



# **Newsletter**

## **The Immaculate Conception**

### **Epping**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**16th March 2014**

Dear friends,

St Paul in writing to the Christians in Rome told them that the sufferings of the present life are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. That glory is anticipated in the experience of our Lord's Transfiguration, the subject of today's gospel. The apostles Peter, James and John who witnessed this event were also with Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane. The transfiguration points them and indeed all of us beyond the state of suffering to the state of glory. As we walk the way of the cross with our Lord during Lent, it is important to keep this in mind. Our sights must be firmly fixed on the Kingdom yet to come. On the mountain of the transfiguration Peter exclaimed: *Lord it is good for us to be here.* In other words it is good for us to practice the presence of God. To that end I would emphasise once again the value of a two minutes' silence each day of Lent. To be still for a few moments in the midst of our daily chores helps us to clarify our vision and confirm us in the hope of the glory yet to come.

Tomorrow Monday 17th March is St Patrick's Day and we wish all our Irish parishioners every grace and blessing. It is followed two days later by an even greater feast, the Solemnity of St Joseph, on March 19th. Mass on both days is at 9.15am.

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

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** The next Parents' session will be on Tuesday 18th March at 8pm.

**EASTER LILIES:** as is usual you are invited to contribute an Easter lily (£2) in memory of a loved one. Please mark the envelope "Easter Lily".

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 6pm each Sunday of Lent.

**WANTED TO RENT:** mature couple need a property to rent in Epping and environs. 2/3 bedrooms and garage if possible. Additional storage also needed. Totally reliable and considerate tenants. Please telephone 01992 573385.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION GROUP:** it is intended to run an Adult Confirmation Group leading to Confirmation at Pentecost 2015. At present there are 3 adults who wish to join the group. Any other candidates should contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) to notify their possible interest. An information evening will be held in the Church at 5pm on Sunday 6th April. (Please bring Baptismal Certificates).

**IN LENT WHY NOT COME TO CALVARY?** Nearly 200,000 healthy babies are aborted in the UK every year, hundreds every week at Marie Stopes, Buckhurst Hill. In Lent why not come there to pray quietly about this tragedy and especially for the mums, dads, babies, nurses and doctors involved? Join the peaceful vigil (NOT a protest - just Stations of the Cross, the Rosary etc) for as long or as short a time as you can. Every Saturday 7.45am - 11.45am. Call Paul on 01992 577104 or Rose 0208 252 3109 or just turn up.

**BAPTISM:** congratulations to Grace Abel baptised here last weekend.

**CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION:** This collection will take place outside Tesco, Epping on 26th March 9am - 6pm. Volunteers are needed for one hour slots during the day. Please ring Mary Morgan on 574719 if you can help.

**CAFOD:** are you over 16 years and adventurous? If so then join Team CAFOD and take the plunge! The annual abseil down Harlow Water Tower takes place on Sunday 4th May. The event is organised by Harlow Tye Rotary Club, registration fee £30. For more details call 0208 5029722. Places are limited.

**ABBOTSWICK: HEALING MASS Mass** will be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power on Wednesday 19th March at 2.30pm. Donations on the day. **QUIZ NIGHT:** On Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm with light supper.

**HOME CLEANER WANTED:** a parishioner is looking to employ a paid cleaner for his home. 3 hours a week. £30 per week (£10 an hour). Timing can be flexible. Please call John Gee on 01992 577742 if interested.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Each Saturday during Lent one of the Churches in Epping will offer a light lunch (soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee) between 12.30-2pm. Donations requested for Christian Aid. On Tuesday 18th March there will be an additional luncheon at the Scout Hut, Flux Lane, Epping again between 12.30pm and 2pm. Our lunch will take place on Saturday 22nd March in our Hall. We need donations of soup, cheese, tea and coffee. Helpers will also be needed in the kitchen and Hall to serve our guests. Please telephone Mary Morgan on 574719.

**FOR SALE:** Motor car. Citroen Diesel (2009), one owner, low mileage. MOT due October 2014. Price negotiable. Contact 07758 619749.

**QUIZ NIGHT FOR THE BOX:** on Friday 21st March 2014 at 7.30pm at Hemnall Street Social Club, Epping. Tickets £5 per person (includes snacks). Discount for Hemnall Street Club members. Tickets available from The Box on 1992 577300 or Hemnall Street Social Club on 01992 574150.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 25th March at 8pm in the presbytery, following Mass (The Annunciation) at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME. If you cannot attend, but would like to raise an issue, please contact the PPC secretary, Debbie Harrison, on 01992 575900 / [dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com).

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for the next tax year are available in the porch - please collect your set asap. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme then please contact Margaret Lechley on 01992 812935.

**ADORAMUS:** D-Day 70th Anniversary Concert - Saturday 28th June at 7.30pm Alban Arena Massed Choir. Further details from [davidhooke76@gmail.com](mailto:davidhooke76@gmail.com) or on 07904 911470.

**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**  
**15th and 16th March 2014**

Sat 15th  
Vigil Mass                      6 p.m.              Timothy White RIP

Sun 16th  
   9 a.m.              People of the Parish  
   11 a.m.              Tony Marrinan RIP

**Week Commencing 17th March 2014**

Mon 17th                      9.15 a.m.      John Clohessy RIP  
St Patrick

Tues 18th                      9.15 a.m.      Rocky Fernandez RIP

Wed 19th                      9.15 a.m.      Anne Ryan RIP  
St Joseph

Thurs 20th                      9.15 a.m.      Mary Fenton RIP

Fri 21st                      9.15 a.m.      Teresa Heath (thanksgiving)

Sat 22nd                      6 p.m.              Maurice O'Regan RIP  
Vigil Mass

Sun 23rd                      9 a.m.              People of the Parish  
   11 a.m.              Anne Marie Bowles RIP

**Morning Prayer** will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9.15 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 Clohessy and Tom Clark.

<b><u>OFFERINGS:</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	245.30
<b>(£)</b>	Offertory Loose Plate	343.78
	CAFOD	33.40