



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Corpus Christi 22nd June 2014

Dear friends,

This midsummer season is rich in great liturgical feasts: today we have Corpus Christi: Tuesday is the feast of St John the Baptist and Friday next the feast of the Sacred Heart. The two Latin words *Corpus Christi* mean The Body of Christ. We hear those words spoken to us every time we receive Holy Communion and we make the simple but heartfelt response: *Amen*. Today we are celebrating our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. At every Mass the earthly gifts of bread and wine brought to the altar at the offertory are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of the Lord. How this transformation is effected is the mystery of faith which we proclaim at the moment of consecration. One of our great Eucharistic hymns says: "come adore this wondrous presence bow to Christ the source of grace." Our response to this great gift must be total reverence and humble adoration.

Today we welcome Fr Denis Treacy of the Mill Hill Missionaries who will be promoting the use of the red mission boxes which a number of you already use. The small change deposited in these boxes raises an enormous amount over the year to fund the work of evangelisation throughout the world. Our parish promoter is Mr John Gee (57774) who will happily provide you with a box.

Parents wishing to present a child for First Holy Communion next year are asked to collect an application form and return it as soon as possible. The preparatory sessions will run from late September until early May 2015.

***God bless you always
Father James***

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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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES, PLEASE: . Please send an email to Margaret Lechley <eping@dioceseofbrentwood.org> if you would like to join the 167 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mrs Amy O'Day RIP. Funeral at 11am on Wednesday 25th June.

Please pray for Fr Ambrose O'Gorman, the oldest pries of the Brentwood Diocese who has died at the age of 102. May he rest in peace.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Charlie David and Bobby Anthony Shute baptised here this weekend.

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.

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.

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.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: Monday 23rd June is a National Day of Prayer and Fasting for the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. Please remember to pray and to fast in any way possible. This could be fasting on bread and water or it could be fasting from a particular thing i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, TV. For details see; www.goodcounselnetwork.com

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

MEDJUGORIE YOUTH FESTIVAL: Join 50,000 young people in celebrating the 24th Medjugorje Youth Festival next month! Flying British Airways on the 31st July from London Gatwick for 7 nights. Price: £475 which includes flights, transfers, accommodation, breakfast & dinner & guide. Last few places available. Please call Jonathan on 01423 546175

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
21st and 22nd June 2014

Sat 21st	6 p.m.	Derek Wells RIP
Sun 22nd	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Cornelius Enright RIP

Week Commencing 23rd June 2014

Mon 23rd	9 a.m.	Roger Minnis
Tues 24th St John Baptist	9 a.m.	Michael Joseph
Wed 25th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thurs 26th	9 a.m.	Una Murray RIP
Fri 27th Sacred Heart	9 a.m.	David Clancy RIP
Sat 28th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Farrell Family deceased
Sun 29th	9 a.m.	Cleonagh Jolly 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, Mike Collett,
Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, David Sebire,
Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller and Sean Clohessy.

<u>OFFERINGS:</u>	Offertory Envelopes	152.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	224.90
	CAFOD	20.06