



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th January 2010

Dear Friends,

Today I want to put two questions to you: firstly, do you have a Bible? Secondly, if so, do you read it? Both questions are prompted by the readings of today's Mass. Scripture is read at every Mass, but today's emphasis, both in the Old Testament and in the Gospel, is about the public proclamation of God's word within the context of public worship. Jesus Himself read the scriptures publicly in His home synagogue of Nazareth, and the people of Jerusalem were moved to tears as they listened to Ezra's proclamation near the Water Gate in Jerusalem. Ideally, the readings heard at Mass should prompt us all to soak up more of God's word at home. St. Jerome said that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. St. Augustine was conscious of the cry: '*Pick it up and read*'. The Season of Lent starts in a few weeks' time, and one of the most profitable of all Lenten observances is regular Bible reading.

Thank you for your generous response to the Haiti appeal. You contributed £1652, and that has been doubled from parish funds.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Class: February 6th (Saturday) in the Hall, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Next Children's Mass: Feb.7th *Please note: no class on the 30th January.*

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.

A WORD ABOUT ECCA: a local ecumenical choir, founded in 1972 by the then RC organist, perform 4 concerts a year—Christmas, January, Good Friday and summer. Admission free, programmes £2 to offset expenses. A retiring collection, for charity/choir funds. Refreshments available. 44 members with a brilliant professional conductor. **Our next concert is on Saturday 30th January at 7.30 pm at St. John's: Rutter Requiem & Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass.**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for Monsignor David Donnelly, a priest of our diocese for over fifty years, who died 19th January. *R.I.P.*

CONGRATULATIONS! to Mrs. Gina Pelosi, who is 94 this weekend.

WHIST DRIVE: Thursday 28th January at 7 p.m. Admittance £2 with refreshments. All welcome at 62A, Bower Hill, Epping.

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

RUN FOR A CHILD: 5 K. on 21/02/10 starting at 11 a.m. in Basildon. Organised by the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Phone:01268 784544

OASIS OF PEACE (MEDJUGORJE) DAY:

Saturday 30th January from 10.30 am to 4 pm. in our Church. **Mass at 11.50 a.m.** Also Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and stimulating discussion! Led by Canon Seamus Keenan. Bring packed lunch; drinks provided. Come for all or part of the day.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on **Sunday 31st January** in the presbytery at 6.00 pm. Anyone saddened by bereavement is very welcome to a cup of tea and a chat and benefit from the support of the group. Any queries to Deacon Duncan.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

Twickenham, seeks a new Principal. Closing date 28th Jan. 2010.
Contact 0845 130 9005 or visit www.odgersberndtson.co.uk

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT,

Wanstead, are now interviewing parents with children born between 1/9/05 and 31/8/07 for entry in September '10. Phone 0208 989 4700 if interested.

PAMPERED CHEF:

After paying all expenses, a modest profit of £147.40 was made. It was a pleasant social occasion and several new parishioners enjoyed making new friends. many thanks to the ladies who gave so much help, and all who joined in. If you wish to place an order, contact Caroline Skinnider on 560264 or cars.skinnider@btinternet.com.

SMALL LINEN LAUNDRY:

A replacement is needed for one of the ladies who launder the altar linen. This is a useful and satisfying way to serve the Lord. Contact: Deacon Duncan or Dorothy on 577173

ILFORD URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL: Open Evening 28/1/10 6-8pm.

For entry at Year 12. Phone 0208 554 1995 for further information.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Weekend 23rd / 24th January 2010

Saturday	6 p.m.	David Jolly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Hollinshead - thanksgiving
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 25th January 2010

Monday	9 a.m.	Leonard Parsons, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Greta Johnson (sick)
Wednesday	9 a.m.	David Jolly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Mgr. David Donnelly, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	6 p.m.	Edna Catley, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Jack Vaughan, <i>R.I.P.</i>

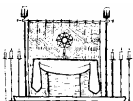
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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.

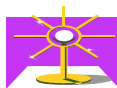
HOLY HOUR

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

£1194.08

Of which, CAFOD: £65

Haiti Appeal: £1652

Thank you