Between now and then it is timely to offer prayer to the Holy Spirit each day, that we may all be faithful to the high promises of our Baptism and Confirmation.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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BANK HOLIDAY: Monday May 25th—Mass at **10.00** a.m.

MISS JOSEPHINE McGLYNN, R.I.P.

Josephine's ashes will be interred at Epping Cemetery at 12 noon on Wednesday, 27th June. Her friends are invited to be present at the short ceremony.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

needs new members to visit the elderly, people in hospital and anyone who wants a visit. the commitment can be as little as one or two hours a week. Please speak to Fr. James or any S.V.P. member if you are interested.

S.V.P. CHARITY COLLECTION:

Please bring your wallets and purses to Mass next weekend, ***May 30th/31st***, for the SVP retiring collection for international aid. Our parish is twinned with four Indian parishes' SVP Conferences, and your contributions support them financially. Any additional funds will go to the International Disaster Fund to support some 30 baby feeding units in the Sudan.

CAFOD

Bike Ride 10 or 19 miles through Lea Valley Park and along the canal tow path. Sunday 7th June. Fun day out for all the family. Phone 0208 502 9722.

PILGRIMAGE TO ARS AND PARAY-LE-MONIAL

October 26 – October 30. £465 for adults and £400 for children of 12 yrs and under.

More information? Ring 020 8550 4540.

ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER

in Doddinghurst invites all young adults (aged 18-38) to spend a weekend of enlightenment and sharing with Fr. William Jerema. After his success last year he is back with a new topic: IN HIS IMAGE: EXPLORING THE SEVEN DWELLING PLACES OF TERESA OF AVILA. Friday 29th - Sunday 31st May 2009. Details available on: www.abbotswick.org on tel. 01277 373959

SWAZILAND SABBATICAL

We wish Pastor Paul Walker of the Pentecostal Church and his wife, Jane, every blessing as they go off to Africa for a year on the missions. They thank us for all the books collected recently and for our financial support for their endeavour.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL, HORNCHURCH,

is looking to employ an Assistant Subject leader for Religious Education. Anyone who is interested in this position please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs Noddings, for more information on 01708 452332.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL YEAR 8 DAY

Have you an hour to spare to help our local secondary school 13-year-olds to faith in Jesus? The 'Labyrinth' teaches the tenets of the Christian Faith visually and through tableaux to youngsters who might never otherwise hear the richness of the Christian message. However, we need people of faith to man the stalls. At St. John's Church, Tuesday the 9th June 11.30 to 12.30. Better still if you can be there an hour early, at 10.30, to find out what you will need to do - only in a supervisory capacity - for groups of 5 or 6 young people at a time. If you can help, please ring Susan on 575017.

THE SVP ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP is a brilliant holiday opportunity for boys and girls aged 8 – 13. The boys weeks for 2009 are 18th – 25th July; 25th July – 1st August and 1st – 8th August. The girls' week is 8th – 15th August. The camp site is 40 acres with many sporting activities, plus canoeing, archery and much more. Accommodation is in tents; all food and sporting equipment is provided. The full cost is £130, but any family in financial need should speak to Fr James or the Parish SVP representative, Paul Ives, to see what financial assistance is available. Forms and more details can be found on www.bcys.net/bosco. **Volunteer helpers** are also needed for the camp – must be aged 16+. It is commitment that is essential to the running of the camp – you will make a difference and have a great time.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE: A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples time to look at their relationship. After each presentation some time is spent together as a couple. It is a private weekend with no group discussions. The Weekend to be held is at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent, on 26th – 28th June 2009. If you are interested please call Caroline & Michael L'Estrange on 01277 841051 or go to www.wwme.org.uk, through which you can also arrange a booking.

REQUIRED FOR SEP. 09:

Iford Ursuline High School currently has a vacancy for an **Experienced Learning Support Assistant** 25 hours per week term time only (£8.72 - £9.39 per hour)

Closing Date: 12 June. **Tel: 020 8554 1995** iuhs@ifordursuline-high.redbridge.sch.uk www.ilfordursuline-high.org.uk

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 23rd/24th May 2009

Saturday 6 p.m. Canny Family deceased
 Sunday **Ascension** 9 a.m. Kieran McClean, *R.I.P.*
 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 25th May 2009

Monday 10 a.m. Thecla Floor, *R.I.P.*
 Tuesday 9 a.m. Fr. Stephen Reith, *R.I.P.*
 Wednesday 9 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, *R.I.P.*
 Thursday 9 a.m. Holy Souls
 Friday 9 a.m. Mary Murphy, 80th birthday
 Saturday 6 p.m. Len Dowling, *R.I.P.*
 Sunday **Pentecost** 9 a.m. Agnes Blunt
 11 a.m. People of the Parish

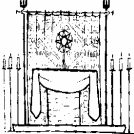
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

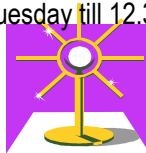
HOLY HOUR

Monday
 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

£ 1251.76

of which CAFOD:

£ 70.60

Thank you