



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

First Sunday in Lent

21st February 2010

Dear Friends,

At Mass today, the opening prayer asks that our Lenten observances may help us to a greater understanding of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. **The forty days of Lent** commemorate His time in the wilderness and the assault made upon Him by the Evil One. Temptation is an inescapable part of human experience. Temptation itself is not a sin. Sin only occurs when we give way to temptation. We must be constantly on our guard and never presume that our own natural strength is sufficient to see us through. We are always in need of God's grace in our struggle with sin. In the reading from *Romans* today, St. Paul urges us to call on the name of the Lord Jesus: we confess with our lips and we believe in our hearts that He is Saviour and Lord.

Please use reflectively the little book, *Walk with Me*, which provides a short meditation for each day of Lent. Every Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross. I hope that all of you will try to attend them at least once between now and Easter.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Class:

Next Saturday, Feb. 27th, in the Hall, 10.30 a.m.

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.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:

8 p.m., Wednesday 24th March.

EASTER LILIES:

Donations are invited (£2 a bloom) for Easter lilies in memory of the dead at Easter. Please mark the envelope 'Easter Lily'.

MRS. PAT JOLLY,

together with her sons, Kieran, Patrick and Brendan, wishes to thank all those, too numerous to mention, who expressed their sympathy on the occasion of David's death. All the kindness and sympathy shown is deeply appreciated.

BAPTISMS: Isabelle Hines and Lily Richards — *Congratulations!*

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

JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 10th April, in our hall.

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

OUR PARISH HALL

is available for hire all the year round. One of the best halls for miles around! Contact our bookings manager for competitive rates: Arnold Verrall, on 573633

FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH!! Calling all in school year 10 and above!
A Lent Retreat with a difference! 26th to 28th March. Only £40. Walsingham House, Canvey Island, Essex. Telephone 01268 515970. (*See poster*).

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.

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.

Women’s World Day of Prayer: 5th March 2pm, Baptist Church, Theydon Bois.

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

ILFORD URSULINE PREP SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Thursday 25th February. You will be able to see the school in action between 9.00 a.m.–12.00 noon. No appointment is necessary.

We are an Independent Roman Catholic School for Boys and Girls aged 3–11. Our nursery is open for both boys and girls from the age of 3 and as from September 2010 we will be accepting boys in both our Reception Class and Year 1 Class. KS2 will remain girls only for the next few years.

ST. JOSEPH’S CONVENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WANSTEAD

Interviews are now being held for applicants for **entry, September 2010** to Nursery (born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007) and YR (born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006). **OPEN MORNINGS will take place** for **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1** between 9.30 and 10.30 Tuesday 9th and Thursday, 11th March. Phone 020 8989 4700 for an appointment.

A TALK BY SR. GABY OF ABBOTSWICK Hinsley Room, Westminster Cathedral, on Friday 26th February at 7.30 for young adults. Info: 01277 373848.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Weekend 20th / 21st February 2010

Saturday	6 p.m.	Maria Kerigan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Reg Clements, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 22nd February 2010

Monday	9 am	Margaret & Maurice O'Regan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 am	Sonia Malone, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 am	Brigg Family
Thursday	9 am	Peter McQueen Reilly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 am	Mike Hoffman, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 pm	John D'Arcy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 am	Patricia Holman, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11am	People of the Parish

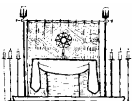
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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, Tullia Borelli, Richard Fayolle, Connie Charlton, Charles Ward.

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 **6.00** p.m. at the
home of Susan Asher,
18 Kendal Avenue.
*In the Rosary, Our Lady
leads us to Her Son*



Offerings

£1267.68

Of which, CAFOD:
£23.05

Thank you