



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

10th August 2014

Dear Friends,

Frequently, both in the New Testament and in the Old Testament, we hear the words: 'Do not be afraid'. We hear those words today in the Gospel, as Jesus re-assures the disciples in a boat which is being tossed about on a stormy sea. Elsewhere in the New Testament, St John tells us that 'perfect love casts out fear'. But which of us is able to love perfectly? Nevertheless, the more we try to love, the fewer our fears will be.

Love of God and love of our neighbour, lie at the heart of Christian belief and practice. Mary was told not to be afraid when the Archangel Gabriel announced to her God's plan for salvation; she above all others is the one who responded trustfully. **This Friday, August 15th, we keep the Solemn Feast of her Assumption, with Mass at 10am and 8pm.**

The re-decoration of the church is now in full swing. The temporary transfer to the Church Hall has taken place very smoothly, but we apologise for any inconvenience caused. Although our church is a modest building, it is a place of light and beauty and an oasis of quiet near a very busy road. Time and again, people have remarked how good it is to have the church open all day and every day—locked churches give out all the wrong signals.

God bless you always

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CONTINUING RE-DECORATION OF THE CHURCH:

The re-decoration project continues. It is planned to complete the work by Thursday 14th August, after which the sanctuary carpet is to be cleaned and then there will be a routine weekly general clean on 18/19/20th August before we return from the Church Hall for Weekday Mass in the church on Thursday 21st August....and then in church at the usual times thereafter.

After the 11 am Mass next Sunday (17th August), we will be seeking help to return the Mass Books and Hymn Books to the bookcases in the Church and the Pascal Candle to its place on the sanctuary. We shall also need help to stack most of the chairs on the Hall stage.

After morning Mass in the Church Hall on Wednesday 20th August, we are asking if a few parishioners could help to return the sacred vessels, vestments, missal, lectionary etc to the sacristy for Mass in church on Thursday 21st August (leaving the Church Hall clear for a Blood Doning session in the Church Hall at 12 noon).

As we saw when moving from the church to the Church Hall, *'many hands make light work'*. It was a magnificent response — thank you! It would be wonderful to get the same level of help for the return journeys. It should only take a few minutes if everyone helps.....please!

RED MISSION BOXES: There was a good response to the recent appeal. Twenty five new boxes have been taken. These will be counted twice annually. Existing boxes are to be handed in as soon as possible.

Our parish promoter is Mr John Gee on 01992 577742.

GIFT AID OFFERINGS: HM Revenue have just refunded us £10927 from our gift aided offerings. A big thank you to all who participate in the Gift Aid Scheme and thank you also to Mrs Margaret Lechley who is always pleased to encourage other tax paying parishioners to join the Scheme at no extra cost to themselves.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to Daisy Alice Edmond and her family.

DAILY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: will re-commence on Monday 1st September.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - GOLF

CLASSIC: BCCS is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year . The Golf Classic is an annual event and this year will be held on Friday 19th September at Ilford Golf Club. The price is £45 non Ilford Golf Club members and £25 for members. This includes competitions plus a 3 course evening meal. Contact John Buckley on 01708 455887/ j.buckley@hotmail.co.uk.

SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION — 15th AUGUST

Mass will be celebrated at 10 am and 8.pm in the Church Hall



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Father James or Deacon Duncan, so we may welcome you and inform you about our parish life.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

9th and 10th August 2014

Sat 9th August 6 p.m. Holy Souls
Vigil Mass

Sun 10th 9 a.m. Doug and Bobby Dew RIP
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 11th August 2014

Mon 11th 9 a.m. Holy Souls (Box)

Tues 12th 9 a.m. Smith & Whitehouse families deceased RIP

Wed 13th 9 a.m. Holy Souls (Box)

Thurs 14th 9 a.m. Private Intention

Fri 15th 10 a.m.. Angela Becket RIP
Assumption 8 pm People of the Parish

Sat 16th 6 p.m. Private Intention
Vigil Mass

Sun 17th 9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. Day family deceased

Morning Prayer: Re-commences on Thursday 21st August

Confessions: Saturday 16th August—by arrangement with Fr James

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Mike Collette, Gina Pelosi, Marie Verrall,
Paula Hall, Tullia Borelli, David Sebire, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller,
Sean Clohessy and Mark Toohy.

OFFERINGS: Offertory Envelopes 347.00
(£) Offertory Loose Plate 261.54
CAFOD 20.00

Thank you