



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Twenty Eighth of the Year

13th October 2013

Dear friends

We were sorry that, owing to indisposition, Bishop Thomas was unable to be with us last weekend. Nevertheless the Confirmation Mass was an occasion of joy and fulfilment. The lovely weather was a bonus and our thirty-eight candidates all looked very smart. Everything ran smoothly without a single hitch. The church was full and another 140 people were able to follow the Mass in the hall via a video link. I did my best as a substitute for the Bishop and quite enjoyed my role. Our music group did us proud and so did the young people with their enthusiastic participation in the liturgy. We thank Deacon Duncan for his immense efforts in overseeing the entire planning down to the smallest detail. Thank you also to our young team leaders, James and Mary Ryan who are anxious to keep up a youth momentum in the parish with further activities to involve our teenagers whose potential is considerable in so many ways. Last but by no means least thank you to Mary Morris and the parents who assisted her with the catering.

The theme of today's Mass is thankfulness and as a parish community we have a lot to be grateful for.

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. As usual the first appeal is for fancy goods. Plenty of notice for knitters and sewers. Donations of household line and new clothes welcome.

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.

WHIST DRIVE: Thursday 17th October at 7pm at 2 Spriggs Oak, Epping. Admission £2. All welcome,

HARVEST FAST DAY COLLECTION: the envelopes will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. Harvest Fast Day will take place on Friday 18th October.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Mollie Morris baptised here this weekend.

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 or 01268 784544.

JUSTICE & PEACE - MISSION BEYOND THE YEAR OF FAITH: on Saturday 19th October 10am-4pm at the Salvation Army Regent Hall, Oxford Street (opposite British Home Stores) Bishop Patrick Lynch will be chairing an Assembly focusing on the above topic. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. More info from Davina Bolt on 01277 264234

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.

VACANCY FOR A PAID PART-TIME CHILD MINDER: Epping Green area. Required to carry out school drop off and pick up. Reliability essential. Start date as soon as possible. Please contact Ruth on 01992 561102 or 07961 837902 for further details.

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. 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.

WOMEN RELIGIOUS HISTORY DAY: with Essex Recusant & Who were the Nuns? Project. Saturday 19th October at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre. 12.30 open, 1pm first talk. Please register with Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

MANY STREAMS ONE RIVER: a very historic and unique meeting with Cardinal Cormac Murphy and Archbishop Vincent Nichols on 9th November at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster from 10.30am to 5pm. Tickets £12 each. Further details at www.manystreamsoneriver.org.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE: 17th October at 1pm at St Theresa's Church, Newbury Park with Frs. Eamonn and Angelus. Followed by **MASS FOR THE HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE** at 3pm same day.

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

12th and 13th October

Sat 12th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 13th	9 a.m.	Golden Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 14th October 2013

Mon 14th	9 a.m.	Sir Evelyn Russell RIP
Tues 15th	9 a.m.	Thomas Murrihy
Wed 16th	9 a.m.	Fr Bill Jordan RIP
Thurs 17th	9 a.m.	Special Intention (M.C.)
Fri 18th	9 a.m.	Ted Flanagan RIP
Sat 19th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Mary and Francis Fletcher RIP
Sun 20th	9 a.m.	Jovita Darbyshire RIP
	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.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	279.60
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	645.42