



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

6th July 2014

Dear friends,

a great paradox lies at the heart of the Christian faith. The God we worship is a God of majesty but he is also a God of meekness or humility. The Holy One of Israel is revealed to us through the person of Jesus his Son. The lesson that he asks us to learn from him is humility of heart. We shall never learn such a lesson from the ways of the world where the weakest go to the wall and where the pushy and the arrogant are constantly involved in power struggles for the first place. Jesus through word and example is constantly calling us to serve and not to be served. The peace of mind and rest which he promises us will come to us only if we are attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. There is a very real distinction between those who are wise and those who are clever. True wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit: cleverness is an accommodation to the ways of the world. Hence, the need for prayer and constant reflection. It is in stillness and quiet not in the clamour of the mass media that the Lord speaks to us the message of eternal life.

Our new bishop Fr Alan Williams was ordained last Tuesday at Brentwood in a service of great solemnity. He comes across as a person who is very relaxed and very approachable, quietly spoken and very gentle. Please pray for him since the demands made upon him will be considerable in many ways. Pray also for vocations to the priesthood since the shortage of priests is now reaching crisis point.

***God bless you always
Father James***

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ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: 5pm Friday 11th July. All boys and girls are welcome. Please contact Fr James.

ECCA Summer Concert: ECCA are holding their summer concert on Saturday 12th July at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Epping. See notice board for details. Admission is free but a programme costs £2.50 to offset expenses. Please come and support us.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Please will members of the Parish Council collect the minutes of the recent meeting from the postbox.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014-14: Applications are now available from Fr James. All requests must be submitted by 31st July at the latest. For children not baptised a Epping a baptismal certificate must be enclosed.

RED MISSION BOXES: There was a good response to the recent appeal. Twenty five new boxes have been taken. These will be counted twice annually. Existing boxes are to be handed in as soon as possible. Our parish promoter is Mr John Gee on 01992 577742.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 26th July at 2.15 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex. The Society's AGM will be followed by a talk given by Dr. Francis Young of the King's School, Ely. The title of the talk will be, ' England's Catholic Genius: Thomas White, 1592 - 1676. For further information please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

PARISH HALL: A reminder that the Parish Hall is available for bookings for private events; special rates for parishioners and charities. Please contact Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 for details.

PILGRIMAGES: **Calling all grandparents.** There are two grandparents pilgrimages this year, one to **Aylesford on Saturday 12th July** and the other to **Walsingham on Saturday 26th July**. If you would like more information call Elisabeth Abbott on 01277 265236 or email familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

OPERATION DORIS! Pat Kyrou will be giving a tutorial on programming 'Doris' at 5.30pm to 6.00pm before the 6.00pm mass this Sunday 5th July – please join her up in the loft for an introductory demonstration. Pat will also be available for half an hour before the 9.00am mass the following weekend, Sunday 13th July for another demonstration. Please come along.

Full training, practice and support (for as long as necessary) will be given to anyone who is able to help us by occasionally leading the music with Doris – please consider joining us. Many thanks. Maggie (maggie@keelingphysio.com)

GARDEN PARTY: Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 11 July, from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Tickets at £32 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 02075921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk. See also www.passage.org.uk. It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

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

5th and 6th July 2014

Sat 5th	6 p.m.	Intentions of RC and SH
Sun 6th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Baby Sophia Heughan & Family People of the Parish

Week Commencing 7th July 2014

Mon 7th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 8th	9 a.m.	Sister Elizabeth Genet RIP
Wed 9th	9 a.m.	David Clancy RIP
Thurs 10th	9 a.m.	Ian Pitera
Fri 11th	9 a.m.	Fr Ambrose O'Gorman RIP
Sat 12th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Lucia Maraldo RIP
Sun 13th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Patrick McAniskey RIP 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, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	338.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	352.97