



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

21st September 2014

Dear friends,

to reflect upon the Scriptures, particularly the gospels, is to open one's self to a mind set quite at odds with a secular way of thinking. This should not surprise us since God says through the prophet Isaiah "my ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts": Is 55.9. This is clearly demonstrated in today's parable of labourers working in the vineyard. All end up by receiving exactly the same wage no matter how many or how few hours they have worked. God's concept of a minimum wage is very different from that of government or trade unions. The whole point of the parable is to bring home to us the generosity of God in our regard. We do not earn or merit God's favour. What he gives to us is given out of the abundance of his love - all is grace. Ours is not to reason why because if we do so we will inevitably come to a worldly conclusion. Ours is simply to receive with thanksgiving what the Lord bestows on us through his amazing grace.

We welcome this weekend some Palestinian Christians promoting "Bethlehem Art" hand carved statues made by some of the Christian families still living in the Holy Land. Their situation is very precarious, and increasingly so given the turbulence in the Middle East. The sale of these products contributes to their livelihood and I warmly commend them to your generosity.

God bless you all
Fr James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING:

8pm on Monday 22nd September. This is very important and anyone unable to come is asked to submit an apology explaining why.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Hannah Essery.

JUMBLE SALE: There will be a Jumble Sale in our Hall on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. There will be a list for helpers in the church porch. We always need helpers on Friday afternoon as well.

QUIZ NIGHT: ECCA are holding a quiz night on Saturday 11th October in our church hall. Admission £10 to include a Ploughman's Supper. Bring own nibbles and drinks. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of 8 (10 max). Please contact Janet on 01992 578262 or email janet.clements@talktalk.net

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: Please pray for Mrs Denise Kernery who died last week. RIP.

ST MARK'S WEST ESSEX CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Open

Day Thursday 2 October 2014 The school will be open from 9.30am – 12.45pm and 7-9pm. The Headteacher's talk will take place at 8.15pm. (Tipton Road, Harlow, CM18 6AA (01279 421267.)

BCYS YOUTH GATHER: – anyone in year 10-13 is very welcome to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Danbury Outdoor Centre for the weekend of 11th-12th October. There will be an opportunity have a go at an exhilarating outdoor activity such as High Ropes or Mountain Biking as well as activities and discussions on the theme - 'The Way, The Truth, The Life'. More info and forms available at www.bcys.net or email info@bcys.net or call 01277 265286

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: - at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place on **Sunday 28th September, 7.30pm to 9pm.** All welcome.

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 07522 299722 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.

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. 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.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: An Open Evening for prospective entrants will be held on Wednesday 24th September 2014 at the Lower Site, Sydney Road. Parents are invited to look around the School, at their convenience between 6pm and 7.30pm, and this will be followed by a presentation from Dr Doherty at approximately 7.30pm.

EPYC (Epping Young Christians): EPYC is back for 2014! The Churches Together youth group will be meeting this term on the following Sundays: September 21st, October 19th (straight after the Churches Together Peace Service), November 16th and December 21st. The groups will meet in The Box at the usual times: Junior EPYC (School Years 3-6) 5:30pm-7pm, EPYC (School Years 7-13) 6:45pm-8pm.

If any adults are interested in joining as leaders for this year, please get in touch. This group is a great way for our children and young people to link up with other Christians of their age from across the churches to share fun and faith. For more info, contact Alison Dolan 07855 958 653

Please make a special effort to invite any children who have just gone into Year 3 or who have just gone into Year 7 and who may not have been before.

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
20th and 21st September 2014

Sat 20th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 21st	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 22nd September 2014

Mon 22nd	9 a.m.	Fr Andrew Hurley RIP
Tues 23rd	9 a.m.	Cleary Family deceased
Wed 24th	9 a.m.	Mike Collett RIP
Thurs 25th	9 a.m.	Private intention
Fri 26th	9 a.m.	Hugh Burnham (sick)
Sat 27th Vigil Mass	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 28th	9 a.m.	Mark Toohy
	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	184.50
(£)	Offertory Loose Plate	436.87
	CAFOD	40.00

Thank you