



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year      19th October 2014**

Dear friends,

we Christians have a dual nationality. We have a passport, issued by the state of which we are citizen, and we are heirs to the Kingdom of God. Both for the Earthly and the heavenly we have rights and responsibilities but we must ensure that civil obedience never trumps the power and the glory of God. The coin that Jesus asked to see in today's gospel would have had an image of the Emperor Tiberius and would have carried the inscription: "*Tiberius Caesar Augustus, son of the Divine Augustus.*" By saying "*give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*" our Lord is making a clear distinction between God and the Emperor and is denouncing the idolatrous phrasing on the coin. Note also that Jesus asks to see the coin: he does not have any Roman currency on his own person. Jesus is empty handed as he preaches about the Kingdom of God. Pope Francis is setting us all an example by his own modest life style and calling us to give to God generous hearts and minds. As heirs to his Kingdom whilst we shall make our journey of faith on Earth we are called to work tirelessly for the common good.

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

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**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Bazaar date December 6th. The first appeal is for Fancy Goods to give those who knit and sew plenty of time to create saleable objects. Donations of household linen and new clothes are also welcome.

**JUMBLE SALE:** The total of £650 has been sent to relieve the persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria. A big thank you to Janet Abbott and her team who worked so hard to achieve this amount.

**SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED:**

Our annual Service for the Bereaved is arranged for **3.00 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Everyone is invited to pray for their beloved dead.**

The service will include some hymns, remembrance of the loved ones by name as a candle is lit, a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

All welcome, including your friends.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** The next class will be at 5.30pm on Monday 3rd November. A session for Parents will take place on Tuesday 11th November at 8pm.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. To mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heythrop College, Michael Walsh will give a talk " From Louvain to Kensington: An English Jesuit seminary on the Move". All are welcome. Further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

**MISSION APPEAL:** on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October the White Fathers will make an appeal here on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa.

**BRIGHT & LIGHT VOLUNTEERS:** Bright and Light, the alternative Halloween event, is to be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at St John's Church this year. Volunteers are needed from 4.30pm until 6pm on the day to either run one of the craft stalls or man one of the games. A team is also needed to set up the church from 10am until 12pm. Please contact Louise on 07952 558317 or [louise.want@ntlworld.com](mailto:louise.want@ntlworld.com) if you can help.

**London Marathon 2015:** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has Gold Bond places for runners in the **LONDON MARATHON – SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015**. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 / [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk) Closing date for completed applications is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition!

**Celebrating Our Lady of Lourdes – Diocesan Mass:** On **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 3.00pm**, Bishop Alan will celebrate a special Mass for the Diocese, as this is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass is open to all, and will be followed by simple refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Those who have been on pilgrimage to Lourdes, or who are intending to travel during 2015, are especially welcomed and invited.

**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**  
**18th and 19th October 2014**

Sat 18th	6 p.m.	Ines Fernandez RIP
<b>Vigil Mass</b>		

Sun 19th	9 a.m.	Ted Flanagan RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 20th October 2014**

Mon 20th	9 a.m.	Annette Goodchild RIP
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Tues 21st	9 a.m.	Mary & Francis Fletcher RIP
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Wed 22nd	9 a.m.	George Rimmer RIP
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Thurs 23rd	9 a.m.	Sybil Mullan RIP
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Fri 24th	9 a.m.	Bill McEvoy RIP
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Sat 25th	6 p.m.	Ines Fernandez RIP
<b>Vigil Mass</b>		

Sun 26th	9 a.m.	Lesley Boyle 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	219.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	251.39
	CAFOD	9.00

***Thank you***