



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

26th October 2014

Dear friends,

the essence of the gospel message preached by our Lord Jesus is the love of God and love of one's neighbour. It is a simple message yet extremely difficult to put into practice properly. The greatest obstacle to its observance is the ingrained selfishness of human nature. True love always entails sacrifice and Jesus taught this too, not only in words but also by example. Greater love has no-one than to lay down his life for a friend. The cross is the supreme symbol of God's love for us. Despite the selfishness that so often militates against sacrificial love there are so many examples of such love in action. Whenever a spouse cares for a partner suffering from Alzheimers: or a parent tirelessly tends to an autistic child: or whenever doctors and nurses expose themselves to infection in the fight against Ebola. Then, and in so many other instances we see sacrificial love powerfully operating.

This weekend we welcome Fr Ted Wildsmith of the Missionaries of Africa (the White Fathers) to preach an appeal. Missionaries, priests, sisters and lay co operators are yet another example of those prepared to sacrifice themselves for others in some of the most deprived areas of the world. Please pray for them and be generous in supporting them.

God bless you always
Fr James

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar date December 6th. An easy appeal this week is for unwanted books, records, CDs and DVDs. Go on - you know they need sorting.

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED:

Our annual Service for the Bereaved is arranged for **3.00 pm on Sunday 16th 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Mr Tony Morrin who died last week. We offer to his wife, Diane, our prayerful sympathy. RIP.

VACANCY: Required for January 2015: The Headteacher and Governors of All Saints Catholic School, Dagenham, seek to appoint a Student Mentor (SO1 point 29) to assist with supporting student achievement and well-being, and to have the responsibility for the co-ordination of student voice across the school. 35 hours per week, term time only. Further details of the post from Mrs Hartley (Tel: 020 8270 4242). Closing date for applications: Wednesday, 8th October 2014.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes by air for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 3 Nights, 6th - 9th December 2014: £485 p.p. (twin/double), £535 p.p. (single room) which includes flights from Stanstead, 3 nights' full board accomm. at the luxury Hotel Saint-Sauveur (inc. wine with meals), full time presence of the tour operator and chaplain, airport transfers in Lourdes, Mass offerings and procession candles. For more information please contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd: 07932 634589; siobhan@parker-travel.com

London Marathon 2015: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has Gold Bond places for runners in the **LONDON MARATHON – SUNDAY 26th 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 Closing date for completed applications is Friday 31st 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 15th 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.

'IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON': - *Preparing for Advent and Christmas.* **Mgr David Manson** will lead this session on **Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm-9.30pm** at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Readers, Liturgy groups, Catechists and Pastoral Assistants are invited to attend. *All are welcome. Cost: A Donation.*

HEADTEACHER – St Anne Line Junior School, Basildon: the headteacher is retiring after 25 years and the Governing Body are looking for an enthusiastic Catholic to continue the wonderful work in the school. Starting date: September 2015. Application closing date: November 12th 2014. Application packs are available from Carolyn Kerr at Essex County Council, Tel: 033301 30784 or by emailing headships@essex.gov.uk.

PARISH HALL: a reminder that the parish hall is available for bookings for private events; special rates for parishioners and charities. Contact Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 for details.

URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD: the Governors are seeking to appoint a Vice Principal required for January 2015. Salary range £74,518 -£81,441. Closing date 12th November 2014. More information from www.ual.org.uk or email: teacherapplication@uai.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
25th and 26th October 2014

Sat 25th	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Vigil Mass		
Sun 26th	9 a.m.	Lesley Boyle RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 27th October 2014

Mon 27th	9 a.m.	Baby James Elliott
Tues 28th	9 a.m.	Helen McTiernan RIP
Wed 29th	9 a.m.	John Fox (sick)
Thurs 30th	9 a.m.	Margaret McCarthy RIP
Fri 31st	9 a.m.	Thecla Floor RIP
Sat 1st Nov	6 p.m.	Mary Barden (thanksgiving)
Vigil Mass		
Sun 2nd Nov	9 a.m.	Seamus Burke 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.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	278.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	286.01
	CAFOD	43.00

Thank you