



# **Newsletter**

## **The Immaculate Conception Epping**

**Trinity Sunday**

**15th June 2014**

Dear friends,

The feast of the Most Blessed Trinity serves as the great Amen or the concluding chord at the end of Eastertime and Pentecost. The mystery of the Trinity is at the heart of the Christian faith distinguishing Christians from Jews and Moslems. Like them we worship our one true God but we acknowledge in Him a threefold function: God creates, redeems and sanctifies and in so doing reveals himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An essential part of Catholic body language is the Sign of the Cross. When we bless ourselves we express our faith not in a theological abstraction but in a lived experience of which love is the essence. The one true God, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is our tremendous lover who asks of us not only the assent of the mind but also the surrender of our heart.

Plans are now well in hand for the episcopal ordination of our new bishop Fr Alan Williams which will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on 1st July. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster will preside and about twenty other bishops are expected. On that occasion our two parish representatives will be Mrs Melanie Hollinshead, Chairperson of our parish council and Mr Stan Holder O.B.E. a former parish council chairman. The bishop elect, who is 63 and a member of the Marist Order, comes to us from Walsingham where he has been director of the National Shrine for nine years. He will live in a cottage at Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer near Brentwood. Please pray for him as he prepares for his high office as our chief pastor.

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](mailto:louise.want@ntlworld.com) who will liaise with the Council.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES, PLEASE:** Please send an email to Margaret Lechley <[epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org)> if you would like to join the 166 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.

**RED MISSION BOX APPEAL:** Next weekend Fr Denis Treacy from Mill Hill Missionaries will be making an appeal to promote the use of the Red Mission boxes. Our local promoter is Mr John Gee whom we thank for all his dedicated work for the past 15 years.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** please pray for Mrs Amy O'Day who has just died aged 90 years. Amy was well known in Epping for her work with the Guides and Brownies. Her funeral will take place at 11 am on Wednesday 25 June. RIP.

**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.

**INVOCATION 2014: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014.** Invocation is open to anyone aged 17-35 who would like to reflect on their vocation – who God is calling you to be. The weekend includes magnificent speakers of international calibre, as well as times of reflection and prayer, all in the chapel and grounds of Oscott College, near Birmingham. There is transport from Essex and East London (leaving Friday evening, returning Sunday evening), the weekend will cost you just £20, and application forms and many more details can be found at [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org). Application deadline **24<sup>th</sup> June**. If you have any questions please call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732 or email [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org).

**WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!** Ushers are required, especially for the 11am Sunday Mass. Please phone Michael on 01992 574719 or give your details to Fr James or Deacon Duncan if you are willing to join the rota to help in this way.

**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](mailto:davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**ORGAN RECITAL AT THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, BILLERICAY on Saturday 5th July at 7:45pm: -**

given by Emma Gibbins, a renowned organist who accompanied The Most Holy Redeemer Choir on its Tour to Rome. Emma has chosen a fascinating programme which will include Bach, Kuhnau, Walton's Henry V & Sibelius' Finlandia. Tickets, only £5 each, are now available via the Parish Office on 01277 624891.

**PILGRIMAGES:** **Calling all grandparents.** There are two grandparents pilgrimages this year, one to **Aylesford on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** and the other to **Walsingham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. If you would like more information call Elisabeth Abbott on 01277 265236 or email [familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:** Brentwood Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Education to succeed Mgr George Stokes. Based at Cathedral House. An application pack can be obtained from Janet Simmons on 01277 265284 or [janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Closing date 4th July 2014.

**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**

**14th and 15th June 2014**

Sat 14th                      6 p.m.              Abbott/Codling deceased

Sun 15th                      9 a.m.              Bill Bonham RIP  
                                    11 a.m.              People of the Parish

### **Week Commencing 16th June 2014**

Mon 16th                      9 a.m.              Pat Dowling's intentions

Tues 17th                      9 a.m.              Dympna Gallagher RIP

Wed 18th                      9 a.m.              Brenda Barrow RIP

Thurs 19th                      9 a.m.              Joe Shannon RIP

Fri 20th                      9 a.m.              Family intention (R.R)

Sat 21st                      6 p.m.              Derek Wells RIP  
Vigil Mass

Sun 22nd June                      9 a.m.              People of the Parish  
                                    11 a.m.              Cornelius Enright RIP

**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.

<b><u>OFFERINGS:</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	280.00
<b>(£)</b>	Offertory Loose Plate	214.47
	CAFOD	22.00
	Standing Orders May/June	2970.32