



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

Holy Family Sunday

27th December 2009

Dear Friends,

The Sunday after Christmas is always kept as the Feast of the Holy Family. In an age when family life has undergone so much upheaval, we need to be very sensitive when dealing with this issue. Many of us have been richly blessed in our experience of family life: others have not been so fortunate and their feelings and needs have to be treated tactfully and with respect. At another level, beyond kith and kin, we belong to the extended family of faith, which finds expression in our parish community. It is up to each of us to ensure that the parish is a fine community in reality as well as in theory. Are new comers made to feel welcome? Is there a genuine sense of belonging and participation on the part of all? Are the lapsed encouraged and the lonely visited? These are some of the questions we should be asking as a new year begins. But it is not enough to ask the questions. Answers should be forthcoming at a practical level.

I thank you all for your many kindnesses to me over the Christmas Season, with so many gifts and greetings. I thank you for a very generous Christmas offering. In turn, I wish all of you a very blessed and peaceful New Year.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S CLASS

Next on January 9th (Saturday) in the Hall, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

HIRE OUR HALL

for your function if you want a comfortable, spacious and bright venue. Competitive rates all year round. Contact Arnold Verrall on 573633 or 0776 440 4813. Feel free to tell your friends.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES / SUITS

Barbara Aldridge is starting a 'bank' of these: if you have any in your wardrobe you would like to raise some money from on a 50% - 50% basis, or are looking for a more economical way to make your child look their best on their big day, contact her on 07954 173683 or melaniesdressagency@fsmail.net

'TAKE AND READ' SCRIPTURE STUDY DAY

Led by Fr. Adrian Graffy and Anne Dixon. The day will begin at 10.45 with coffee. After the morning session lunch will be provided at 13.00. The afternoon will commence at 14.00 and finish at 15.30. At St. Peter and Paul's Parish Centre, Ilford. **16th January** 2010. Please register by phone or email. Entrance free. A donation on the day to cover costs will be gratefully received.

The day will provide an opportunity to gain understanding and confidence in the reading of scripture and will also act as a spring-board to a Lenten series to be held at SS. Peter & Paul's Parish Centre, beginning 18th February 2010 for 6 Thursdays.

You will need a copy of 'Take and Read': Gospel of Luke. (available to buy on the day - £8.00). *Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are Life.*

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

All welcome. 7.30 till late in the Church Hall. Adults £7.50; under 18's and OAP's £3.50. Be great to see you there. For tickets, call Julie and John Ryan on 01992 524633. Bring your own food and drinks. **Sorry, no admission on the door. Admission is by advance ticket only.** Thank you.

SEE THE NEW YEAR IN WITH PRAISE, HOLY MASS AND ADORATION: "Lift Jesus High!" Celebration

Friends' House, Euston, 173—7, Euston Road, NW1 2BJ, 9pm to 3am. Break at midnight. Bring food & soft drinks to share (no alcohol). Paper plates and cups provided. Tubes/buses free all night, till 4.30 am. 45 minutes by car. Free parking in streets nearby.

SPECIAL YOUTH MASS AND GATHERING

The young people of The Most Holy Redeemer Billericay & Fr. Dominic invite the Youth of the Brentwood Diocese at 8pm on Friday 8th January 2010 in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Laindon Road, Billericay. Live music & refreshments after Mass. Do come and have a fun night!

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Will be accepting your usual generous offerings at the Christmas Crib on the sanctuary, for the support of their invaluable work with needy and underprivileged children.

SIXTH ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY

Understanding Priesthood. Sharing in the Priesthood of Christ @ **Brentwood Cathedral Hall**. Led by Fr. John Farrell, *O.P.*, Provincial of the English Dominicans. Saturday 20th February, 2010. Admission free. Sandwich lunch and refreshments provided. Donation on the day. Please book your place on cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or phone 01277 265289.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Sunday 27th December 2009

Sunday	9 a.m.	Tredgett Family
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 28th December 2009

Monday	10a.m.	Molly Haestier, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Sheila Ives, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Ives/Dooley Family decd.
Thursday	9 a.m.	Norma Golding, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday 1st Jan. <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday	6 p.m.	Margaret Furlong
Sunday	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

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

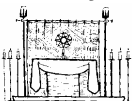
Confessions: Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohy, Paulette Jarrold, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Kathleen Flower, Gladys Saunders, Arthur Devereaux, Jennifer Peacock, Tullia Borelli.

HOLY HOUR

Please note:

There will be no Holy Hour now until we restart on Monday the 11th January at 8pm.



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*

Please note: no Adoration from Tuesday 22nd Dec. till we restart on Tuesday the 5th January.

ROSARY GROUP

Friday at 5.00 p.m. at the home of Charles Ward, 22 Vicarage Road Coopersale. *In the Rosary, Our Lady leads us to Her Son*



Offerings

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Thank you