



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

First Sunday of Advent

29th November 2009

Dear Friends,

Most towns and cities have already switched on their Christmas lights and Christmas cards went on sale not long after the schools reopened in September. However, the Church's preparation for Our Lord's birth begins as from today, the first Sunday of Advent. We are encouraged to use the coming days as a time of spiritual reflection upon what it means for God to become one of us in the form of a child and what our response to this awesome event should be. The Gospel message today is '**Watch and Stay awake!**'

As a help to keeping the spirit of Advent, I strongly recommend the little booklet: *Walk with Me*. Copies (one per household) are available at the back of the church, free of charge. Please take one and use it day by day. Pope Benedict has said that 'The beautiful task of Advent is to awaken in us all memories of goodness and thus open doors of hope'.

Next Saturday, we have our annual parish bazaar. it is an event which fosters a great spirit of community. I look forward to seeing you there.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER: Patronal Feast

of the *Immaculate Conception*. Holy Mass at 9 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

ADVENT SERVICE OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday **14th** December at 8 p.m.

BAPTISM: Rory Manning. Congratulations!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Don't miss the last one this term: Saturday **12th** December 10.30 a.m. in the Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S MASS

on **Sunday 13th** December at 11 a.m.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE:

At 11 a.m. Mass, we welcome the following enquirers, who are participating in the Journey in Faith Group: Kira Henly, Debbie Robertson, Claire Willsher, Emma Morton and Sonia Henry.

PRIESTLY GOLDEN JUBILEE:

We offer prayerful congratulations to our bishop, Thomas, who celebrates 50 years of priesthood this weekend.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARD FOR A PRISONER APPEAL

Many prisoners will be alone this Christmas, imprisoned a long way from home and often without any support from friends or family. We invite you to write a message in a Christmas card, send it to us, and we will give your card to a serving prisoner before Christmas Day. Send your card to **Freepost RLTY-SABS-YEKR**, Prison Advice and Care Trust, Suite C5, City Cloisters, 196 Old Street, London EC1V 9FR.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, on **Sunday, 29th November, 7.30 to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

HEALING MASS

at Abbotswick House of Prayer, celebrated by Fr John Glynn on **Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm**. Please visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959 for details.

NO MASS ON BOXING DAY SATURDAY EVENING 6PM

- Please make a note of this advance notice.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

We would like to invite anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day to join us for a traditional lunch in our hall. Carers with dependants and couples will also be most welcome. Please give your name to Father James or Deacon Duncan, or phone Mary Morgan 574719. Transport can be provided.

SEE THE NEW YEAR IN WITH THE LORD

If we dedicate the first hours of the New Year to the Lord, we can be sure of His blessings on the rest of it! Come and replenish your supply of the Joy of the Lord! Starting at 10 pm on Thursday the 31st December, through to 6 am on Friday the 1st January, Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God. Coffee in the hall available to keep us alert! Praise the Lord with songs, rosary, quiet times, Litany, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross. At Our Lady of Fatima, Harlow. What a feast!

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO LIFE

by writing or phoning in against assisted suicide. The bill is being discussed now. The addresses: **Right to Life, PO Box 26264, London W3 9SQ.** Sarah@righttolife.org.uk. **Phone: 020 8992 7657**

“Woe to you if you do not defend life!” (John Paul the Great).

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

THE PARISH BAZAAR IS NEXT SATURDAY

This is the one time of the year when the whole parish community gets together to meet old friends and make new ones. The Bazaar is in the Church Hall from 10.30a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Please spend the latter part of the week baking for the Cake Stall—sponges, pies, scones, biscuits and buns all go like hot cakes (even if they're cold)!

Setting up is on Friday afternoon 3 p.m. onwards. Young muscle is urgently needed, both before and after the Bazaar.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 28th / 29th November 2009

Saturday	6 p.m.	Doug and Bobby Dew, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Lady Joan Russell, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 30th November 2009

Monday	9 a.m.	Rita Gill, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	George Rimmer, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Dora Coppola, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Sean Dillon, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Fr. Brendan O'Sullivan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m.	Jeannette Mulligan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
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.

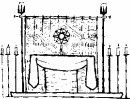
Confessions: Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Karen Toohey, 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, David Jolly.

HOLY HOUR

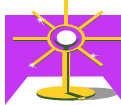
Monday
at **6** pm in Church.

*What an exquisite privilege:
to spend an hour intimately
with Almighty God!*



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.

*In the Rosary, Our Lady
leads us to Her Son in the
Joy of the Spirit!*



Offerings

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Thank you