



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th February 2010

Dear Friends,

Most of us can relate at sometime or another to the feelings of despondency expressed by St. Peter in today's Gospel. He and his companions have little or nothing to show for all their hard work overnight in the fishing boat. Nevertheless, with a word of encouragement from Jesus, he is prepared to give things another go, to try again. This time, he was rewarded for his patience and his faith. When life is riddled with frustration and disappointment, we must learn to hang on and not give up. We must learn to accept ourselves as we are, in all our human frailty and imperfection. That is why we say, *'Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.'* But we must also learn to trust in God, our Father, who never writes any of us off as good-for-nothing. As we recognise our own inadequacy, we also learn to acknowledge the power and holiness of God to work in us and through us. St. Paul expresses it all very well in the second reading: *'By God's grace, I am what I am'*.

I shall be away on my annual retreat from Monday to Friday next. Please pray for me as I shall be praying for you.

God bless you always,  
Father James.

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**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Thomas will come for confirmation on Wed. 3rd November at 7.30 pm. Those eligible must have had their 14th birthday by that date. The preparatory course will begin soon after Easter. Those wishing to be involved are invited to **write to Fr. James**, stating reasons for their decision. Please note that parental pressure is not a sufficient reason.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Class: Feb. 13th (Sat.)** in the Hall, 10.30 a.m.

**LENTEN DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER** on Saturday March 6th in Westminster Cathedral 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. Led by Mgr. Keith Barltrop and two Polish MIC priests. Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Healing Service, Procession and Enthronement of the Image of Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Mercy, Rosary, Lenten-themed Talks, Sacrament of Reconciliation and time for quiet prayer. All are welcome. More info: antoniavb@talktalk.net

**DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER—Ash Wednesday, 17th February.** run by the Good Counsel Network, a powerful way to help bring about an end to Abortion and Euthanasia. See poster on the notice board.

**ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL,** Burney Drive, Loughton, seeks an enthusiastic and committed class teacher for September 2010. Please contact the school for an application form on 0208 508 6315. Closing Date: 19th February.

**CATHOLIC HANDICAPPED FELLOWSHIP**

have their annual Mass with Bishop Thomas for all those with special needs on **Sunday 14th February at 3 p.m.** at our Cathedral, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. Refreshments afterwards.

**ECUMENICAL LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS: ‘Our Christian Calling’**

are being arranged in our area. Full details will appear on the notice board as soon as they become known. Deacon Duncan’s group (maximum 10), will run on Mondays 22nd Feb., 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March at 3, Lynceley Grange, Epping from 2.30 to 4pm. Please phone 577173 to book a place. If the Group is over-subscribed, it may be possible to arrange transfer to another group.

**COLLECTORS / USHERS** Please collect your new rota from the porch. If you would like to join the team, please telephone Mary on 574719.

**FULLY LOADED!** Calling all young people in school year 10 and above!  
An opportunity to explore together what it means to have life to the full as Jesus promised. Come to Walsingham House and experience **Fun, Friendship and Faith!!** before Easter. A Lent Retreat with a difference! 26th to 28th March. Only £40. At Walsingham House, Canvey Island, Essex. Telephone 01268 515970. (*See poster on notice board.*)

**THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY** outing to the church of St. Patrick, Soho Square on Saturday 20th February. This will be an opportunity to see the church before it closes for a year at the end of February for restoration work to take place. We will be shown vestments and other items of interest not usually on show to the public. We will meet inside the church at 2 p.m. If you wish to attend or to find out about joining the Society, phone Isobel 01268 289678.

**EUSTON DAY OF RENEWAL** (opposite Euston Station)

February 20th, Saturday, at Friends' House, 10.30a.m. to 5pm. Holy Mass at 11 a.m., powerful preaching, prayer for London, inspirational singing and praise, very Eucharistically-based day. Bring packed lunch. Drinks for sale. Opportunity to update your Catholic reading with the latest publications on sale.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER DIARY DATES:**

Lent Lunches: 12.30 to 2 pm: 27th February at St. John's.

Women's World Day of Prayer: 5th March 10.30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. On the 26th Feb. there will be a run-through at 10.30 at the Methodist Church. Readers, ushers and tea-makers needed. All welcome. Come along and join us.

Walk of Witness: Good Friday 2nd April 10.45 a.m.

**EPPING COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR**

meets every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in Epping Hall, and would welcome new members 11 years upwards. Phone Ruth 07507 517527.

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

*Alleluia 11 o'clock Mass:*

*Sing praises to the Lord, Alleluia; sing praise to greet His word, Alleluia. His word is a sign of His wisdom and His love, Alleluia, alleluia.*

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### This Weekend 6th / 7th February 2010

Saturday	6 p.m.	David Jolly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Percy and Mary Flower, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Intentions Week Beginning 8th February 2010

Monday	9 a.m.	Oswald Pelosi, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6 p.m.	Fr. M. O'Rourke, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Leonard Parsons, <i>R.I.P.</i>

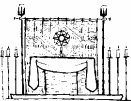
**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, 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, Tullia Borelli, Richard Fayolle, Connie Charlton.

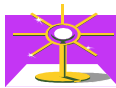
#### **HOLY HOUR**

Monday  
at 8 p.m.  
in Church.  
*All Welcome*



#### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Monday to Friday for an hour  
after 9 a.m. Mass / Service  
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*



**Offerings**

£1191.23

Of which, CAFOD: £85

**Thank you**