



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

Second Sunday in Lent

28th February 2010

Dear Friends,

There are two phrases which I would like to single out for reflection in this Mass of the Second Sunday in Lent. In the second reading, we are told: *Our homeland is in Heaven*. In the Gospel of the Transfiguration, we read: *Master, it is wonderful for us to be here*. As followers of Jesus, we believe that this life is but a preparation for the life to come. We are to love what the Lord commands and to long for what He promises. Lent, seriously undertaken, helps us to focus our vision and to keep our sights firmly fixed on the final goal. The Lord is indeed present with us now, especially in His Word and in the Eucharist: but we live by faith and look forward eagerly to the glorious vision of God when all transient things have passed away.

Please pray for Mr. Charles Ward, who died last week. At 98 years and four months, Charles was our oldest parishioner. He lived in the parish for 50 years. He was a remarkable man whose mind was crystal clear to the end, and who took a keen interest in all aspects of parish life. He served for many years as Master of Ceremonies on the altar and was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for over 70 years. Until two weeks before his death, he was regular at weekday Mass, coming in each morning by taxi. He was also an exceptionally generous benefactor to the recent reordering of the Church. His life and witness to the faith has been an enrichment to us all. May he rest in peace.

God bless you always,
Father James.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sunday 28th February, 6 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Class:

Next Saturday, March 6th, in the Hall, 10.30 a.m.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: to prepare for the great Feast of Easter: at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 24th March, in our Church.

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. **Closing date for all applications is Easter Sunday, 4th April.**

EASTER LILIES:

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

WALK WITH ME Lenten booklet last few copies still available free of charge

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast collection will be taken next weekend, 6/7 March.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - Sunday 11am Mass Term-time only.

This group is for children aged 4 years to 9 years and older siblings of those who attend. We urgently require helpers to ensure that this group can continue. Mums and Dads of the children who attend this group would be particularly welcome to help teach our children the Word of God. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please ring Norah on 01992 577932.

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

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL requires a Midday Assistant from April 19th. Phone 8508 6315 for further info and applications, which close on 12th March.

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

EPPING TOWNSPERSON OF THE YEAR (Award for 2009):

Warmest congratulations to Mrs. Mary Morgan, who has received this award for her many services within the local community, not least the organisation of the Christmas lunches for the elderly.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL:

All are welcome to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday March 3rd at 8pm** in the presbytery.

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 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: 6th March at the United Reform C, Lindsey Street.

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY

Saturday 13th March – ‘*The Two Journeys*’- *into the heart and into the world.*

Speaker: Fr Daniel O’Leary, author and theologian. 10.00am Registration & Coffee for 10.30 start. Finish 3.30pm. Cost: £10 per person

Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Bookings phone: **01277 265219**

MARRIAGE & FAMILY – What is the future? 19th March 2010, 7-00 – 9-00 pm St Thomas of Canterbury, Parish Hall, Woodford Green. IG8 0RB. The Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP for Chingford and Woodford Green and Chairman of the Centre for Social Justice will be giving a talk and taking questions on this important subject. Space is limited so to reserve a seat please ph 01277 265290

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 28th February, 7.30 to 9.00pm.** Everyone welcome.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Weekend 27th / 28th February 2010

Saturday	6 p.m.	John D'Arcy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Patricia Holman, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 1st March 2010

Monday	9 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	9 am	Dessie Cullen, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 am	Mr. and Mrs. Tobin, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 am	Fr. Con Monihan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 am	Patrick & Sarah McAniskey, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 pm	Timothy White, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 am	Janet Abbott, (thanksgiving)
	11 am	People of the Parish

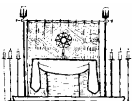
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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.

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

£1337.20

Of which, CAFOD:
£113.05

Thank you