



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

### Epping

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th January 2009

Dear Friends,

The concept of the Kingdom is central to the preaching of Jesus. The Kingdom of God may be more accurately termed the Reign or Rule of God. Earthly kingdoms are transient and mortal rulers come and go. God is eternal and His reign will know no end. We pray '*Thy Kingdom come*' and our response should be two-fold: we are summoned to repent and we are called to believe.

Repentance requires a willingness to think again, to make a reappraisal of all our values, and to readjust them according to God's law. Belief or faith confirms us in the conviction that God rules over all. In the psalm last week we said: *Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your Will*. This week we say: *Lord, make me know Your Ways*.

If God is truly to rule in our lives, then we have to submit ourselves to the spiritual discipline of prayer and works of love. Wherever acts of kindness and caring are to the forefront, we have sure signs of God's kingdom in our midst.

God bless you always,  
Father James

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## **JUSTICE & PEACE**

meeting 8 pm Tuesday 27th January in the presbytery.

## **PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING**

At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Sunday, 25th January, 7.30 to 9pm. Everyone welcome.

## **OASIS OF PEACE (MARIAN) PRAYER DAY**

Forget your troubles and rest in the Lord on Saturday January 31st in our Church 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Mass (at 11.50), Rosary, Holy Hour, Talk by Fr. Keenan, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Bring packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

## **HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY**

This year falls on 1st February as part of poverty and homelessness action week, 31st January to 8th February. Let us remember them in our prayers and help them when we can, remembering that the Holy Family experienced homelessness in Bethlehem and Egypt.

## **ATHEISM IN BRITAIN TODAY.**

Dr Tina Beattie, professor of Catholic Studies at Roehampton University, and prolific writer and broadcaster, will be talking about 'the New Atheists', who have become so vociferous in modern British society, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 to 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. Dr Beattie will explore what they say and reveal how the faith they reject is not the faith we believe in. Book your place for this free event (sandwich lunch and refreshments provided) by e-mail to [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or telephone [01277 265289](tel:01277265289).

## **FATHER STAN FORTUNA**

is a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal based in the Bronx, New York. He is an internationally renowned speaker to young people: his style includes a mix of rap and song, and there is a rare opportunity to hear him speak in our diocese on SUNDAY MARCH 15TH from 4.30pm. Open to all aged 15+. For full information visit [www.bcys.net/frstan](http://www.bcys.net/frstan)

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting of the group will be at 6 p.m. in the presbytery on Sunday **25th January**. Anyone saddened by bereavement is welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat. Queries to Deacon Duncan, 01992 577173.

### **ECCA SINGING HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

in St. John's Church, Epping, on Saturday 31st January 7.30 pm. Very appropriate for the 250th anniversary of this famous composer's death. Simon Winters conducting, with full orchestral accompaniment. We'd love to have your support. Entrance is free; programmes £2; retiring collection to offset expenses.

### **THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY**

will next meet on Saturday 31st January at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood at 2.30 p.m. Author Dr. James Hagerty will give a talk entitled 'Cardinal Hinsley: the cross and the flag'. Anyone wishing to join the Society should contact Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

### **BRES ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY MORNING**

**7<sup>TH</sup> February** 9.30-12.00 at Cathedral House Brentwood.

The theme is: 'Walking in the footsteps of St Paul' and will be led by Fr Christopher O'Donnell O.Carm., author and retreat director. Tel. 01277 265285. Cost £5.

### **CATHOLIC SINGLES**

is an organisation which helps single practising Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events.

For more information please tel. **0161 941 3498**, visit the website **www.catholicsingles.org.uk** or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.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 24th/25th January 2009**

Saturday	6.00 p.m. Henry Fowell <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Cyril Mulvaney <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11.00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Intentions week commencing Monday 26th January 2009**

Monday	9.00 a.m. Thanksgiving (H)
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. Fr. Jack Donovan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. Bridie Maree, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9.00 a.m. James & Elizabeth Farrell, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9.00 a.m. Hamish Moffat, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6.00 p.m. Tony Fowly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9.00 a.m. Yolanda Tudor, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11.00 a.m. People of the parish

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30 — 12.00 Noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Rosalie Shannon, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Paulette Jarrold, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Kathleen Schofield, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie, Christine King, Gladys Saunders, Maddie Kavanagh, Stan Holder.

**HOLY HOUR**

*Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the Church All Welcome*



**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Monday to Friday for an hour after Mass and Tuesday till 12.30



**ROSARY GROUP**

Thursday at 5.00 p.m. at the home of Charles Ward  
22 Vicarage Road Cooper-sale  
All Welcome



Offerings last Week: £ 1285.98

Of which CAFOD: £ 60.96 Thank you