



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 13th July 2014

Dear friends,

Parents always remember the first recognisable words uttered by a baby and we cannot sufficiently appreciate the gift of speech which marks human beings off from all other creatures. In the parable of the Sower Jesus compares words with seeds. Just as seeds produce crops and plants of various kinds words too have their effects. Jesus says: blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Sad to say the words that we speak do not always bring blessings. There are times when a word can be deeply hurtful. It is very easy to put others down by a sarcastic comment or to damage the reputation of another by spreading gossip. We must take constant care to ensure that the seeds we sow through our words are encouraging and affirmative of others and in instances where we can find it difficult to say anything positive or constructive it is better to say nothing at all.

When we listen to God's word Sunday by Sunday we are intended to take away from it guidance and direction for the week to come. The Scriptures are there to help us to lead fruitful lives and the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and self control.

***God bless you always
Father James***

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ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: 5pm Friday 18th July. All boys and girls are welcome. Please contact Fr James.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Please will members of the Parish Council collect the minutes of the recent meeting from the postbox.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014-14: Applications are now available from Fr James. All requests must be submitted by 31st July at the latest. For children not baptised a Epping a baptismal certificate must be enclosed.

RED MISSION BOXES: There was a good response to the recent appeal. Twenty five new boxes have been taken. These will be counted twice annually. Existing boxes are to be handed in as soon as possible. Our parish promoter is Mr John Gee on 01992 577742.

RECENTLY DECEASED: please pray for Mr Michel de Claiterosse who died last week. RIP.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 26th July at 2.15 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex. The Society's AGM will be followed by a talk given by Dr. Francis Young of the King's School, Ely. The title of the talk will be, ' England's Catholic Genius: Thomas White, 1592 - 1676. For further information please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

PARISH HALL: A reminder that the Parish Hall is available for bookings for private events; special rates for parishioners and charities. Please contact Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 for details.

OPERATION DORIS! Pat Kyrou will be giving a tutorial on programming 'Doris' for half an hour before the 9.00am mass this weekend. Please come along. Full training, practice and support (for as long as necessary) will be given to anyone who is able to help us by occasionally leading the music with Doris – please consider joining us. Many thanks. Maggie (maggie@keelingphysio.com)

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to Ronnie Wrsama and Layla Santos-Ebejer.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH SEMINAR: 'Its still ME Lord': - Our Church as a Dementia Friendly Church. 18th July 2014 at 39 Eccleston Square, near Victoria from 11am until 4pm. To book please email telosoffice@aol.com or call 07887 651117. A contribution of £20 is requested to cover expense.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE: 17th July 1pm at St Theresa Church, Newbury Park with Frs. Eamonn & Angelus. This conference discusses how Christ sets us free from the various spiritual bondage we can fall into (e.g. fear, anger, lust, fortune telling, New Age spiritualities). It will be followed by a **Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree** at 3pm. Come and see how the Lord can help bring greater healing and liberation to you and your family.

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

12th and 13th July 2014

Sat 12th	6 p.m.	Lucia Maraldo RIP
Sun 13th	9 a.m.	Patrick McAniskey RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 14th July 2014

Mon 14th	9 a.m.	John Hannis RIP
Tues 15th	9 a.m.	Fr Michael Markey RIP
Wed 16th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thurs 17th	9 a.m.	Josephine McDonnell RIP
Fri 18th	9 a.m.	Private
Sat 19th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Private
Sun 20th	9 a.m.	Private
	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, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	205.00
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	293.98

Thank you