



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

The Solemn Feast of Pentecost

8th June 2014

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Holy Spirit could be the most overlooked power for good in the world. How many times each day do we, as practising Christians, recognise the influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, either to give thanks for help and guidance or to request help? Or do we simply ignore his presence in the hustle and bustle of everyday life? Could our Christian lives be enhanced through a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit?

After three years of awesome ministry, Jesus was crucified and then returned to his Father in heaven, promising to send the Holy Spirit to help and support us during on our pilgrim way. The dramatic descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost is recalled in great detail in today's 1st Reading. It would be inspiring for us to read again Acts 2: vv 1-11, and to be reminded that the Holy Spirit is always available for us, in all power and radiance, to help us to lead lives which are pleasing to God. We only have to ask. The Holy Spirit is with us and in us all the time. We simply need to form a regular and on-going relationship with him.

Fr James returns today from his short retreat, where, I am sure, his relationship with the Holy Spirit was wholly inspiring and enlightening.

God bless you ,

Deacon Duncan

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BAPTISM: Freya Ballard. Congratulations to her and her family.

WHIST DRIVE: Thursday 12th June at 7pm at 7 Lower Bury Lane, Epping. All very welcome.

TOUR DE FRANCE INFORMATION EVENING: will be held on 12th June 2014 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the Epping Forest District Council Atrium. All are welcome to ask questions about the Tour De France. Tea and coffee available.

TOUR DE FRANCE HELP NEEDED: Some **volunteers are needed** for the Tour de France in Epping on 7th July. The volunteers will help people with mobility problems in a prime location. If you can help with a 1 hour or a 3 hour slot, please contact Louise Want at louise.want@ntlworld.com who will liaise with the Council.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SEMINAR: Monday 9th June 7.45pm - 9.30pm. Sister Nuala of the Brentwood Religious Education Service will conduct a session in our Church Hall for those involved with the children's liturgy at Sunday Mass. Existing helpers are encouraged to attend and newcomers will be warmly welcomed.

EMAIL ADDRESSES, PLEASE: Please send an email to Margaret Lechley <epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org> if you would like to join the 165 families who now receive their weekly Newsletter by email. Paper copies of the Newsletter will, of course, continue to be available for those who need them, but the email system is much more efficient and cuts down on parish expense. Your email addresses will not be disclosed to anyone outside the parish.

MISSIONS APPEAL: Missio which organises the appeal for the missions through the Red Boxes thanks us for our support throughout the year. Our local organiser is Mr John Gee on telephone 01992 577742 and he will gladly provide a box for anybody asking for one.

EPHING CHURCH UNITY- A DIARY DATE: Epping Churches invite everyone to a **Unity Service on the Green** outside our Church on **Sunday 8th June at 3pm**. There will be worship, bible stories, picnic etc. Please note in your diary or on your calendar and come to join all the Churches in Epping and District to celebrate and give witness to the unity of faith we share.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE! Ushers are required, especially for the 11am Sunday Mass. Please phone Michael on 01992 574719 or give your details to Fr James or Deacon Duncan if you are willing to join the rota to help in this way.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 8pm in the presbytery. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend and have any issue which you would like to be discussed, please contact Debbie on 01992 575900 or email dr.debbie.harrison@gmail.com

ST VINCENT de PAUL / ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP - ALDHAM, ESSEX: This annual camp for boys aged 8-13 and girls aged 9-12 is full of fun filled activities in a beautiful 43 acre site, fully supervised in a caring atmosphere (see poster on porch notice board) for £140 (subsidised depending on circumstances). For more information please contact Paul 01992 577104.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION: The final total collected by our Parish was £1121.10 plus £155 Gift Aid refunds. Well done to all the collectors. Please collect your "Thank You" cards from the church porch, which shows how much each person collected. **We are looking for additional collectors for the 2015 collection**, so please let Dorothy Whitehouse know if you would like to join this successful team to help next year (Tel 01992 577173).

VIGIL TO PRAY FOR THE UPHOLDING OF THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: On Saturday 14th June this vigil will start with Mass at 9am at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Woodford Green 557/9 High Road IG8 0RB followed by a peaceful procession led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to the Marie Stopes Abortion Centre at Russell Road Buckhurst Hill. This is a prayerful vigil to pray for all concerned, especially the crisis pregnancy mothers and fathers and the clinic staff - it is not a protest. See noticeboard for more details or phone Paul 577104. "A great prayer for life is urgently neededprayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil." Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life.

WALK FOR PEACE: Saturday 28th June 10am - 3.30pm. The walk will begin in Tavistock Square at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and end at the Tibetan Peace Garden, Lambeth. More information from Davina Bolt on 01277 265234 or davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

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

7th and 8th June 2014

Sat 7th 6 p.m. Frank Fernandez RIP

Sun 8th 9 a.m. Tom O'Brien RIP
 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 9th June 2014

Mon 9th 9 a.m. Ted Abbott RIP

Tues 10th 9 a.m. Wellbeing of C.H.

Wed 11th 9 a.m. Sr Bernadette RIP

Thurs 12th 9 a.m. Maggie and Mark Keane RIP

Fri 13th 9 a.m. Family Intention (M.H)

Sat 14th 6 p.m. Abbott/Codling deceased
Vigil Mass

Sun 15th June 9 a.m. Bill Bonham 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, John Hannis, Amy O'Day, Mike Collett,
Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire,
Rosemary Freeman and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	290.20
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	306.10
	CAFOD	46.52