



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th April 2015

Dear Friends,

When the risen Lord first appeared to the disciples, he greeted them with the words 'Peace be with you'. His very first action was to breathe upon them and then he said 'receive the Holy Spirit'. The last act of Jesus on the Cross was to 'breathe his last', or, in other words, to yield up his spirit. The breath of life was newly restored to him at his glorious resurrection and the spirit which empowered him throughout his ministry, he now shared with his disciples. It was by the Holy Spirit that they were emboldened to become fearless witnesses to him. That mission of proclaiming Jesus as Lord is now entrusted to us. The Church exists not for its own sake, but to make Jesus known and loved. When we renewed our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday, we committed ourselves anew to this task. Thomas, when he saw the Lord, said 'My Lord and my God'. We too repeat these words as often as we come to Holy Communion.

Easter in the parish this year was somewhat subdued, in as much as no-one was baptised or received into the Church. Numbers at the Vigil Mass were the lowest I have ever known. I myself was far from well and croaked my way through the ceremonies. Nonetheless, we were able to share the joy of the Universal Church and I thank all those who contributed so generously of their time and talents to beautify our church and enhance the liturgy.

God Bless you all,  
***Fr James***

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### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

The next class for the children will be at 5.30pm on Monday 20th April in the Church Hall.

The next Parents' session with Sr Nuala will be at 8pm on Tuesday 21st April in the Church Hall

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will re-commence on Mondays - Fridays after 9am Mass on Monday 13th April. The Blessed Sacrament will be replaced in the tabernacle at 10.30am.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for the 2015-16 tax year are available in the porch - please collect your set a.s.a.p. if you have not already done so.

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.

### **JAMES RYAN IS RUNNING IN THE LONDON MARATHON**

Our parishioner, James Ryan is running in the **35th London Marathon on Sunday 26th April** to raise funds for **Macmillan Cancer Care**. We all know of someone who has personally suffered from Cancer, or has had family or friends who have needed special care. Macmillan nurses work extremely hard and sensitively to make life easier for those living with Cancer. **PLEASE SUPPORT JAMES**, who hopes to raise £1000 on his run. Donations can be sent to:-

**<https://www.justgiving.com/jimmy-ryan1>**

Alternatively, James (07814 226468) has sponsorship forms available for those who cannot access the website.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Ava Josephine Wilton-Keely (grand-daughter of Noel and Mary Holland) on her Baptism this weekend.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for Mr George Hill and Mr Donald Heughan. We offer our prayerful condolences to Helen Miller, George's daughter and Malcolm Heughan, Donald's son. May they rest in peace.

### **NEWSLETTER REMINDER**

If you receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter, 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.

### **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 all the Blue Collecting Boxes which were distributed during their appeal in May 2014. If you still have a box, please leave it in the sacristy..

### **A DAY REMEMBERING MARTYRS**

Everyone is invited to join the Essex Recusant Society on Saturday 25th April to visit the beautiful Church of the English Martyrs in Prescott St, London E1, close to Tower Hill where Saints Thomas More, John Fisher & Philip Howard were martyred. The visit/pilgrimage will take in All Hallows Anglican Church, where St Thomas More and St John Fisher were first buried. Meet at 2pm at the exit of Tower Hill Underground Station. For information contact Sr Isobel Parks (07962 138287).

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please make yourselves known to Fr James or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**11th and 12th April 2015**

Sat 11th April	6 p.m.	Jack Fraser R.I.P.
Sun 12th April	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 13th April 2015**

Mon 13th April	9 a.m.	Tommy Callaghan R.I.P..
Tues 14th April	9 a.m.	Francis Daly R.I.P.
Wed 15th April	9 a.m.	Margaret's & Maureen's Intentions
Thur 16th April	9 a.m.	Mark Toohey's Intentions.
Fri 17th April	9 a.m.	Les Black R.I.P.
Sat 18th April (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 19th April	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish.

**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 (£):**

**Holy Places Collection** on Good Friday £630.

**Collections at all Easter Masses** were, traditionally, your gift to the Parish Priest.

***Thank you for your generosity***