



# **Newsletter**

## **The Immaculate Conception Epping**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday 12th January 2014**

Dear friends,

the Baptism of the Lord, which we keep today, complements last week's celebration of the Epiphany in as much as it is a further revelation of Jesus as the Beloved Son. It is of immense significance given that all four gospels refer to it whereas the nativity of the Lord is only mentioned by two of them. John the Baptist was rightly taken aback when Jesus sought baptism from him since baptism was for the remission of sin. Jesus, Son of God, is without sin. Nevertheless in undergoing baptism he wished to show solidarity with the whole human race that he had come to redeem. Baptism is a movement of the Holy Spirit and the same Holy Spirit empowered Jesus for his ministry of preaching and of healing. For us baptism signifies our sharing in the life and ministry of Christ and makes us out as his disciples. An alternative word for Baptism is Christening and Christians are those who are proud to follow Christ. In choosing godparents for their children parents should ensure that such sponsors are themselves men and women of sound Christian conviction and commitment, worthy role models of Christian life who have been baptised themselves. Today gives us all an opportunity to renew the high promises of our own baptism, renouncing all that is alien to him and professing once again our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** this group is for children between 4 and 9 years, however, younger and older siblings are very welcome. We are currently looking for more helpers for this group to continue. If you are interested please contact Norah on 01992 577932.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** the next class for the children will take place on Monday evening 13th January at 6pm.

**MUSIC GROUP PLEA:** We have a very small and friendly music group. Between us we aim to provide some music for all Masses to suit all ages and tastes. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!! We have a digital music box affectionately known as "Doris" which can be used when no "live" music is available. Volunteers are required to operate Doris and to lead singing at some Masses. It's easy! Please contact Maggie on 01992 573962; [maggie@keelingphysio.com](mailto:maggie@keelingphysio.com).

**MANY THANKS** from Deacon Duncan for the many messages, cards and gifts he has received from parishioners during his illness. Now on the road to recovery he and Dorothy were very grateful for all the love and support, particularly over the Christmas period,

**SMALL LINEN:** will all the laundresses please collect their rotas from the linen drawer in the sacristy. Many thanks to them for performing this task.

**FR PIOTR TURZYNSKI:** a message of greeting comes from Fr Piotr Turzynski to all his parish friends. He has been appointed as a professor at the University of Lublin where Pope John Paul was also a professor. He has sent to us his book which will be left for a short time in the library. Since it is almost entirely in Polish it will then go to the Harlow priests.

**HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** the next meeting will take place in the Cry Chapel at 8pm on Thursday 16th February.

**EPPING YOUNG CHRISTIANS (EPYC):** EPYC is back for 2014! The Churches Together Youth Group will be meeting this term on the following Sundays: January 19th, February 16th, March 16th. The groups will meet in The Box at the usual times: Junior EPYC (school years 3-6) 5.30pm - 7pm, EPYC (school years 7-13) 6.45pm-8pm. If any adults are interested in joining as leaders, please contact Alison Dolan on 07855 958653.

**LOURDES - SUMMER 2014:** The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st July from £618 by air with full board for five nights, or £418 by coach. The pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. Please visit [www.brentwoodlourdes.org](http://www.brentwoodlourdes.org) for further information.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER:** St Peter's RC Primary, Dagenham requires a lead for the new Additionally Resourced Provision (A.R.P). Applications by 24th January for a start date of 20th April. Further details from Mrs McCluskey on 020 82706524.

**VALENTINE GALA DINNER:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invite you to join them for a fabulous evening at their Valentine's Gala Dinner to be held on Friday 14th February 2014 at Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. Tickets are priced at £45 per person to include a drinks reception, gifts, dinner, dancing, live entertainment and much more. Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 to book your ticket.

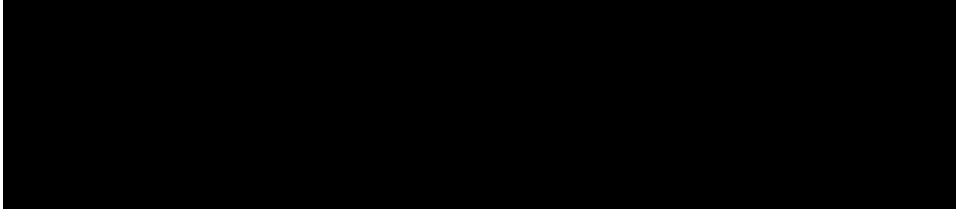
**FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE:** 16th January at 1pm at St Theresa Church, Newbury Park, with Frs Eamonn and Angelus. Mass for the Healing of the Family Tree on the same date at 3pm. Come and see how the Lord can help bring greater healing and liberation to you and your family.

**VACANCY:** person required for the paid position of Housekeeper at the Diocesan House of Prayer at Abbotswick. 3-5 hours per week. Timing of work can be negotiated. Please contact Sr Theresa on 01277 373959 or email [info@abbotswick.org](mailto:info@abbotswick.org) for a job description and personal specification.

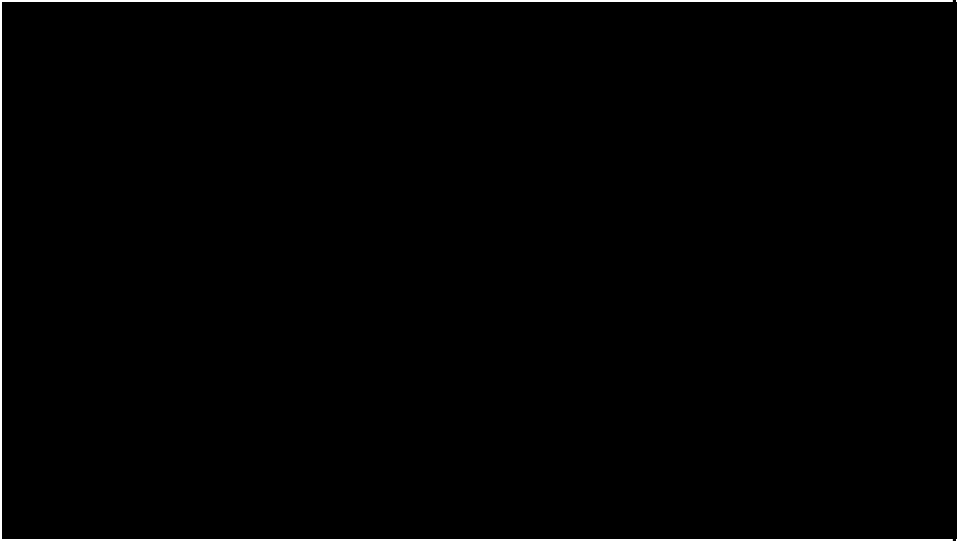
**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Harrison Oakley.

**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**  
**11th and 12th January 2014**



**Week Commencing 13th January 2014**



**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, John Hannis, Amy O'Day, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Sean Garwood, Gus Broks, Sean Clohessy, Tom Clark and Deacon Duncan.

<b><u>OFFERINGS:</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	281.91
<b>(£)</b>	Offertory Loose Plate	313.70
	CAFOD	20.00
	Crib Offering	103.84