



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Easter Sunday

5th April 2015

Dear Friends,

No other feast of the Christian calendar, not even Christmas, is surrounded with such solemnity as Easter Day. After the sobriety of Holy Week, the Church throughout the world erupts with joy: all its resources are employed to proclaim the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the dead. Those of a superficial frame of mind try to explain it away with a variety of theories; some would call it the wishful thinking of the first disciples. However, Mary of Magdala, and then Peter and John, witnessed an empty tomb and then witnessed our Saviour himself. **Christ is truly risen**: this has been the faith of the Church from its beginning.

Today we renew the high promises of Baptism, renouncing all that is alien to God and affirming, yet again, our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the days of Lent, the Gloria and Alleluia were absent from the liturgy: now they return with vigour. **We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.**

The comfort of the Resurrection is of particular relevance to me this year. With the sudden death of Fr Denis Hall last week, I mourn the loss of a third priest-friend within a few months. He and I were in Primary School together, at Hornchurch, back in the forties. As Parish Priest of Upton Park, he lived just long enough to celebrate his Golden Jubilee, just 3 months after I celebrated my own. He was an outstanding pastor and will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

I wish you all a blessed Easter.

Fr James

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JUMBLE SALE IN OUR CHURCH HALL
2.00pm SATURDAY 11th APRIL

- ◆ There is a list for all helpers in the Church Porch. **Regulars and new helpers are needed.....please help if you can.**
- ◆ Help would be greatly appreciated for setting up the tables and transferring the Jumble from the store-shed at 2pm on Friday afternoon 10th April.
- ◆ **Queries or offers of help to Janet Abbott Tel 01992 571128**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As is the normal; practice, there will noit be Exposition during Easter week. Exposition will re-commence after 9am Mass on Monday 13th April

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

Envelopes for the 2015-16 tax year are available in the porch - please collect your set asap.

If you pay tax and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Margaret Lechley on 01992 812935—this will enable the parish to collect from the Inland Revenue the tax you have already paid on your offering, at no extra cost to you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 10th - 16th MAY

Although she is retiring after this year's house-to-house collections,. Dorothy has agreed to organise the collections, to be made by our parishioners, as part of this year's Epping Christian Churches' response. Please support her in your usual generous manner by offering to **collect from the houses in one street.** The commitment is for about an hour and a half during the Week 10th -16th May. If you can help, please contact Dorothy directly on 01992 577173—she would love to hear from you!.

MESSAGE FROM NOEL & MARY HOLLAND

Thanks from us and from Christopher and Susie Holland for all the prayers for Ethan, our grandson and their son, who had a very traumatic birth three weeks ago. Ethan is doing very well and, despite minor problems, is expected to lead a normal life. Thanks!!

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

If you receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter then please do not also take away a paper copy at Mass.

COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS

This provides a social opportunity to get to know other parishioners. **Please note that due to a booking of the Hall after 11am Mass on Sunday 26th April, there will not be coffee on this day.** But please do not be discouraged....coffee is normally available after 11am Mass on every Sunday.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS)

London Marathon runner seeks your sponsorship

The BCCS helps and supports families from all faiths throughout Essex and East London and is entirely supported by donations and grants. Mark Butcher is running for them this year and if you wish to donate to this very worthy cause - follow the link below to Mark's site.

Please pass the message on and also remember him in your prayers. By the end of this attempt - Mark hopes to have raised over £10,000 - with your help!!!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/markbutchermarathon2015>

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS IN 2016

Our Justice and Peace Group is seeking a new Parish Co-ordinator for **2016**, to take over from Dorothy Whitehouse, who is stepping down after many years of organising the collection in our parish. Could you help? If you would like further information on the role, please call Emma on: 07876 897 942 or Dorothy on 01992 577173.

SISTERS OF THE NEEDY BLUE COLLECTING BOXES

The Sisters of the Needy have asked if we can please return to them the Blue Collecting Boxes which were distributed during their appeal in May 2014 - they would like to be able to re-use them. If your box contains money, we will send that to them as well, of course, which will add to the £454.25 already sent from the collections in the first 26 boxes returned.

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
4th and 5th April 2015

Sat 4th April Holy Saturday	8 p.m.	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sun 5th April Easter Sunday	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Mass of Easter Morning Easter Mass during the Day

Week Commencing 6th April 2015

Mon 6th April	<u>10 a.m.</u>	David Clancy R.I.P.
Tues 7th April	9 a.m.	Tommy Callaghan R.I.P.
Wed 8th April	9 a.m.	Intentions of Christopher Joseph
Thur 9th April	9 a.m.	Maureen Haugh R.I.P.
Fri 10th April	9 a.m.	Christine Donahoe R.I.P.
Sat 4th April (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jack Fraser R.I.P.
Sun 5th April	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Fr Denis Hall R.I.P.

Morning Prayer will be said in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Liturgy

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Gina Pelosi, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli,
Jennie Downs, Sean Clohessy, Peter Nash, Diane Harrington, Bernard George
Maureen McClean, Michael Palmer, Catherine Steel and James Bullen.

OFFERINGS (£):

Loose Plate	353.90
Offertory Envelopes	211.00
CAFOD	46.77

Thank you