



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th February 2010

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent is almost upon us. Next Wednesday, February 17th, is Ash Wednesday. There will be two Masses, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., at which ashes will be blessed. They symbolise the transience of all earthly things and are also a sign of repentance. We receive them on our foreheads in the form of a cross. The cross casts a long shadow over our Lenten Journey, reminding us that before we can share in the joy and victory of Our Lord's Resurrection, we must first share in His sufferings.

The three classic ways of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and works of charity. Like Good Friday, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one meal only), and abstinence (no meat). Every Sunday evening during Lent, we shall have the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. I also recommend the Lenten booklet: *Walk with Me*, available free at the back of the Church. It contains a simple Scriptural reflection for each day of Lent. Please take a copy (one per household), and use it day by day.

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:

Next on Feb. 27th (Sat.) in the Hall, 10.30 a.m.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for Maria Kerigan and Pietro Marengi, *R.I.P.*

BAPTISM: Daniel Clarke—*Congratulations!*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sunday 21st February, 6 p.m.

WALK WITH ME: A Lenten booklet of day-by-day reflection. Free of charge—one per household, please.

SENIOR NURSE WANTED FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIM-AGE! Please phone Phyllis Keating 0208 598 8996 after 7 p.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,

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.

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, before it closes for a year at the end of February for restoration. We will be shown vestments and other items of interest. 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.

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.

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.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Weekend 13th / 14th February 2010

Saturday 6 p.m. Fr. M. O'Rourke, *R.I.P.*
Sunday 9 a.m. Leonard Parsons, *R.I.P.*
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 15th February 2010

Monday 9 a.m. Maureen Dullahan, *R.I.P.*
Tuesday 9 a.m. Claire Lafford, *R.I.P.*
Ash Wednesday 10 a.m. People of the Parish
8 p.m. Patsy Murphy, *R.I.P.*
Thursday 9 a.m. Pietro Marengi, *R.I.P.*
Friday 9 a.m. Kathleen Hensen, *R.I.P.*
Saturday 6 p.m. Maria Kerigan, *R.I.P.*
Sunday 9 a.m. People of the Parish, *R.I.P.*

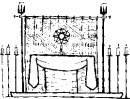
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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.

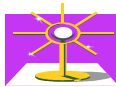
HOLY HOUR

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
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

£1281.44

Of which, CAFOD: £78.03

Thank you