



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of Christ the King

23rd November 2014

Dear friends,

the Feast of Christ the King brings the liturgical year to its conclusion. It is a comparatively recent feast, initiated by Pope Pius XI in the decade after the First World War when totalitarianism was rampant not only in Soviet Russia but also in Germany and Italy with the rise of the Nazis and Facism. Those godless ideologies have now passed into history but the Kingdom of God endures. It is to be discerned not in military might and excessive materialism but in the values of the gospel especially poverty of spirit and hunger and thirst for justice and peace. It is the task of the Church to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and the duty of every Christian to promote its ideals. The present pope is leading by example. His lifestyle is one of simplicity and in a world of greed and aggression he is encouraging us to follow Jesus who was crowned with thorns and enthroned on a cross. The Kingdom of God is not of this world but it can be found within each of us if we take to heart the message of service and love exemplified in the life and ministry of our blessed Lord.

Next week we begin the season of Advent. Please take a complimentary copy of Walk With Me, a booklet of daily reflections helping us to prepare for Christmas.

God bless you always

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar date December 6th. Only 2 weeks to the Bazaar and the pace is hotting up! Will you please encourage the children to donate toys: they have a vested interest in making space for Christmas. **Raffle tickets** will be given out at Masses this weekend. Please take a couple of books.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: The next class will be at 5.30pm on Monday 24th November.

WALK WITH ME: Booklet of Advent reflection - free copy. One per family.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: please place your lists in the basket below the altar for remembrance in all our Holy Souls Masses.

NEW ROTA: please can all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers collect a copy of the new rota from the porch.

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.

CHARITY CHORAL CONCERT - 8pm on Saturday 29th November in The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay. Singers from the local area will join the MHR Choir for "A Requiem of Peace" by Andrew Wright. Tickets: Adults £7.50 ~ Concessions £5 are now available via the MHR Parish Office on 01277 624891. All proceeds from this special occasion will go to the charity CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young, in memory of James Patterson.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting takes place on Monday 8th December in the presbytery at 7.30pm, following the 7pm Mass (The Immaculate Conception). All welcome. If you cannot attend, but would like to raise an issue, please contact Debbie on 01992 575900 or email dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com.

"In Conversation with Bishop Alan" – an evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. Bishop Alan has served as a school chaplain, uni chaplain, parish priest, shrine director and superior of his religious order. Hear his story on **Thursday 18th December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30-10.00pm** including fish & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org or on the Brentwood Vocations Facebook Page. The evening is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

EPHING CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH EVENT: Saturday 13th December 1pm - Top Golf, Chigwell - Lunch & cake decorating with Santa (includes a gift also) Ages 2-14 recommended - Price £6 per child. Limited spaces available, please contact Justin Willis 01992 812924 or Brenda Hyland 01992 572851 for more information.

*****ARRANGEMENTS FOR Fr JAMES' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS*****

Please note in your diary that there will be a **Mass at 5.00 pm** (Note NOT 6pm) on **Saturday 20th December 2014**, which will be **followed by a Buffet Reception and Parish Party in the Church Hall to which ALL parishioners are invited** (whether or not they attend the 5.00pm Mass). At this Reception, it is planned that a presentation will be made to Fr James to mark the celebration of 50 years of devoted service as a priest. **Please do come and join the party!!** Any queries to Deacon Duncan, please.

“HE’S BEHIND YOU!” Panto season is upon us again. Following last years success, I have bought 25 tickets for Woodford Pantomime’s ‘Cinderella’ at the Sir James Hawkey Hall in Woodford Green on Friday 16th January 2015 at 7.30pm. All youngsters (and those young at heart) who wish to join us for an evening full of laughter, please contact Maggie Keeling at: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879, or I’ll be in the choir loft after 11.00am masses. All tickets are £12 each. First come first served.

RECITAL: The Cathedral House Handbell Ringers would like to invite you to their second Lunchtime Recital at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 3rd December, at 1pm. The recital will feature Popular and Christmas melodies. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection and any profits will go towards the Samaritans. Do come along to support this recital if you are free and help us to fundraise.

ADVENT 2014: The following session will take place in the Cathedral Conference Centre:

Tuesday 2nd December 7.30pm-9.30pm

A reflection on- *‘And the word was made flesh’*

This will be led by ***Father Martin O’Connor***, Parish Priest, St Bede’s Chadwell Heath.

For booking and further information, contact the Adult RE office on 01277 265255 or email arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SISTERS OF THE NEEDY: the recent collection for the Sisters of the Needy raised £454.25. Many thanks.

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
22nd and 23rd November 2014

Sat 22nd Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Michael & Brenda Haugh
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Sun 23rd	9 a.m.	Michael Murphy RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 24th November 2014

Mon 24th	9 a.m.	Patrick Young RIP
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Tues 25th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
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Wed 26th	9 a.m.	John Forde RIP
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Thurs 27th	9 a.m.	Teresa Ryan RIP
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Fri 28th	9 a.m.	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
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Sat 29th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Lady Jean Russell RIP
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Sun 30th	9 a.m.	Doug and Bobby Dew 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, Jenny Downs and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	328.60
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	371.26
	CAFOD	22.00

Thank you