



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

The Ascension of the Lord

1st June 2014

Dear Friends,

Today we keep the Solemn Feast of the Ascension, which in turn leads on to Pentecost, the great feast of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascended to heaven to return to the Father. The mission he accomplished on earth is now entrusted to his followers.

Jesus is still truly present to his people through his word and through his sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. His command to us is to 'make disciples of all nations' and we are to do so not by our own resources but through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. I strongly recommend this brief prayer to the Holy Spirit to be said each day during this week up to Pentecost:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

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I appeal especially to all our young people who were confirmed last autumn to renew the commitment which they made on that occasion, and not to allow peer group pressure to deter them from active involvement in the life of the Church.

I am taking a few days off this week and Deacon Duncan will have charge of all parish concerns whilst I am away.

God bless you always

Fr James

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BAPTISM: Isla Hutchinson. Congratulations to her and her family.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SEMINAR: Monday 9th June 7.45pm - 9.30pm. Sister Nuala of the Brentwood Religious Education Service will conduct a session in our Church Hall for those involved with the children's liturgy at Sunday Mass. Existing helpers are encouraged to attend and newcomers will be warmly welcomed.

EMAIL ADDRESSES, PLEASE: . Please send an email to Margaret Lechley <epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org> if you would like to join the 163 families who now receive their weekly Newsletter by email. Paper copies of the Newsletter will, of course, continue to be available for those who need them, but the email system is much more efficient and cuts down on parish expense. Your email addresses will not be disclosed to anyone outside the parish.

MISSIONS APPEAL: Missio which organises the appeal for the missions through the Red Boxes thanks us for our support throughout the year. Our local organiser is Mr John Gee on telephone 01992 577742 and he will gladly provide a box for anybody asking for one.

OUR NEW GARDEN BORDER is now to receive T.L.C. from a kind parishioner. We are very grateful to Ann for offering to help in this way.

EPPING CHURCH UNITY- A DIARY DATE: Epping Churches invite everyone to a **Unity Service on the Green** outside our Church on **Sunday 8th June at 3pm**. There will be worship, bible stories, picnic etc. Please note in your diary or on your calendar and come to join all the Churches in Epping and District to celebrate and give witness to the unity of faith we share.

THANK YOU! Isobel Barron thanks the parents of the children who have just made their First Holy Communion for their gifts and for the kind support they gave the FHC Team during the children's preparation and in helping to make such wonderful and memorable celebrations for the children.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE! Ushers are required, especially for the 11am Sunday Mass. Please phone Michael on 01992 574719 or give your details to Fr James or Deacon Duncan if you are willing to join the rota to help in this way.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 8pm in the presbytery. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend and have any issue which you would like to be discussed, please contact Debbie on 01992 5575900 or email dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND READERS' ROTAS:
Please collect the new rotas from the post box in the church porch.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION Collections so far, from 17 of the 19 areas covered by our parish, have produced the magnificent total of **£1105** (including £500 from one parishioner's office collection) **Thanks to all the collectors—and in many cases their children** - who gave so generously of their time and efforts. **We are looking for additional collectors for the 2015 collection**, so please let Dorothy Whitehouse know if you would like to join this successful team to help next year (Tel 01992 577173)

UNWANTED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS Do you have any musical instruments which are no longer used and which could help children at St Teresa's School to learn to play under expert tuition? Fr Dominic Howarth would love to hear from you (01268 281732). Collection can be arranged.

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
31st MAY AND 1st JUNE 2014

Sat 31st 6 p.m. Christopher Joseph

Sun 1st 9 a.m. Kieran McClean RIP
 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 2nd June 2014

Mon 2nd 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues 3rd 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 4th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thurs 5th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 6th 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sat 7th 6 p.m. Frank Fernandez RIP
Vigil Mass

Sun 8th June 9 a.m. Tom O'Brien 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, John Hannis, Amy O'Day, Mike Collett,
Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire,
Rosemary Freeman and Sean Clohessy.

OFFERINGS:	Offertory Envelopes	219.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	281.67
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