



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year 12th October 2014

Dear friends,

for the next few weeks we have been asked to pray for the Synod of Bishops from around the world meeting in Rome, at the request of Pope Francis, to discuss issues of Catholic family life. One of the topics will be those members of the Church who, for whatever reason, have divorced and remarried. Should they be readmitted to receiving Holy Communion? As canon law now stands the answer is no although they should be encouraged at all times to approach the altar and receive a blessing. However, the circumstances surrounding divorce and remarriage differs greatly so is it right that one law should apply to all without exception? In his ministry to date Pope Francis has strongly emphasised the mercy and compassion of God in all his pastoral outreach. Can there be any hope that present legislation might be modified and if so, how and when? Conscience plays an important part in all pastoral situations and priests like myself have a very delicate role to play in counselling those who seek advice in such situations. Yes we must indeed pray that the Holy Spirit may guide the bishops in their deliberations and guide us all as we seek to love and serve God in the often complicated situations of our lives. To follow Christ is to walk the way of the cross but it is also to experience a love that is unconditional and overwhelming.

God bless you always
Fr James

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Advance warning to brace yourselves for the big push on Saturday December 6th.

From CAFOD: Thank you for supporting Harvest Fast Day, for your compassion and solidarity. The amount you gave will help to ensure countless more people are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today and can grow their own food to support themselves tomorrow. For more information about our work go to www.cafod.org.uk

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED:

Our annual Service for the Bereaved is arranged for **3.00 pm on Sunday 16th November, Everyone is invited to pray for their beloved dead.**

The service will include some hymns, remembrance of the loved ones by name as a candle is lit, a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

All welcome, including your friends.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: Monday 13th October at 5.30pm in the Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We offer prayerful sympathy to Mr Tony Fernandez on the recent death of his mother Ines in Argentina. RIP.

SISTERS OF THE NEEDY who made an appeal some months ago request the return of the blue boxes at your earliest convenience.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPPING AND DISTRICT (CTED): We enjoy a good relationship with all Christian denominations in Epping & District and are looking for one or two representatives to join the CTED group on behalf of our church. There are 4 - 5 meetings a year - all are very friendly and positive. Please let Fr James or Deacon Duncan know if you would be interested in representing our parish in this way.

PEACE SERVICE: presented by Churches Together in Epping & District on Sunday 19th October at 4pm at St John the Baptist Church. Please see poster in the church porch for further info.

JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE:

An Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', 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.

The Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) :

will meet next on Saturday 25th October at 2.30 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. To mark the 400th anniversary of Heythrop College, Michael Walsh will give a talk " From Louvain to Kensington: An English Jesuit seminary on the Move". All are welcome. Further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

MISSION APPEAL: on the weekend of 25th & 26th October the White Fathers will make an appeal here on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa.

CONCERT: St John's Church Choir are giving a concert on Saturday 18th October at 7.30pm in St John's Church. It should be an enjoyable evening and everyone is welcome.

ROOM TO RENT REQUIRED: are you able to help accommodate a Masters (Occupational Therapy) Irish female student who has an 8 week placement in St Margaret's Hospital, Epping from 20.10.14 to 12.12.14? Please phone Kirby on 07825 704093 if you can help.

VOCATIONS EVENING: Friday 7th November. The Vocations Evenings are for you if you are aged 17-35, and considering where and how God is calling you. There is a particular focus on vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life and the group is open to all, women and men. . The evening takes place in Brentwood and runs from about 7.30pm - 9.15pm. It includes a fish and chip supper. More details from the Vocations Director, Fr Dominic, on 01268 281732 or frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

BRIGHT & LIGHT VOLUNTEERS: Bright and Light, the alternative Halloween event, is to be held on Friday 31st October at St John's Church this year. Volunteers are needed from 4.30pm until 6pm on the day to either run one of the craft stalls or man one of the games. A team is also needed to set up the church from 10am until 12pm. Please contact Louise on 07952 558317 or louise.want@ntlworld.com if you can help.

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
11th and 12th October 2014

Sat 11th 6 p.m. St Vincent de Paul Society
Vigil Mass

Sun 12th 9 a.m. Jovita Darbyshire RIP
 11 a.m. People of the parish

Week Commencing 13th October 2014

Mon 13th 9 a.m. St Vincent de Paul Society

Tues 14th 9 a.m. Sir Evelyn Russell RIP

Wed 15th 9 a.m. Eilish & Jimmy Keaty

Thurs 16th 9 a.m. Siobhan Patchel's intentions

Fri 17th 9 a.m. Hugh Monaghan RIP

Sat 18th 6 p.m. Ines Fernandez RIP
Vigil Mass

Sun 19th 9 a.m. Ted Flanagan RIP
 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	274.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	294.28
	CAFOD	541.50

Thank you