



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

Easter Sunday

20th April 2014

Dear friends,

as many of you already know our diocese of Brentwood finally has a new bishop elect. Bishop Thomas handed in his resignation on reaching the age of 75 in June 2011 and it has taken all this while to nominate his successor. He is Fr Alan Williams aged 61 and born in Blackburn. He is a priest of the Marist Order and is at present director of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. I have already met him and he comes across as a very gentle and approachable person. His ordination as bishop will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on 1st July and he will not take up residence in the diocese until then. Meanwhile Bishop Thomas will continue to serve as Administrator. Please pray for them both. Bishop Thomas has served us with tireless dedication since 1981 and his long awaited retirement is well merited. Bishop elect Alan will bring to his work a very different style and we all wish him every grace and blessing in his high office.

This weekend with the Church throughout the world we celebrate with great joy the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We have renewed the high promises of our baptism and committed ourselves anew to giving worthy witness to Christian values in our neighbourhood. Christ is present in his word and in the Blessed Sacrament: he is also present in us and ours is the immense privilege and responsibility of making him better known and loved. I thank all in the parish who have worked so hard to ensure that our Holy Week and Easter services have been so memorable. A blessed and happy Easter to you all.

***God bless you all
Fr James***

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JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 17th May 2014 at 2pm in our Hall.

GIFT AID END YEAR TAX LETTERS: if you require a letter, for tax purposes, stating your total contribution to Gift Aid for the year 13/14 then please let Margaret know either on the above telephone number or e-mail epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org

EMAIL ADDRESSES, PLEASE: Thanks to the 123 parishioners who have provided email addresses and will now receive their Newsletters by email each week. Paper copies will continue to be available for those who need them. Permission slips and biros will be placed in the church benches and a basket will be left in the church porch to receive them. Thanks to all those who support this parish initiative.

COULD YOU TEND OUR NEW GARDEN BORDER? We're looking for a volunteer who is prepared to keep the new border, in front of the front door of the church, free of weeds. The church flower arrangers will be using/pruning the shrubs so it probably needs about 2 hours a month of hoeing the weeds. If you can help with this labour of love then please let Fr James or Deacon Duncan know.

FOR THE LOVE OF JONI FUND – CAKE SALE ON 30TH MARCH:

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event with your very generous donations. The cake sale raised a total of £570 which has been passed on to Joni's fund. Thank you all so much from Marie McGuire and Norah Nolan.

WHIST DRIVE: Wednesday 23rd April at 7pm at Beacon Cottage, 7 Lower Bury Lane, Epping. Old and new players welcome. £2 admission.

SPRING YOUTH GATHER: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service would like to invite anyone in school years 7-9 to join us for a day of outdoor activities at Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster on 17th May. The cost of the day is just £20 and includes all activities. More information can be found at www.bcys.net/events or call 01277 265286

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 27th April 2014 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: Monday 28th April. Please note that the session begins at 5.30pm.

EPYC IMPORTANT TIME/DATE CHANGE: Saturday April 26th 6.30pm-9.30pm - EPYC young people's film and pizza night (school years 7-13) Film: *Inception* (12A).

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Ushers are required, especially for the 11am Sunday Mass. With sufficient volunteers each would only be needed around 6 times a year. Individuals can join with other people. Help is also needed on Saturdays to prepare the Church for Mass by putting out the newsletters, hymn and prayer books. Please phone Michael on 01992 574719 or give your details to Fr James or Deacon Duncan if you are able to help with either or both of these roles.

CHRISTIAN AID: is there a generous person in the parish who will take on the organisation of our share of the street collection? Dorothy Whitehouse is willing to guide and assist (tel 577173). Meantime the list for recruiting collectors will be made available for the gallant volunteers

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 24th May 2014: Come and meet our new Bishop, Fr Alan Williams, current director of the Shrine to Our Lady at Walsingham. Join this pilgrimage by booking a place on the coach asap. Places limited. £15 per person. For further details visit info@abbotswick.org or call the Diocesan House of Prayer on 01277 373959

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Mr David Clancy who died recently aged 57. We offer Mrs Antonia Clancy and her family our prayerful condolences. RIP.

ST VINCENT de PAUL/ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP - ALDHAM, ESSEX: this annual camp for boys aged 8-13 and girls aged 9-12 is full of fun filled activities in a beautiful 43 acre site, fully supervised in a caring atmosphere (see poster on porch notice board) for £140 (subsidised depending on circumstances). For more information please contact Paul 01992 577104.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Join our new Bishop on his first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As Director of a Marian Shrine, we could ask for no better spiritual guide than Bishop-elect Alan Williams in this 25th Anniversary Year of the Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage. Leaving on Saturday 26th July, returning Thursday 31st. Hotels are very central, and a high standard, and the price includes all meals. From £618 by air (from Stansted), and £418 by coach – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146

WEEKDAY MASS: please note that as from Tues 22nd April Mass will begin at 9am with morning prayer at 8.45am.

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 20h April

Sat 19th 8 p.m. **SOLEMN VIGIL MASS**
Holy Saturday

Sun 20th 9 a.m. Holy Souls
Easter Sunday 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 21st April 2014

Mon 21st	10 a.m.	Donor's intentions
Tues 22nd	9 a.m.	Donor's intentions
Wed 23rd	9 a.m.	Intentions of Mrs Weight
Thurs 24th	9 a.m.	Private Intention B.M.
Fri 25th	9 a.m.	Mr David Clancy RIP
Sat 26th Vigil Mass	6pm	Private Intention L.M.
Sun 27th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Holy Souls 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, David Sebire, Sean Garwood, Sean Clohessy, Patrick Lennon and Tom Clark.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	409.95
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	357.42
	CAFOD	80.00