



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January 2010

Dear Friends,

The great God-given virtues are faith, hope and charity or love. St. Paul tells us that, of these three, pre-eminence must be given to love. In any language, love is one of the most frequently-used words; it is also one of the most abused words, since it is often a synonym for lust. Love as a God-given gift can be easily recognised, since it is always accompanied by sacrifice. True love never comes cheaply: it is always manifested in a spirit of generous self-giving. The supreme example of this is the loving sacrifice of Our Lord on the cross. *'Greater love has no man than this: to lay down his life for his friends.'* As followers of Jesus, we are called not to talk about love, but to put it into practice. St. Paul sees it reflected in patience, kindness and forbearance. It is the opposite of rudeness, resentfulness and selfishness. The lesson of love takes a lifetime to learn and sometimes it is learnt through failure and mistakes. That is why the willingness to say *sorry* is an essential part of that lesson.

Thank you again for your response to the Haiti appeal. Another £500 was received last week.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Next Children's Mass: Feb.7th

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

There will be a meeting of the group on Thursday, 4th February, at 8 p.m., in the Presbytery. Any interested parishioner is invited to come along.

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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 31st January, 7.30 to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

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

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. led by the Walsingham House Team. Telephone 01268 515970, or email sarah@walsinghamhouse.org.

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.

L.S.A. REQUIRED!

full / part time St. John's R.C. Special School, Woodford Bridge. Phone 0208 504 1818, or email: treasury@stjohnsreschool.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

with Father John Hayes from Hornchurch, 15th to 18th April. Phone 07932 634589 to book your place.

HOPE: INSPIRATION FOR PEOPLE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE -

Saturday 27th February, Friends Meeting House, Euston, London. Tickets £12.50 / £14. For further information and booking, go to www.cymfed.org.

LITURGICAL FORMATION

Preparing to celebrate the Liturgies of the Triduum. Tuesday 9th February, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Mgr. David Manson, VG. Cost: £5 per person.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW MISSAL

Tuesday 15th June, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Mr. Martin Foster, M.A., National Liturgy Office, London. £5.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Weekend 30th / 31st January 2010

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| Saturday | 6 p.m. | Edna Catley, <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. | Jack Vaughan - thanksgiving |
| | 11 a.m. | People of the Parish |

Intentions Week Beginning 1st February 2010

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| Monday | 9 a.m. | Vera Dorgan, <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Tuesday | 9 a.m. | Canon James Hemming, <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Wednesday | 9 a.m. | Nora Mularney, <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Thursday | 9 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 9 a.m. | Fr. Brian Godden, <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Saturday | 6 p.m. | David Jolly, <i>R.I.P.</i> |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. | Percy and Mary Flower, <i>R.I.P.</i> |

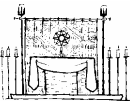
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

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 Toohy, 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.

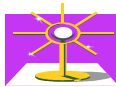
HOLY HOUR

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 invites 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: £2152

Thank you