



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception Epping

**Eighth Sunday of the Year**

**Sunday 2nd March 2014**

Dear friends,

the season of Lent is almost upon us. Wednesday next, 5th March, is Ash Wednesday when there will be Mass at 10am and 8pm. The simple ceremony of imposing a cross of ashes on our foreheads is a sober reminder to us of the transience of all earthly things. We hear the words: ***remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.*** The gospel we hear today is taken from Our Lord's sermon on the Mount and urges us to think about our priorities and values. A proper perspective will be given to us if we place all things in the light of eternity. We have here no ordinary abiding city: we seek for one which is to come. If we seek first for the Kingdom of God everything else will assume its proper place. Whatever observances we choose to mark it the Lenten season is intended to concentrate our minds on what is really important in life and to help us to see that some things matter more than others. During Lent, at the suggestion of the Parish Council, the weekday Mass, beginning from Monday 10th March, will start at 9.15am instead of 9am. In this way it is hoped that, once the school run is over, parents may have the opportunity of getting to Mass on a weekday in Lent. As is customary there will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm every Sunday during Lent.

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

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**ASH WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH:** this is a day of fasting and abstinence (no meat). Mass at 10am and 8pm.

**WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT:** starting from Monday 3rd March weekday Masses will commence at 9.15am.

**CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY:** Friday 14th March 2014.

**ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION:** we are having a "Hooley" at Pelly Court on Saturday 15th March 7.30pm - 11pm. Sing and dance to the best of Irish music, and enjoy a portion of Irish stew. Tickets from Tom McGuirk available from the choir loft at 11am Mass or as detailed on the church notice board.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mr Tony Marrinan, aged 41, brother of Mrs Catherine Duggan, to whom we offer our prayerful condolences. RIP.

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** Mr Michael Harrington, a founder member and Chairman of our parish Justice and Peace Committee, has retired after many years of dedicated service. We thank him and Diane his wife for all their commitment over many years.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations to Myla Timlin and Enda Canny.

**JOB VACANCY: ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - DEPUTY HEADTEACHER:** The Governors are keen to appoint a practising Catholic who is an enthusiastic, innovative professional to join their Leadership team starting in September 2014. Someone, who will make a substantial contribution towards our aim of becoming an outstanding school. Application pack and further details can be obtained from the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please telephone to make an appointment. Closing date 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** the next meeting will take place on Monday 10th March at 6pm in the Church Hall. The next Parents' session will be on Tuesday 18th March at 8pm.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The Churches Together in Epping and District Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 7th March at 1pm (tea and cake before the service) at the Baptist Church, The Green, Theydon Bois. All welcome.

On the same evening CTED invite you to join them in worship at the United Reformed Church, Lindsey Street, Epping at 7.30pm. All very welcome. Please stay for refreshments afterwards.

**QUESTIONS OF FAITH:** you are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask questions on living the Catholic faith, with a special emphasis on Marriage and Family Life, on Wednesday 10th March 2014 at Saint Peter and Paul Parish Centre, Ilford High Road from 7pm. Further details on 020 84780583.

**LENTEN LECTURES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** this year's theme is *the cost of discipleship*. The first lecture will take place on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm. For further details please see [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org).

**PARISH HALL:** our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or 0776 4404813 for further details.

**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**

### **1st and 2nd March 2014**

Sat 1st	6 p.m.	Patrick Lennon (sick)
Vigil Mass		

Sun 2nd	9 a.m.	Christina Donaghoe
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

### **Week Commencing 3rd March 2014**

Mon 3rd	9.15 a.m.	Sadie McAniskey RIP
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Tues 4th	9.15 a.m.	Thomas McCrudden RIP
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Wed 5th	10 a.m.	People of the Parish
Ash Wednesday	8pm	Des O'Brien RIP

Thurs 6th	9.15 a.m.	John Boland RIP
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Fri 7th	9.15 a.m.	Fr Mark Coningsby RIP
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Sat 8th	6 p.m.	Kevin Ward RIP
Vigil Mass		

Sun 9th	9 a.m.	Clohesy Family
	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, John Hannis, Amy O'Day, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Sean Garwood, Sean Clohesy and Tom Clark.

<b><u>OFFERINGS:</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	289.00
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	294.95
	CAFOD	5.00