



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 19th / 20th 2012**

Dear Friends,

We keep this weekend the solemn Feast of Our Lord's Ascension, though some of us are hopeful that the feast will soon be restored to the traditional date of Thursday, which would allow a full novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. Ascension points us to our true and lasting home in Heaven. Where Christ has gone before us, we surely hope to follow. Meanwhile we have to use our slotted time on earth profitably, as witnesses to the Risen Lord, eager to communicate His good news. One of the ways in which we do this is by active support of the missions organised by the Church to spread the Gospel worldwide. Appropriately, then, we welcome a missionary priest from the Order of St. Columban, who will be preaching an appeal. I commend him to your usual generosity.

Looking ahead, next week we celebrate Pentecost and the Sunday after that on Trinity Sunday there will be a special Mass to mark the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. After that, we shall be looking forward to the First Holy Communion Masses in mid-June, by which time we hope that the weather will have improved!

God bless you always,  
Father James

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: CLASS:** Monday **21st May** 5.30  
Please bring whole folder of year's work to the class.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 2ND CONFESSIONS:**

**Saturday 26th May in Church** 11 a.m. sharp, please, for: Beatrice Avvoltoio, Honey Burling, Andrew Gooding, Caitlin, Nathan and Owen Morris, Ryan Quill, Alex and Charles Rogers, Olivia Tarallo, Grace Taylor, Alexander Traynor.

**QUIZ NIGHT** NEXT SATURDAY! **LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS AT £5 PER PERSON (£6 on the door).** SEE POSTERS FOR DETAILS.

**HEALING MASS** - Fr Eamonn Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer on Wednesday 23rd May 2012 at 2.30pm. All welcome. For further details visit the events page of [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) or call 01277 373959.'

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Only a few places left! St Helen's Parish invite you to join us for our pilgrimage to Lourdes 22 July - 27 July inclusive, to coincide with The Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage. Fabulous 4\* Hotel closest to Sanctuary, full board. Flying from CITY AIRPORT. PRICE £649 per person (based on 2 people sharing). Further details contact Sue on 07979 746707

**ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT? WANT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS DURING THE OLYMPICS?**

Young people aged 18+: If you are interested in working with other young people on street evangelisation, hospitality centres, night fever, social justice, prayer walks, Perpetual Adoration, sports missions etc. during the London Olympics, then please check out [thejoshuacamp.com](http://thejoshuacamp.com) or look up The Joshua Camp on Facebook. For more information contact the local co-ordinator, Sarah Barber on [sarah@bcys.net](mailto:sarah@bcys.net) or call 01277 265286. Registration closing date is 1st June 2012.

## **DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**

Led by Bishop Thomas McMahon. Saturday 26th May. 12 noon to 4pm. Further details from the Cathedral office. See poster on notice board.

**PREPARE FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH: How To Share The Good News'**. **Speaker:** David Payne, Director of CaFE. **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm-9.30pm** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood.

David will explore how the word of God has the power to change and transform minds and hearts. A Suggested Donation £5.

For booking, please contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265219/255 or email [are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**BCYS NEWS!! :** a) **The Big Jubilee Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> June** will be a part of the main programme of events over the central weekend of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A record number of people are expected to take part across the UK. Why not be one of them! All are welcome to come from 1pm; bring a picnic and enjoy our bar and the cream teas as we keep the children entertained in the grounds of Walsingham House. The diocesan retreat centre on Canvey Island. From 5pm we will enjoy live music and a Hog Roast until 10pm. Feel free to pop in at anytime or bring the family for the whole day.

b) **BCYS 'On the Move' 24<sup>th</sup> June** A day of games, competitions and socialising for those in Year 8-13 at St Anne Line School in Basildon. Bring a packed Lunch and spend the day competing in a range of activities and then we will provide dinner before a party in the evening. 12noon – 10pm for £10. [email roisin@bcys.net](mailto:roisin@bcys.net) for an application form or find Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Facebook. Leaders (19+) are also needed to help out.

**CAFOD LEE VALLEY BIKE RIDE** – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May – choose from the 10-mile family ride starting at Cheshunt or the longer 18-mile ride starting from Ponders End. The routes takes us through the Lee Valley Park and along the tow path to Broxbourne where we enjoy our picnic lunch. £6 entry fee per person. For more details email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 020 8502 9722

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Father James, so we may welcome and inform you.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**This Weekend May 19th / 20th 2012**

Saturday	6 p.m.	George Barrett, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m.	Elizabeth McEvoy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Intentions Week Beginning May 21st 2012**

Monday	9 a.m.	Elizabeth McEvoy, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m.	Sheenagh Reynolds, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	9 a.m.	Kieran McClean, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m.	Rose Sweeny, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m.	Intentions of Terry & John
Saturday	6 p.m.	Canny Family deceased
Sunday	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Patrick & Mary McGuire, <i>R.I.P.</i>

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30-12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

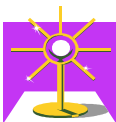
Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Julie Eke, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Gus Broks, Mary Furlong.

**Adoration of the Most**

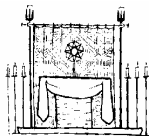
**Holy Eucharist**

For an hour after daily Mass and on Tuesdays till 12.30pm  
*All Welcome*



**HOLY HOUR**

Mondays 8pm  
 in the porch chapel  
*All Welcome*



**ROSARY GROUP**

Fridays at 7.30 pm  
 at Newtimber  
 18 Kendal Avenue  
*All Welcome*



Please phone 01992 575017 if coming for the first time, to check if there are any changes.

**OFFERINGS:**      £1253.32, of which CAFOD £20/- *Thank you*