



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year      5th October 2014**

Dear friends,

for many people Christianity is thought of as a code of good conduct, an ethical system that promotes neighbourliness and consideration of others. But one doesn't have to be a Christian to be a moral person and an upright human being. Many non believers rightly feel affronted when Christians try to claim the high moral ground. Christianity is a faith, a creed involving certain doctrines foremost of which is belief in God who dwells among us in the person of Jesus Christ, himself truly God and truly man. Christianity proclaims a Redeemer and redemption entails those who are in deliverance from sin and evil. Non doctrinal ethical systems promote therapies of one sort or another in relation to the woes of the world: Christianity proclaims the promise of grace and forgiveness achieved through repentance. Many people want a "feel good" factor in their lives without ever having to recognise that human nature is flawed and what is called for is a total turning to God and a change of heart and mind. Today's scripture says that we are known by our fruits: one of those fruits must be a humble and contrite heart.

A big thank you to Janet Abbott and her team of helpers for this weekend's jumble sale the proceeds of which will be donated to the relief of the persecuted Christians of Syria and Northern Iraq.

***God bless you all***  
***Fr James***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** Monday 6th October at 5.30pm in the Hall.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Luca Concordato.

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

**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 Mrs Sybil Mullen and Jimmy Georgiou who died last week. RIP.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP:** Meeting on Wednesday 8th October at 8pm in the house. New members warmly invited.

**ST CLARE'S HOSPICE OPEN DAY:** Saturday 11th October 11am-3pm to raise awareness and understanding of hospice care - 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).

**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.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES:** an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS:** Please note that there will be no coffee after the 11am Mass this Sunday.

**JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE:**

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

**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.

**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? She is struggling to find suitable accommodation for which she is willing to pay the current rate. Please phone Kirby on 07825 704093 if you can help.

**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.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS' SOCIETY** will be hosting a Charity Night at Romford Greyhound Stadium on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Ticket are priced at £25 per person and includes:

Entrance

3 Course Meal with Coffee in the Pavilion Restaurant

Free Race card

For further details and to book tickets call Julie on 01268 784544 or email [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**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**  
**4th and 5th October 2014**

Sat 4th                      6 p.m.              John Saville RIP  
**Vigil Mass**

Sun 5th                      9 a.m.              Holy Souls  
                                    11 a.m.              People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 6th October 2014**

Mon 6th                      9 a.m.              Joanna Hayes

Tues 7th                      9 a.m.              Frank Swan RIP

Wed 8th                      9 a.m.              Intention of James Casey

Thurs 9th                      9 a.m.              Sheila Wagman RIP

Fri 10th                      9 a.m.              Deacon Paul Conrad

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

**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	233.80
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	356.89
	CAFOD	38.00

***Thank you***