



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

20th July 2014

Dear friends,

We believe God to be both merciful and just. We all hope for his mercy but are not so keen to be called to account by his justice. One of the most common failures of human nature is the tendency to pass judgement upon others, very often on the flimsiest of reasons. Though blind to our own failings we readily spot those of others and judge them accordingly. Today's gospel parable about wheat and weeds growing together in the one field is all about judging too quickly. The only one to be in possession of all the facts is God himself and to him alone judgement belongs. In the Creed we profess that he will judge the living and the dead and it is his judgement on us as individuals that should concern us, not his judgement of others. A key word in the preaching of Jesus is the imperative: **repent**. A frequent examination of conscience should be part of our personal prayer. We are called upon to reflect seriously on our lives and on our sense of values. If we do this honestly we will often realise that there is a great deal of room for improvement. When we repent we can face God's judgement in the sure hope of his mercy

God bless you always
Father James

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ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Final session at 5pm Friday 25th July. All boys and girls are welcome. Please contact Fr James.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Please will members of the Parish Council collect the minutes of the recent meeting from the postbox.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014-14: Applications are now available from Fr James. All requests must be submitted by 31st July at the latest. For children not baptised a Epping a baptismal certificate must be enclosed.

RED MISSION BOXES: There was a good response to the recent appeal. Twenty five new boxes have been taken. These will be counted twice annually. Existing boxes are to be handed in as soon as possible. Our parish promoter is Mr John Gee on 01992 577742.

RECENTLY DECEASED: please pray for Kate Conneely (mother of Barbara Vincent) and Michael Ryan (brother of Norah Poole) who died last week. RIP.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 26th July at 2.15 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex. The Society's AGM will be followed by a talk given by Dr. Francis Young of the King's School, Ely. The title of the talk will be, ' England's Catholic Genius: Thomas White, 1592 - 1676. For further information please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

"TEN SENSIBLE REASONS TO BELIEVE": Dr Charlie O'Donnell FRCP will speak briefly at all Masses this weekend to promote this little book which is a defence of the Catholic faith.

GIFT AID OFFERINGS: HM Revenue have just refunded us £10927 from our gift aided offerings. A big thank you to all who participate in the Gift Aid Scheme and thank you also to Mrs Margaret Lechley who is always pleased to encourage other tax paying parishioners to join the Scheme at no extra cost to themselves.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - GOLF CLASSIC: BCCS is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year . The Golf Classic is an annual event and this year will be held on Friday 19th September at Ilford Golf Club. The price is £45 non Ilford Golf Club members and £25 for members. This includes competitions plus a 3 course evening meal. Contact John Buckley on 01708 455887/j.buckley@hotmail.co.uk.

DECORATION OF CHURCH INTERIOR:

We shall be decorating the interior of the church (excluding inside the cupboards in the sacristy) during the two weeks commencing 4th August. As the church will not be open during this period, please note the following changes to the normal arrangements, including Mass:

- Mass on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August and maybe also on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August will be in the CHURCH HALL.
- Weekday Mass for two weeks from 4th August will be in the Presbytery and will NOT be preceded by Morning Prayer.
- The Blessed Sacrament, during the period of decoration, will be reserved in Fr James' Chapel in the presbytery.
- Adoration after morning Mass is discontinued as normal during August.
- Confessions will be heard in the Presbytery, upon request, during this period.

A little nearer to the time, we will need to seek the help of parishioners in moving the Mass Books and Hymn books into the Church Hall for Mass and back to the Church after the decoration. Similarly, we will need to arrange for the Choir Loft and Library to be left clear for re-painting. Please let Deacon Duncan know if you can help with any of these tasks.

THE PASSGE: David Dimbleby will be appealing on Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage - the homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday 27th July at 7.55 and 21.26 and Thursday 31st July at 15.27.

HIROSHIMA SERVICE: You are invited to an inter-denominational service of light and peace in commemoration and remembrance of the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, to be held on Wednesday 6th August 8pm at Our Lady and St Joseph church, Mill Lane, Stock ESSEX CM4 9RG. Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon will be presiding. A candle will be lit at Stock which came from Hiroshima, and the candle from Essex CCND (Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) will be lit in Hiroshima. For further information please contact Davina Bolt 01277 265234 or email davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org."

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 July 2014

Sat 19th	6 p.m.	Private
Sun 20th	9 a.m.	Private
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 21st July 2014

Mon 21st	9 a.m.	Private Intention (A & M)
Tues 22nd	9 a.m.	Michael Ryan RIP
Wed 23rd	9 a.m.	May & Frank Vielly RIP
Thurs 24th	9 a.m.	Marie Starr (90th Birthday)
Fri 25th	11.30 a.m.	Requiem: Kate Conneely
Sat 26th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Jim Lennon RIP
Sun 27th	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Ellen Day RIP

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, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	176.45
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	242.03
	CAFOD	21.62
	Standing Orders June/July	2931.12

Thank you