



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

26th Sunday of the Year

27th September 2009

Dear Friends,

Jesus says in the Gospel today: *Whoever welcomes one of these little children welcomes Me.* These words are timely, since this weekend another twenty-three of our children begin their preparation for First Holy Communion. I have said before, but it bears repeating, that First Communion preparation is one of the most important activities in which we, as a parish community, engage. I am particularly grateful to Mrs. Susan Asher, our new chief catechist, and the team that will be working with her.

We adults have our own opportunity to show our devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the Forty Hours of Adoration commencing on Friday next, October 2nd, at 8 p.m. It will continue in constant vigil until 11 a.m. Mass next Sunday. I thank those who have volunteered to fill the rota of watchers, but there is still need for more. Even if circumstances do not permit you to watch for an hour, please try to make a visit to the church, no matter how brief, during that period, and bring the children along too.

I hope that you are all pleased with the Sanctuary, now that the work there has been completed. The new font and lectern in Portland Stone complement the existing altar and tabernacle plinth. The new carpet likewise complements the existing blue tones of other fittings. All has been done for the greater glory of God and I am profoundly grateful to all the generous benefactors who made the project possible.

God bless you all,  
Father James

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**“Every time we look at Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, our place in Heaven is raised for ever”** - St. Gertrude.

Our **FORTY HOURS’ ADORATION** will take place from **8 pm on Friday 2nd October**, beginning with Holy Mass, **to 12 noon on Sunday 4th October**, ending with Holy Mass at 11. As usual, we appeal for watchers to cover the entire period, especially the night hours. There is a rota on the notice board for the names of watchers. Please see flyer for the hours that need filling.

### **CANDLES FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Last chance to request a candle to burn throughout the 40 hours for a deceased loved one. Please enclose their name and £1 per candle in an envelope, and put through the door of the presbytery, clearly marked, **“40 Hours”** - before Friday!

### **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: 2nd October 2009**

This Harvest, CAFOD is appealing for our urgent help to support millions of people who are being pushed deeper and deeper into poverty. The World Bank estimates that the financial crisis will force 46 million more people to survive on less than \$1.25 a day. **PLEASE HELP.** Make a sacrifice this Fast Day and put what you save into the CAFOD envelope provided next weekend. Thank you.

### **JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday, 10th October, in our hall.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

All those who are suffering the effects of bereavement are welcome to have a cup of tea and a chat on Sunday 27th September at 6 pm in the presbytery.

### **OASIS OF PEACE DAY—Saturday 31st October in our church.**

Date for your diary: Restore to Halloween its original meaning: the Eve of All Saints’ Day (All Hallows’ Eve), and let’s celebrate in prayer: *“In prayer you will find your deepest joy”*. **10.30 to 4.**

## **GOING FREE!**

to first person who can remove and collect: EWTN satellite dish and set-top box in perfect condition. Phone 575017.

## **JOURNEY IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.)**

The new group will meet on Wednesday 30th September in the presbytery at 7.30 p.m. If anyone wishes to join, they will be most welcome. The group will learn about the Catholic Faith. Meetings about every other Wednesday evening until Easter. Speak to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan.

## **PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING**

at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 to 9.00pm.** Please note the date. Everyone welcome.

## **TAIZE WORKSHOP**

Musicians and singers may be interested in this: on Monday 12th October at the Church of the Holy Cross and All Saints, 135, Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM13 3AJ. £3 including drinks.

## **LOVE AT THE HEART OF THINGS**

A time of prayer for young adults with the relics of St Therese of Lisieux. Special Liturgy with the relics of St. Therese for young adults at **7.30pm** on **Wed.14th Oct.** at Westminster Cathedral, followed by an All-Night Vigil. Email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) for your **free** ticket

## **ST. JOHN'S SPECIAL SCHOOL TEACHING VACANCIES**

in Woodford Bridge: Assistant Head Teacher, P.E. Teacher and a part-time R.E. Teacher. Please phone 0208 504 1818 or email [treasury@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:treasury@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk) for a job pack.

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### This weekend 26th and 27th September 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Luke O'Connor, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Murrihy/Flanagan Families, deceased
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 28th September 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tuesday	<i>St. Michael</i> 9 a.m.	Intentions of Michael Jordan
Wednesday	9 a.m.	James Hopkins, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Douglas Dew, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Marian Ward, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	<b>Forty Hours</b> 8 p.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday	6 p.m.	Teresa Carney, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Kathy McQueen, <i>R.I.P.</i>

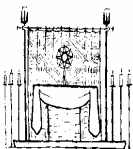
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**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, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie, Kathleen Flower,

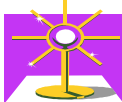
### HOLY HOUR

Monday  
at 8 pm in Church.  
*All Welcome*



### 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  
*All Welcome*



### Offerings

£ 1,100.13

Of which CAFOD

£13.87

**Thank you**