



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Pentecost

30th / 31st May 2009

Dear Friends ,

Pentecost concludes the Easter Season. Traditionally, it is called the birthday of the Church because, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples of Jesus were empowered for mission. Aglow with the Spirit, the hitherto timorous group went out to proclaim the good news of their glorious Lord.

We are their heirs in faith. Baptised and confirmed, we are also equipped by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to gospel values. Our testimony to the truth is not simply a matter of words, whether oral or written; it is made by the quality of Christian life. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience and self-control. Where these are lacking, the Spirit is quenched and witness is rendered void.

At a time when there is a lot of scepticism and anger resulting from the questionable dealings of many in high office, there is an urgent need to reassert values which promote integrity and the common good. Christians must always dare to be different. That difference is to be discerned in fidelity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Today we ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of His love in us, that we may be truly fit for that purpose.

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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## **FONT AND LECTERN**

Drawings of the proposed new font and lectern are on view in the church porch for parishioners' inspection.

**BAPTISM:** Callum Goswell. Congratulations.

**MARRIAGE:** Marie O'Reilly and Michael Newman. Congratulations.

## **MEETING OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL**

There will be a meeting of the PPC on **Wednesday June 3rd at 8 p.m.** in the presbytery, to which all are welcome. A copy of the agenda is on the notice board.

## **THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

needs new members to visit the elderly, people in hospital and anyone who wants a visit. the commitment can be as little as one or two hours a week. Please speak to Fr. James or any S.V.P. member if you are interested.

## **S.V.P. CHARITY COLLECTION:**

After Mass this weekend, **May 30th/31st**, for international aid. Our parish is twinned with four Indian parishes' SVP Conferences, and your contributions support them financially. Any additional funds will go to the International Disaster Fund to support some 30 baby feeding units in the Sudan. Thank you for being generous.

## **PARISH BUDGET**

The Finance and Development Committee has approved a budget for the current tax year - total expenditure is forecast to be £106,852 against an expected income of £95,358. We are therefore expecting a deficit of £11,494 although we start the current year with funds of £77,509. If you want to know any more detail, please speak to a member of the committee.

**CAFOD** Bike Ride 10 or 19 miles through Lea Valley Park and along the canal tow path. Sunday 7th June. Fun day out for all the family. Phone 0208 502 9722.

## **HARLOW FOOD BANK**

We have received an urgent appeal for tinned meat and ham for people in crisis in the Harlow district, as these items are running low, in order to maintain a nutritionally balanced diet for them. If you can help, please ring Chris on 01279 724515.

## **THE CAMPION SCHOOL, HORNCHURCH,**

is looking to employ an Assistant Subject leader for Religious Education. Please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs Noddings, on 01708 452332.

**THE SVP ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP** is a brilliant holiday opportunity for boys and girls aged 8 – 13. The boys weeks for 2009 are 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July; 25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August. The girls' week is 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. The camp site is 40 acres with many sporting activities, plus canoeing, archery and much more. Accommodation is in tents; all food and sporting equipment is provided. Speak to Fr. James or Paul, 577104.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The group will meet at 6 p.m. in the presbytery on Sunday 14th June. Anyone distressed by bereavement is welcome to join the group for a cup of tea and a chat... A problem shared is a problem halved!

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING**

on Pentecost Sunday at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7.30 to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome. Do come and celebrate this wonderful Feastday.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WANSTEAD**

require a highly motivated individual to join our Early Years Team, commencing September 09. Closing date **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**; interviews **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Also required** Mid-day assistant, 7.5 hours weekly, term time only, 28 days paid holiday. Application pack available from the school office via [mrsaperrin@btconnect.com](mailto:mrsaperrin@btconnect.com) or telephone 020 8989 4700

**ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE: A Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives married couples time to look at their relationship. After each presentation some time is spent together as a couple. It is a private weekend with no group discussions. The Weekend to be held is at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent, on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009. If you are interested please call Caroline & Michael L'Estrange on 01277 841051 or go to [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk), through which you can also arrange a booking.

### **REQUIRED FOR SEP. 09:**

Ilford Ursuline High School currently has a vacancy for an **Experienced Learning Support Assistant** 25 hours per week term time only (£8.72 - £9.39 per hour). Closing Date: 12 June. **Tel: 020 8554 1995**  
[iuhs@ilfordursuline-high.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:iuhs@ilfordursuline-high.redbridge.sch.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 30th/31st May 2009

Saturday 6 p.m. Len Dowling, *R.I.P.*  
Sunday *Pentecost* 9 a.m. Agnes Blunt  
11 a.m. People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 1st June 2009

Monday 9 a.m. Patrick and Joseph Curley, *R.I.P.*  
Tuesday 9 a.m. Communion Service  
Wednesday 9 a.m. Biddy Shelly, *R.I.P.*  
Thursday 9 a.m. Rachel Lowes, *R.I.P.*  
Friday 9 a.m. Intentions of E. Brennan  
Saturday 6 p.m. Cornelius Enright, *R.I.P.*  
Sunday 9 a.m. Rosalie Shannon, *R.I.P.*  
11 a.m. People of the Parish

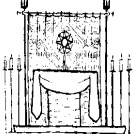
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

**Confessions:** Saturday 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, Jane Gant, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

### HOLY HOUR

Monday  
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

£ 1125.36

**of which CAFOD:**

£ 20.00

**Thank you**