



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

20th October 2013

Dear friends

along with the Sacraments, Catholic life and practice are nourished by prayer and scripture. Both of them form the theme of today's Mass. St Paul is very explicit when he writes that holy scripture is profitable for teaching, correcting error, moral guidance and sanctification. The Holy Bible is not meant to sit on a bookshelf but is something that ought to be read regularly. One of the lovely windows in our church depicts an open bible and underneath it is the inscription: *your words, O Lord, are Spirit and they are life*. St Jerome says that *ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ*.

Personal prayer is a solid proof of active and deep faith. To pray little is to believe little: to pray now and then is to believe now and then. To pray much is to believe much. The gospel today encourages us to pray with perseverance even when at times it seems that our prayer is unheard. Our Lord not only exhorts us to pray but he himself set us an example. No matter what demands were made of him in his busy ministry he always found time to pray. If we say that we are too busy to pray then we are simply too busy. If we are honest we always find time for those things that are really important to us.

***God bless you always***  
***Fr James***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2013-14:** Next class for the children on Monday 21st October at 6pm.

**A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY - SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED:** this year's Service for the Bereaved will take place on Sunday 17th November at 3pm. The service is arranged specifically for those who have lost loved ones - spouses, parents, children, relatives or friends, whether recently or some time ago. Further information towards the end of October.

**GIFT AID SCHEME:** if you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme either by Standing Order or using offertory envelopes then please contact our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, Mrs Margaret Lechley on telephone 01992 812935. Those parishioners who recently signed up to the Scheme using envelopes will find these personally addressed in the letter rack in the porch. Many thanks.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Date December 7th. An easy appeal this week is for unwanted books, records, C.Ds and D.V.Ds. Go on ... you know they need sorting. **Raffle Tickets** will be given out this weekend after each Mass. Please take a few and sell them to your friends.

**PIETY STALL:** there is a selection of religious Christmas cards at a reasonable price. Also other Christmas bits and pieces. Please come and have a look.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** We are pleased to invite all those who will be alone on Christmas Day to a traditional luncheon in our Hall. Couples and carers are also most welcome. If you are able to HELP in anyway or to reserve your place, please ring Mary Morgan on 01992 574719.

**BBCS-ROMFORD DOGS CHARITY NIGHT:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Night at Romford Greyhound Stadium on Friday 1st November. Tickets are priced at £24. More info at [jabott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabott@bccs.org.uk) or 01268 784544.

**ART EXHIBITION:** **Sunday 27th October to Friday 1st November in Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall** the Society of Catholic Artists will be exhibiting a wide range of pieces, many of which have a liturgical theme and all will be available for sale. Opening times can be found at [www.catholicartists.co.uk](http://www.catholicartists.co.uk).

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** are hosting the St Lukes Prize, an art competition for Catholic teenagers to be held in the Hall of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Entries are to be on a theme, episode or story from the Bible. Prize money of £500 will be divided into three prizes. Entrants must be practising Catholics, 14 years of age and over and attending a Catholic Secondary school in the Brentwood Diocese. More information from Douglas Morgan on 07850 220012 or [dougksc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dougksc@yahoo.co.uk).

**DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS OF THE CHURCH?** The Parish Council is organising a new website and we are short of suitable images. If you have a photo in electronic format that you would be happy appearing on the site, please get in touch. This might be an image of outside (on a bright day), the inside (when the Church is lit), or of an event in the Hall, for example. Please contact Debbie Harrison on [dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com)

**CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS:** the photographs of the recent Confirmations will be available to purchase in the Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses this weekend and next.

**PARISH CAFOD CONTACT:** a new Parish Contact is needed to receive newsletters, notices and letters from the CAFOD Regional Office at Chigwell and to act as the representative of the Parish in matters concerning CAFOD. If you can help, please have a word with Fr James or Deacon Duncan.

**LONDON MARATHON 2014:** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has Gold Bond places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON - Sunday 13th April 2014. Please contact Sarah Kendall on 01268 784544/ [skendall@bccs.org.uk](mailto:skendall@bccs.org.uk). Closing dates for applications is Friday 25th October. If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot then BCCS invite you to join and run with them. The Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition!

**ALMHOUSE VACANCY:-** a vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses in Ingatestone for someone who is over 50, in need and a practising Catholic. The cottage is suitable for a single person who can live independently. For more information please contact Elisabeth Abbott on 01277 265290.

**MANY STREAMS ONE RIVER:** don't miss this historic, unique and exciting meeting. In this Year of Faith join Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Archbishop Vincent Nichols and the Movements and Communities in the Church in the UK. The date is 9th November 10.30am to 5pm Methodist Central Hall, Westminster SW1H 9NH. Tickets £12. Further details at [www.manystreamsoneriver.org](http://www.manystreamsoneriver.org) or phone 0207 3525298.

**AREA CHOIRS FESTIVAL 2013:** Royal School of Church Music Essex and East London Area. Saturday 9th November 2013 in Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. Registration from 9.30am. Tickets £5 (under 18s free). Book in advance by e-mailing [admin@rscm-eel.org.uk](mailto:admin@rscm-eel.org.uk). A one day come and sing in Brentwood Cathedral.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:-** please make yourselves known to Father James or Deacon Duncan, so we may welcome and inform you about our parish life.

## **MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

### **19th and 20th October 2013**

Sat 19th                      6 p.m.      Mary and Francis Fletcher RIP  
Vigil Mass

Sun 20th                      9 a.m.      Jovita Darbyshire RIP  
                                    11 a.m.      People of the Parish

### **Week Commencing 21st October 2013**

Mon 21st                      9 a.m.      Annette Goodchild RIP

Tues 22nd                      9 a.m.      Anne White RIP

Wed 23rd                      9 a.m.      Gloria Gee RIP

Thurs 24th                      9 a.m.      Thomas Murrihy

Fri 25th                      9 a.m.      Special Intention (M.C)

Sat 26th                      6 p.m.      Thecla Floor RIP  
Vigil Mass

Sun 27th                      9 a.m.      Fr Michael Butler (Golden Jubilee)  
                                    11 a.m.      People of the Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Liturgy

**Confessions:** 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

### **Please pray for the sick:**

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Amy O'Day, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Fr Bill Nix, David Sebire and Gus Broks.

**OFFERINGS:** Offertory Envelopes                      237.00

(£)                      Offertory Loose Plate                      361.40

                                 Standing orders September/October                      2759.32