



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Feast of Epiphany

4th January 2015

Dear friends,

the last few weeks have been both exhausting and exhilarating for me with my priestly golden jubilee and Christmas coming so closely together: I am still trying to absorb it all. I have experienced much affirmation through your many expressions of kindness by way of the many cards, gifts and greetings, not to mention the generous Christmas offering. Please accept my deepest thanks. Many parishioners worked hard to prepare for both events but I do not hesitate to mention one in particular, Deacon Duncan whose organisational skills came to the fore in a remarkable way.

We have now embarked on a new year of grace, 2015 and it will be all back to work tomorrow. This weekend we celebrate Epiphany with its emphasis on wisdom and gifts. All our gifts come from Almighty God and are to be used wisely and generously for his greater glory and the common good. The only resolution we need for the new year is the proper use of time in his service.

Please pray for Mrs Mary Canny who died on 29th December after a brief illness. Mary served as our Sacristan in Church and as a Eucharistic Minister. She was always gentle, self effacing and cheerful. She will be sadly missed. We offer to her husband, John and her family our deepest sympathy. RIP.

I wish you all a blessed New Year,

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CRIB OFFERINGS will be donated to the Brentwood Children's Society.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is discontinued until Monday 5th January 2015.

Proclaim'15: New National Initiative In 2015 To Support Parish Evangelisation

'Proclaim '15: BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. It is inspired by Pope Francis' writings and has five parts which include: the provision of free parish small group materials; the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11 July 2015 for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales; an invitation to parishes to host a parish Prayer Vigil on the night of 11 July 2015 with free prayer materials provided; the invitation to dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own Proclaim '15 event in autumn 2015; the publication of new evangelisation resources as a fruit of the National Conference to equip local evangelisers. Please do get involved in what is a significant new step in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. More information will be available in our newsletter / newspaper / website over the coming months.

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CHURCH UNITY WEEK: OUR CHURCH: It has been decided by CTED that this year's Church Unity Services will take place in member churches of the CTED. Our's will be Stations of the Cross on Monday 19th January at 8pm. The service will be followed by refreshments. As we are inviting all local churches it would be nice to see how our congregation celebrate our faith.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: The next class for the children will take place on Monday 12th January 2015 at 5.30pm.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: ICT Technician. Required as soon as possible. 20 hours per week – 44.2 weeks per year. Salary Scale 5, Point 22 - £21,588 (full time equivalent)
Please refer to the school's website [<http://fc.tchs.uk.net>] <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/>. For the job description and person specification.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Churches Together would like to thank Fr James for welcoming all our guests on Christmas Day. We deeply appreciate the support from the Catholic community providing so much to make the day a success. The beautiful table decorations, gifts, cake, puddings etc and the drivers. Without your support we would not be able to provide for this occasion. Thank you all.

THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: The Bishops of England and Wales have asked all parishes to reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life and have issued a paper to aid reflection, which can be found on line at:

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/resources/global/pdf/ecdbf70a-6820-4d92-83d0-d.pdf>

Please let Deacon Duncan know if you would like to join a discussion group during Lent to discuss this aspect of parish life (Telephone 01992 577173). This Group could replace the usual Parish Lent Group, which has previously met on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons in Lent (2.30pm – 4.00pm) at 3 Lynceley Grange, Epping. Alternatively, maybe you would prefer to join a Group which meets in the evenings.

MESSAGE FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council wishes you all a happy, healthy and holy 2015.

FUNERAL MASS FOR MRS MARIE VERRALL RIP: 12 noon Friday 9th January.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MR DAVID SEBIRE RIP: North Weald Woodland Cemetery. Friday 9th January at 2pm.

FUNERAL MASS FOR MRS MARY CANNY RIP: 12 noon on Wednesday 21st January.

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 January 2015

Sat 3rd 6 p.m. Private Intention
Vigil Mass

Sun 4th 9 a.m. Holy Souls
 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Week Commencing 5th January 2015

Mon 5th 9 a.m. Fr Michael O'Rourke RIP

Tues 6th 9 a.m. Michael Foster RIP

Wed 7th 9 a.m. David Lee RIP

Thurs 8th 9 a.m. Joe Keane RIP

Fri 9th 12 noon Requiem Marie Verrall RIP

Sat 10th 6 p.m. Private Intention
Vigil Mass

Sun 11th 9 a.m. People of Parish
 11 a.m. Seamus O'Brien 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, Gina Pelosi, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Rosemary Freeman, Keith Miller, Jennie Downs and Sean Clohessy.

OFFERINGS

Offertory Envelopes	£ 228.00
Offertory Loose Plate	£ 182.26
CAFOD	£ 37.53
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	£1862.56