



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Epping

Third Sunday of Easter 4th May 2014

Dear friends,

one of the great paintings in the National Gallery is The Supper at Emmaus by Caravaggio. It depicts that moment in today's gospel when the two disciples recognise the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. Their sense of wonder is palpable. Earlier, as they journeyed down from Jerusalem with him, they had not recognised him. Now their eyes were opened and they recalled how their hearts had burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. At last everything had come together: the resurrection had become a reality and they saw their hopes fulfilled. Professing the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist we too recognise him in the breaking of the bread and if we listen carefully as the Scriptures are proclaimed to us our hearts will also burn within us. Every Eastertide we celebrate First Holy Communion with our children as we seek to pass on to them the great mystery of faith. Please pray for the eighteen boys and girls who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend and next.

We offer prayerful condolences to Mrs Margaret Lechley whose brother Patrick Lennon died last Tuesday after a brief illness, aged 50. We pray also for his widow and children. May he rest in peace and rise in glory,

God bless you always
Fr James

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JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 17th May 2014 at 2pm in our Hall. Please place any items in the church porch where there is also a list of helpers.

GIFT AID END YEAR TAX LETTERS: if you require a letter, for tax purposes, stating your total contribution to Gift Aid for the year 13/14 then please let Margaret know either on the above telephone number or e-mail epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org

EMAIL ADDRESSES, PLEASE: Thanks to the 148 parishioners who have provided email addresses and will now receive their Newsletters by email each week. Paper copies will continue to be available for those who need them. Please ask if you would like a permission slip to complete.

SPRING YOUTH GATHER: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service would like to invite anyone in school years 7-9 to join us for a day of outdoor activities at Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster on 17th May. The cost of the day is just £20 and includes all activities. More information can be found at www.bcys.net/events or call 01277 265286

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: congratulations to the children making their first Holy Communion this Saturday 3rd May: Jonathan Barron, Jack Breen, Olivia Garwood, Sonny Goswell, Freya and Erin Kavanagh, Jack Morris, Peter and Luke Miller and Millie Perry. The second Communion rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 6th May at 5.30pm

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - 5th May: Mass will be at 10am.

MISSIONS APPEAL: Missions who organise the appeal for the missions through the Red Boxes thank us for our support throughout the year. Our local organiser is Mr John Gee on telephone 01992 577742 who will gladly provide a box for anybody asking for one.

BAPTISM: George Young - congratulations.

COULD YOU TEND OUR NEW GARDEN BORDER? We're looking for a volunteer who is prepared to keep the new border, in front of the front door of the church, free of weeds. The church flower arrangers will be using/pruning the shrubs so it probably needs about 2 hours a month of hoeing the weeds. If you can help with this labour of love then please let Fr James or Deacon Duncan know.

HALL MANAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE: meeting will take place in the Church on Thursday 8th May at 8pm. Anyone may come along and will be made welcome.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Ushers are required, especially for the 11am Sunday Mass. With sufficient volunteers each would only be needed around 6 times a year. Individuals can join with other people. Help is also needed on Saturdays to prepare the Church for Mass by putting out the newsletters, hymn and prayer books. Please phone Michael on 01992 574719 or give your details to Fr James or Deacon Duncan if you are able to help with either or both of these roles.

CHRISTIAN AID: is there a generous person in the parish who will take on the organisation of our share of the street collection? Dorothy Whitehouse is willing to guide and assist (tel 577173). Meantime the list for recruiting collectors will be made available for the gallant volunteers

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.

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE - Sunday 18th May - through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit www.cafodbrentwood.wordpress.com/ or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 02085029722.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be some vocations bookmarks for every parishioner, as well as other resources. The Vocations website has also been refreshed – if you are interested, please visit www.brentwoodvocations.org. All of the resources to promote Vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life are paid for by the annual second collection, which will take place after Masses next Sunday.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

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

3rd and 4th May 2014

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| Sat 3rd | 6 p.m. | First Holy Communion Mass David Clancy RIP |
| Sun 4th | 9 a.m. 11 a.m. | Holy Souls People of the Parish |

Week Commencing 5th May 2014

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| Mon 5th Bank Holiday | 10 a.m. | Ann Ryan RIP |
| Tues 6th | 9 a.m. | Gunvor Edwards RIP |
| Wed 7th | 9 a.m. | Patrick Lennon RIP |
| Thurs 8th | 9 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Fri 9th | 9 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Sat 10th Vigil Mass | 11 a.m. 6 p.m. | First Communion Mass David Clancy |
| Sun 11th | 9 a.m. 11 a.m. | Les Wilson 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, Sean Garwood, Sean Clohessy and Tom Clark.

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| OFFERINGS: | Offertory Envelopes | 255.50 |
| (£) | Offertory Loose Plate | 394.22 |

Thank you