



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

14th September 2014

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's scripture is essential reading for us. We should all be encouraged to think carefully about the message the readings have for us, but some may be left with 'ruffled feathers'!

Resentment and anger are feelings with which we have to deal frequently in our lives, but, we are urged that, whatever the provocation, we should not seek vengeance. We are not to harbour grievance; rather, we are to forgive those who upset us. This can be difficult, but we must persevere—with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Most difficult to practise is forgiveness when we are offended repeatedly in some way. In the Gospel reading, Jesus makes it clear that we should continue to forgive each and every time we are offended. That's difficult, but, through prayer, we must keep trying to do so!!

Fr Pat Shanahan has now gone off to Africa to tend his Street Children. What a wonderful ministry he carries out on our behalf. This weekend we welcome back a rested and invigorated Fr James and hope that he will find us all at peace with the world and with each other!!

God Bless you all

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014-15: This year there are seventeen applicants. An information session for parents will be held at 8pm on Monday 22nd September in the hall. The enrolment Mass for the children will be on Sunday 27th September at 11am. Classes will commence at 5.30pm on Monday 29th September. NB - no further applications can be considered.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE: 8pm on Tuesday 16th September in the presbytery. Anyone with a concern for social issues is warmly welcome to join this group.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: 7pm on Wednesday 17th September in the sacristy. There will be light refreshments available.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Matilda Shannon Little and Fintan Coyne.

A REQUIEM OF PEACE: SINGERS are invited to perform Andrew Wright's 'A Requiem of Peace' at The Church of The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, on **SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2014 at 8.00pm**. The Concert is in aid of CRY (Cardiac Risk In The Young).

Copies of the Requiem will be available at the first Rehearsal. To register your intention to sing and for more information regarding rehearsals etc. please contact Kathy Underhill ASAP on 01277 626661 or kathyunderhill@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: Once again the Churches Together in Epping and District will be hosting Christmas Day lunch and entertainment for those alone at Christmas. The lunch will take place in our Hall from 1pm onwards on Christmas Day. Transport will be provided if needed. A couple or a carer and dependent may apply. If you able to help in any way or provide entertainment or if you wish to give a donation of food, decorations etc then please call 01992 574719.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Niall McGovern and Natalie Watts, married here on Saturday 13th September.

ST MARK'S WEST ESSEX CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Open Day Thursday 2 October 2014 "The Governors, staff and students warmly invite children who are transferring to secondary school September 2015, and their parents, to our Open Day. The school will be open from 9.30am – 12.45pm and 7-9pm. The Headteacher's talk will take place at 8.15pm. In July 2013 OFSTED judged St Mark's to be "a good school with outstanding features" and we will be proud to show you around our school." (Tripton Road, Harlow, CM18 6AA (01279 421267.)

JUMBLE SALE: There will be a Jumble Sale in our Hall on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. Please leave any items in the church porch.

CHILD MINDING: For those parishioners looking for an occasional child minder, I am available most evenings and weekends. I have experience in childcare and can provide references if required. I am in the 6th form at Davenant and have a full driving licence. For those interested, please contact Rebecca McInerney on 0752229972 or 01992 812564.

COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS: Please note that there will be no coffee after the 11am Mass on Sunday 28th September and Sunday 5th October as the Hall is booked for private functions.

JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE:

To address an issue of profound concern to many at this time and in anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*, the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces an Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', which will take place on Saturday 25th October at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, beginning at 10.30 and ending at 3 p.m. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

VACANCY: County Ecumenical Officer for Essex and East London. £10,000 pa plus 10% pension contribution. Home based, 16 hours per week. Details at www.cte.org.uk/CTEELjob. Closing date 23rd September 2014.

OLIVE WOOD HAND CARVINGS: next weekend at all Masses there will be on display for sale olive wood hand carvings made by Christians in Bethlehem. All proceeds made will go to support the families in Bethlehem.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: An Open Evening for prospective entrants Will be held on Wednesday 24th September 2014 at the Lower Site, Sydney Road. Parents are invited to look around the School, at their convenience between 6pm and 7.30pm, and this will be followed by a presentation from Dr Doherty at approximately 7.30pm.

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
13th and 14th September 2014

Sat 13th	6 p.m.	Mike Collett RIP
Vigil Mass		

Sun 14th	9 a.m.	Thomas Murrehy RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 15th September 2014

Mon 15th	9 a.m.	Ives Family deceased
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Tues 16th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
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Wed 17th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
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Thurs 18th	9 a.m.	Private Intention
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Fri 19th	9 a.m.	Marian & Charles Ward
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Sat 20th	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Vigil Mass		

Sun 21st	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	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, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller, Mark Toohy and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	311.00
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	255.22
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Thank you