



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year**

**28th September 2014**

Dear friends,

the social teaching of the Catholic Church is underpinned by the concept of the **Common Good**. It is a concept that dates back to the earliest days of Christianity and finds full expression in the pages of the New Testament. Today in the excerpt from his letter to the Philippians St Paul exhorts us to work for a common purpose and with a common mind. To this end we have to try and think as Christ thought and to act as he acted. Just as sinfulness is always associated with selfishness, so the common good is at work through the grace of God. Working for the common good almost always entails a sacrifice of one sort or another and the supreme sacrifice was that of our Lord Jesus on the cross. If we are sincere in proclaiming him as Lord then we become ready to relinquish our own interests and desires to help others. The parish as a community of faith will always endeavour to guard against all competitive and divisive influences in order to communicate the values of the gospel both to our neighbourhood and to the wider world.

This weekend seventeen of our children will be enrolled for First Holy Communion and their classes will begin tomorrow Monday 29th September at 5.30pm. Please pray for them, their families and for their catechists.

***God bless you all***

***Fr James***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** Monday 29th September at 5.30pm in the Hall.

**BAPTISM:** Daisy Edmond, Hannah Essery and Ellis Milgate.  
Congratulations to all three families.

**JUMBLE SALE:** There will be a Jumble Sale in our Church Hall on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. Helpers needed Friday afternoon and Saturday to sell. The hall will be open Friday from 2pm - 7.30pm and Saturday from 10.30am. Cakes wanted please to sell and to have with a cuppa.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** ECCA are holding a quiz night on Saturday 11th October in our church hall. Admission £10 to include a Ploughman's Supper. Bring own nibbles and drinks. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of 8 (10 max). Please contact Janet on 01992 578262 or email [janet.clements@talktalk.net](mailto:janet.clements@talktalk.net)

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Mr John Saville who died last week. RIP.

**ST MARK'S WEST ESSEX CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Open**

**Day Thursday 2 October 2014** The school will be open from 9.30am – 12.45pm and 7-9pm. The Headteacher's talk will take place at 8.15pm. (Tipton Road, Harlow, CM18 6AA (01279 421267. )

**PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING:** - at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this Sunday from **7.30pm to 9pm**. All welcome.

**TUTOR:** Experienced and professional tutor available for Key Stage 2, SATs (Maths, English & Science) and GCSE Chemistry. If interested please contact Teresa on tel 07740 305941 or [treetopstuition@gmail.com](mailto:treetopstuition@gmail.com).

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS:** Please note that there will be no coffee after the 11am Mass this Sunday and next as the Hall is booked for private functions.

**JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE:**

To address an issue of profound concern to many at this time and in anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*, the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces an Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', which will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by phone to 01277 265289.

**EPYC (Epping Young Christians):** EPYC restarted on Sunday 21st at The Box).

The AGM is on **Monday 22nd at 7.30pm**, at Epping United Reformed Church, all welcome

The Peace Service will take place on Sunday October 19th at St John's Church.

Lots of volunteers are needed for the annual Bright and Light party on Friday October 31st, in the morning for set-up and 4.30-6.30pm for the event itself. Contact Louise Want.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:** It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. On Friday 3 October - Harvest Fast Day - CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. Your Fast Day envelopes are available in Church this week. Please give as much as you can so that hunger isn't a fact of life for the world's poorest people.

**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. For further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

**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**  
**27th and 28th September 2014**

**Week Commencing 29th September 2014**

**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.

<b><u>OFFERINGS:</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	320.70
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	273.33
	CAFOD	20.00
	Standing Orders Aug/Sept	2976.12

***Thank you***