



# **Newsletter**

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

**Remembrance Sunday**

**10th November 2013**

Dear friends,

our faith as Christians stands or falls on the truth of the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. St Paul put it very bluntly: if Christ is not risen then our faith is in vain. 1.Cor 15.14. On this Remembrance Sunday the readings at Mass speak very clearly of resurrection. As Jesus shared our death, we shall also share in his rising to eternal life. November, so redolent of transience with shorter days and leaves fast-falling, is the season that the Church designates for a heightened calling to mind of all our faithful departed. To that end I commend to you the Catholic practice of November dead lists. Write the names of your departed dear ones and place them in the basket underneath the altar. The names are too numerous to be read aloud but they are all known to God and to his gracious keeping we commit them. I commend also our annual bereavement service next Sunday at 3pm when we shall be particularly mindful of all those taken from us during the past 12 months. The poppy wreath displayed this weekend also reminds us of the heroic sacrifice of our war dead. The passage of time should not dilute our sense of remembrance for and gratitude to those caught up in the catastrophe of conflict.

***God bless you always***  
***Fr James***

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**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.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Date December 7th. Four weeks to the Bazaar!! We appeal this week for toiletries. This is a good opportunity to get rid of unwanted gifts. Please make a special effort as this stall never has enough stock. Thanks to the 26 Bazaar Patrons who have generously supported this year's Bazaar. It is not too late to become a Bazaar Patron, which contributes funds with which we can meet pre-event expenses. **Raffle Tickets** will be given out this weekend after each Mass. Please take a few and sell them to your friends.

**PIETY STALL:** there is a selection of religious Christmas cards at a reasonable price. Also other Christmas bits and pieces. Please come and have a look.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** a short course for the training of new altar servers will begin at 5pm on Friday 8th November in Church. Those interested are invited to contact Fr James.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS:** please place your lists in the basket before the altar.

**PARISH NATIVITY/CAROL CONCERT:** Rehearsals for the nativity/carol concert will begin soon. There are enough roles for all our young children and we hope that all past and present First Holy Communicants and the children of the children's liturgy classes will participate. Parents and volunteers needed - A BIG PRETTY PLEASE! Watch this space for further details and keep this date free: Sunday 22nd December.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will resume on Sunday 10th November during the 11am Mass. This group is for children between the age of 4 to 9 years, however, younger and older siblings are very welcomed. We are currently looking for more helpers for this group to continue. If you are interested please contact Norah on 01992 577932.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations to Sienna and Mia Houghton-Flores and Blaise Murphy Zaleska.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS OF THE CHURCH?** The Parish Council is organising a new website and we are short of suitable images. If you have a photo in electronic format that you would be happy appearing on the site, please get in touch. This might be an image of outside (on a bright day), the inside (when the Church is lit), or of an event in the Hall, for example. Please contact Debbie Harrison on dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com

**“HE’S BEHIND YOU!”:** Yes, Panto season is just around the corner and it would be great to arrange a parish outing for all our young people (or young at heart) to see Woodford Pantomime’s Sleeping Beauty at the Sir James Hawkey Hall in Woodford Green. This excellent production stars one of our very own parishioners! Can you please let me know how many of you are interested ASAP so that I can make a block booking probably for Friday or Saturday night 3rd/4th or 10th/11th January 2014. Please contact Maggie Keeling at maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS ROTAS:** will those concerned please collect the new rotas from the porch post-box.

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP:** this group will meet in Brentwood on Friday 29th November at 7.30pm with Fr Martin Boland as speaker. The group is friendly, welcoming and open to all aged 17-35. For more info call Fr Dominic on 01268 281732 or e-mail frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org.

**FAMILY SYNOD 2014:** The Synod of Bishops will meet next year to focus on the needs of the Family. In order to fully understand the views and opinions of Catholics on a range of issues, all are invited to complete a questionnaire either on line (via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>) or on paper. The work is being coordinated by the Marriage and Family Life Office. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this survey, please contact Phil Butcher via familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265252. All responses must be in by 1st December 2013.

**CHURCH HALL HIRE:** as a vacancy has recently arisen in our Hall timetable, would any parishioners or their friends like to hire our Hall, ideally on a regular weekly basis, on a Wednesday after 3.25pm? A children’s dance and/or drama class, for example, would be particularly welcome. Please ring Arnold Verrall on 573633 or 0776 4404813 for all Hall hire enquiries. We continue to be a regular venue for children’s weekend birthday parties. Reduced rate applies to parishioners.

**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**

### **9th & 10th November 2013**

Sat 9th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Frances Richards (RIP)
Sun 10th	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Sean Garwood

### **Week Commencing 11th November 2013**

Mon 11th	9 a.m.	Fr Francis Feely RIP
Tues 12th	9 a.m.	Theresa Heath (sick)
Wed 13th	9 a.m.	Fr Austin Hart (RIP)
Thurs 14th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 15th	9 a.m.	Special Intention (M.C)
Sat 16th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Molly Firth RIP
Sun 17th	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, John Hannis, Amy O'Day, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Fr Bill Nix, David Sebire, Sean Garwood, Gus Broks, Sean Clohessy and Deacon Duncan.

<b><u>OFFERINGS:</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	151.36
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	468.33
	CAFOD	44.54