



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of All Saints

2nd November 2014

Dear friends,

although we have enjoyed mild weather during the half term week, the alteration of the clocks has reminded us that we are soon to enter the winter season. The Church marks this time of year with the two feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Signs of transience are everywhere apparent in nature all around us and we are encouraged to keep our sights fixed on the things that will not pass away. The New Testament calls the Saints and faithful departed the ***“great cloud of witnesses”*** by whom we are surrounded. They have preceded us to glory and they encourage us to run with perseverance our journey through life. The world as we know it sets great store on both health and happiness but makes little investment in holiness. As followers of Jesus holiness must be very much part of our agenda. To wish to be holy is to wish to share in the life of God.

Tomorrow Monday 3rd November I fly to Rome for four days. I shall be part of a group of some sixty priests from all over the country who are keeping their golden or diamond jubilee of priesthood this year. We shall be guests of the English College, Rome, and a very full programme of festivities has been laid on for us. I hope to tell you all about it on my return.

God bless you always
Fr James

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Bazaar date December 6th. Bazaar appeal this week is for the Bottle Tombola. Wines and spirits are especially welcome, but soft drinks, perfumes, household goods etc, anything in a bottle is needed to fill the stall.

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED: Our annual Service for the Bereaved is arranged for **3.00 pm on Sunday 16th November**. Everyone is invited to pray for their beloved dead. The service will include some hymns, remembrance of the loved ones by name as a candle is lit, a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Refreshments will be available in the church hall afterwards. All welcome, including your friends.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: The next classes will be at 5.30pm on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th November. A session for Parents will take place on Tuesday 11th November at 8pm.

SISTERS OF THE NEEDY who made an appeal some months ago request the return of the blue boxes at your earliest convenience.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Elizabeth Magri.

MISSION APPEAL: the Mission Appeal to the White Fathers raised £881.47. Thank you for your generosity.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS: please place your lists in the basket below the altar for remembrance in all our Holy Souls Masses.

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 are 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.

ABBOTSWICK DIOCESAN HOUSE OF PRAYER: - Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power on 12th November 2014 at 2.30pm. You are welcome to arrive for the rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass and Adoration. For further information please call 01277 373959.

CHARITY CHORAL CONCERT - 8pm on Saturday 29th November in The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay. Singers from the local area will join the MHR Choir for "A Requiem of Peace" by Andrew Wright. Tickets: Adults £7.50 ~ Concessions £5 are now available via the MHR Parish Office on 01277 624891. All proceeds from this special occasion will go to the charity CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young, in memory of James Patterson.

'IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON':- *Preparing for Advent and Christmas.* **Mgr David Manson** will lead this session on **Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm-9.30pm** at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Readers, Liturgy groups, Catechists and Pastoral Assistants are invited to attend. *All are welcome.* **Cost:** *A Donation.*

500 CROSSES FOR LIFE - ECUMENICAL PRAYER PROCESSION FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE- 15TH NOVEMBER 1.30PM

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL PROCESSING TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY:

Every day more than **500*** children die by abortion in England, Scotland and Wales, hence this ecumenical initiative is called ***"500 crosses for life."*** Plenty of fliers with more details available in church porch - please take one! Please join the procession or if you can't then please pray for an end to abortion. * Department of Health statistics state total abortions were 202,577 in 2013.

ST TERESA OF AVILA - 500TH ANNIVERSARY: to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of St Teresa of Avila there is an exhibition touring the country and, as part of the celebrations, Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting the exhibition from 8-23 November. Information can be found on www.teresaofavila.org.

EPHING CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH EVENT: Saturday 13th December 1pm - Top Golf Chigwell - Lunch & Golf with Santa. Ages 2-14 recommended - Price £6 per child. Limited spaces available, please contact Justin Willis 01992 812924 or Brenda Hyland 01992 572851 for more information.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY JOB VACANCY: National Young Vincentian Co-ordinator - £27,000 pa.

Full time: 37.5 hrs p/w.

The Society is seeking to appoint a national co-ordinator to oversee its Young Vincentian Programme (including Mini Vinnies, Secondary school/parish groups and University groups. The post would be based at the SVP National Office in London, but will involve some travel.

Applications are invited from individuals who can empathise with the Society's ethos and work. Please visit our website: www.svp.org.uk

TEACHER OF MUSIC: St Benedict's Catholic College, Colchester is seeking to appoint a well-qualified and enthusiastic music specialist to support their performing arts department. Further details from Nick Berry, Assistant Principal: telephone 01206 549222 or email n.berry@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk for further 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

1st and 2nd November 2014

All Saints

Sat 1st Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Mary Barden (thanksgiving)
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Sun 2nd	9 a.m.	Seamus Burke RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 3rd November 2014

Mon 3rd All Souls	9 a.m.	All the faithful departed
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Tues 4th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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Wed 5th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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Thurs 6th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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Fri 7th	9 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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Sat 8th Nov Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	McIniskey Family
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Sun 9th Nov	9 a.m.	Dan McEvoy 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	234.00
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	254.51
	CAFOD	40.00
	White Father's Appeal	881.47
Standing Orders	September/October	2955.32

Thank you