



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

7th September 2014

Dear friends,

to pray is to practise the presence of God. Although we are not always conscious of it God is with us at all times and in every place. St Paul rightly says: ***in him we live and move and have our being.*** We pray as individuals but we also pray as a community and in today's gospel we are told that whenever two or three gather in Jesus' name he is there with them. The great act of communal prayer is the Sunday Eucharist and to absent oneself deliberately from it means to be starved of that spiritual nourishment that is vital to us. Family prayer is also of prime importance. Grace before and after a meal and bedtime prayer with children are obvious opportunities for such prayer but there are other occasions also. The saying that the family who prays together stays together has a lot of truth in it.

This weekend we welcome back Fr Patrick Shanahan who has supplied at Epping many times before. Fr Patrick is still very much involved in the wonderful charity Street Child Africa. I hope to be back next weekend after my break in the Lake District.

God bless you always
Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014-14: This year there are seventeen applicants. An information session for parents will be held at 8pm on Monday 22nd September in the hall. The enrolment Mass for the children will be on Sunday 27th September at 11am. Classes will commence at 5.30pm on Monday 29th September. NB - no further applications can be considered.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE: 8pm on Tuesday 16th September in the presbytery. Anyone with a concern for social issues is warmly welcome to join this group.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: 7pm on Wednesday 17th September in the Hall. There will be light refreshments available.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Matilda Shannon Little.

A REQUIEM OF PEACE: SINGERS are invited to perform Andrew Wright's 'A Requiem of Peace' at The Church of The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, on **SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2014 at 8.00pm**. The Concert is in aid of CRY (Cardiac Risk In The Young).

Copies of the Requiem will be available at the first Rehearsal. To register your intention to sing and for more information regarding rehearsals etc. please contact Kathy Underhill ASAP on 01277 626661 or kathyunderhill@btinternet.com.

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: The funeral service for Mike Collett RIP will take place in Church at 3pm on Thursday 11th September followed by a private cremation at Parndon Wood, Harlow.

CARDINAL MANNING THANKSGIVING MASS: organised by Caritas Anchor House on behalf of East London parishes in commemoration of the signing of the "Cardinal Peace" or the end of the Great Dock Strike in 1889. Mass will take place at St Mary & St Michael Church, 2 Lukin St, London E1 0AA at 6pm on Sunday 14th September.

JUMBLE SALE: There will be a Jumble Sale in our Hall on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. Please leave any items in the church porch.

CHILD MINDING: For those parishioners looking for an occasional child minder, I am available most evenings and weekends. I have experience in childcare and can provide references if required. I am in the 6th form at Davenant and have a full driving licence. For those interested, please contact Rebecca McInerney on 0752229972 or 01992 812564.

COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS: Please note that there will be no coffee after the 11am Mass on Sunday 28th September and Sunday 5th October as the Hall is booked for private functions.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN IN TWICKENHAM: Pro-life meeting with talks and great plans to make a life-saving difference in the community. Please come and bring your friends. Wednesday 10th of September at 7 pm, Parish Hall of St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 130 St Margaret's Road, Twickenham London TW1 1RL only 2 minutes from St Margaret's Railway Station. Be a voice of those who cannot speak for themselves.
www.goodcounselnetwork.com

JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE:

To address an issue of profound concern to many at this time and in anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*, the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces an Ecumenical Study Day entitled 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations', which will take place on Saturday 25th October at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, beginning at 10.30 and ending at 3 p.m. The day will be given by Sr Margaret Shepherd of the Sisters of Sion, who is Secretary of the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations and Director of the Sion Centre for Dialogue and Encounter in west London. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

VACANCY: County Ecumenical Officer for Essex and East London. £10,000 pa plus 10% pension contribution. Home based, 16 hours per week. Details at www.cte.org.uk/CTEELjob. Closing date 23rd September 2014.

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
6th and 7th September 2014

Sat 6th 6 p.m. Margaret White RIP
Vigil Mass

Sun 7th 9 a.m. People of the Parish
 11 a.m. Brigid Day RIP

Week Commencing 8th September 2014

Mon 8th 9 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Tues 9th 9 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Wed 10th 9 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Thurs 11th 9 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Fri 12th 9 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Sat 13th 6 p.m. Mike Collett RIP
Vigil Mass

Sun 14th 9 a.m. Thomas Murrhly 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	200.63
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	288.64
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Thank you