



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Feast of St Peter & St Paul

29th June 2014

Dear friends,

This weekend we keep the solemn feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Like St John the Baptist whom we celebrated last Wednesday, they were martyrs and their unswerving witness to Christ is an example to us all. Martyrdom has been a mark of the Church in every age, not least our own. It is our duty at the present time to show solidarity with and to pray for the vulnerable Christians of the Middle East. From earliest times there has been a sizeable Christian community in Mosul and throughout Iraq. They now stand in great peril. Please remember them.

This week we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our Church, the foundation stone of which was officially blessed on 25th June 1954. Ten years ago we had a series of events to mark the golden jubilee: this time round our celebration is more muted but a cake will be cut and coffee served after 11 o'clock Mass. Every parish is a version of the Church in miniature and every parish prospers to the degree that each parishioner is prepared to be involved in its worship and witness.

On Tuesday 1st July the ordination of our new bishop Fr Alan Williams takes place at Brentwood. Please pray for him. A bishop's task is never easy and in an age of religious indifference and militant secularism it is especially difficult. Please pray also for Bishop Thomas McMahon who has served us with such dedication over the past 33 years.

This week I have the pleasure of entertaining my Australian friend Mgr Michael Keating who is dean of St Mary's Cathedral in Perth. We have known each other since 1959. His visit enables me to reciprocate the warm hospitality I have received from him on my numerous visits to Australia.

God bless you always
Father James

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Mr John Hannis RIP.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Classes will begin at 5pm on Friday 4th July in church for four consecutive Fridays. All are welcome but particularly children who have just received First Holy Communion. Please contact Fr James.

PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH:

Under the Abortion Act 1967 nearly 200,000 babies are aborted in Britain every year. 97% are authorised because it is claimed that the pregnancy is a risk to the mother's mental health but the **latest medical evidence confirms that abortion does not lead to better mental health for women.** The law is clearly being abused. The Department of Health, instead of enforcing the law, seeks to widen abortion services even further. ***If you are 18 or over please sign the petition on the porch notice board.*** The petition is sponsored by The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

60TH ANNIVERSARY: On Sunday 29th June there will be coffee and cake in the Hall after a celebratory 11am Mass to mark the 60th "birthday" of our church. All welcome.

VACANCY: St Peter's RC Primary School Goresbrook Rd Dagenham RM9 6UU. After a recent "Good" Ofsted we need a teacher to cover a Maternity leave from September 1st 2014. For further information please contact the Headteacher—Daniel Craft HT 02082706524 or dcraft.301@bdcs.org.uk.

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.

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.

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.

A DATE WITH "DORIS": Following previous appeals in the newsletter and at Mass last Sunday, I will be running some "Dates with Doris" for anyone who is interested in getting to know how our digital music system works. There is no obligation to help if you feel it is not for you. The first date will be over coffee in the Hall after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 29th June. See you all there! Please email me to suggest alternative suitable times so that all those interested are included - Many thanks, Maggie. Email maggie@keelingphysio.com

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this Sunday 29th June 2014 7.30pm-9.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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.

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

28th and 29th June 2014

Sat 28th 6 p.m. Farrell Family deceased

Sun 29th 9 a.m. Cleonagh Jolly RIP
 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 30th June 2014

Mon 30th 9 a.m. Ian Pitera's intentions

Tues 1st July 9 a.m. Bishop Alan Williams

Wed 2nd 9 a.m. Margaret O'Regan RIP

Thurs 3rd 9 a.m. Jeremiah Kingston RIP

Fri 4th 9 a.m. Fr Ambrose O'Gorman RIP

Sat 5th 6 p.m. Intentions of RC and SH
Vigil Mass

Sun 6th 9 a.m. Holy Souls
 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, Mike Collett, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	261.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	266.86