



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th/26th July 2009

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we observe the Day for Life 2009, an annual event authorised by the Bishops of England and Wales. This year, the focus is on suicide. Building upon last year's theme of mental health, the aim is to raise awareness of the vital role to be played by families and supportive parish communities in sustaining those who are struggling to cope. Life matters; it is a precious gift to be cherished. Our Lord says: *I have come to give you life in abundance.* (John 10.10) He invites us to ask Him for this life. Someone may feel that life is so painful that it is not worth living. But with appropriate help and support, these feelings do subside. Suicide should never be romanticised, promoted or encouraged. On the other hand, attempting suicide is typically the act of a desperate person and it should be greeted with compassion rather than with blame.

Three of our young parishioners, Rachel Keeling, Hannah Whitbread and James Ryan, are in Lourdes this week with the Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage. they are helping with the sick and send us their prayers and good wishes. They thank us for the parish subsidy, which enabled them to engage in this good work.

God bless you always,

Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FORMS

are now available from Father James.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Una Brown, *R.I.P.*

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!

SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Orders have now been placed for the new sanctuary carpet and the stone lectern and font. It is hoped that the work will be completed by mid-September.

COLLECTORS AND USHERS

Please collect your new, REVISED list, which includes new helpers, from the porch.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR APRIL-MAY

April/May

Offertory from envelopes & standing orders	£7,988 (91.3% Gift Aided)
Offertory from loose change	£1,406
Other income	£8,440
(eg. Xmas/Easter offerings, social events, phase II project & other collections)	
Total Income	£17,834
Expenditure	(£15,246)
Surplus	£ <u>2,588</u>

Gift Aid It

HMRC will add 28% to your offertory contributions when tax payers join the gift aid scheme. Parishioners contributed ca. £15,000 to parish funds last year.

Please contact Malcolm Heughan on 812012 for more details.

Loose Change

Cannot be Gift Aided. We can supply a box of weekly offertory envelopes. Contact Malcolm Heughan on 812012.

IS THIS FOR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?: Journey in Faith

An information evening will be held in the Presbytery at **8pm on Wednesday 5th August**, when the programme will be outlined. All those wishing to **learn about our wonderful Catholic Faith** are encouraged to attend this meeting, at which dates and times of the meetings during the year ahead will be discussed. Please let Deacon Duncan or Fr. James know if you can attend the meeting, or if you are interested but cannot attend it.

OUR PARISH HALL FOR HIRE

Our hall is available for hire at competitive rates all the year round. For details ring Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or 0776 440 4813. Feel free to tell your friends.

RENTED SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION FOR 60+

£130 - 140 per week. Single and double one bedroom flats, completely refurbished, at St. Anne's, Stifford Clays, Grays, Essex.

Warden and 'Careline' assisted. Wide range of optional social activities, excellent facilities, including communal gardens and very close to all amenities. Interested? Phone 01702 510523 for more information. **Website: www.brentwoodcwl.co.uk**

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.

SPUC PETITION AGAINST ABORTION IN SCHOOLS

If you disagree that abortion should be available to our children at school, please sign the petition on the notice board. (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 25th/26th July 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	John Welch, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Private Intention
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 27th July 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Jim and Maria Welch, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Ives/Dooley Families, deceased
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Thecla Floor, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday	9 a.m.	Private Intention
Saturday	6 p.m.	Jim Lennon, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	John Welch
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

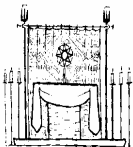
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, 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

Monday
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

£ 1259.60

of which CAFOD:

£ 41.55

Thank you