



# Newsletter

## The Immaculate Conception

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**3rd MAY 2015**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Easter tide is a time of great joy for we Christians, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and reflect on the inspiring activities of the Apostles as they go about the business of setting in train the building of God's kingdom here on earth. But this joy runs in parallel with the enormous daily opportunities to show ourselves to be worthy of the name of Christian in our fractured world.

- In today's 1st reading, St Paul was changed by God from being an enemy of the faith into an inspirational apostle. We can ask: am I willing to be changed to be more active in promoting the Catholic faith in our community? In prayer, can the Holy Spirit help me to understand what God wants of me?
- In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells me that I am already 'pruned' to be able to produce much 'good fruit' in helping his kingdom on earth to grow. We should ask: how can I use this gift in a more active way? Can I enable the Holy Spirit to guide me to greater effect?

We welcome back Fr James this weekend after his short break in South Africa and hope that he is fully 'charged-up' to lead us in our hunger for sharing our wonderful faith more widely.

God bless you

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**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 require a letter, for tax purposes, stating your total contribution to Gift Aid for the year 14/15 then please let Margaret Lechley know either on telephone number 01992 812935 or email to [epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:epping@dioceseofbrentwood.org). If you pay tax and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Margaret - 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.

**BAPTISM:**

Congratulations to George Tilson who will be baptised this weekend.

**COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS:** Everyone is welcome to come to the Church Hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat this Sunday and every Sunday. It would be lovely to see you there!!.

**CAFOD APPEAL: EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE NEPAL CRISIS**

We have all been moved by the appalling aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes. CAFOD has asked for contributions to help with the supply of aid to Nepal. There will be a **retiring collection this weekend** for the Emergency Fund and it is intended that the amount collected will be doubled from our parish Charity Fund. The cheque will be posted on Wednesday 6th May, to allow for late contributions to be left at the presbytery (marked 'Nepal CAFOD Fund')

**CHRISTIAN AID - NOTICE FOR THIS YEAR'S COLLECTORS**

The packages of envelopes are prepared for the generous-hearted parishioners who have agreed to collect from local streets, and will be distributed at Mass this weekend. Will collectors please remember that **delivery of the envelopes and the collection itself must be made between 10th -16th May**. Please return the collected envelopes either to the church house or to Dorothy at 3 Lynceley Grange. Warm thanks to all collectors!

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

Our parishioner, James Ryan completed the **35th London Marathon** last Sunday in a very impressive time of 4 hours 13 minutes. At the time of writing he has raised the fantastic sum of £1700 for **Macmillan Cancer Care**. He would like to thank all those parishioners who have supported him. It is not too late to still donate either on <https://www.justgiving.com/jimmy-ryan1> or alternatively, James (07814 226468) has sponsorship forms available for those who cannot access the website.

**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..

**JOB VACANCY -** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) needs a new Social Worker to join the excellent team. Experience of direct work with children and families is essential and for an information pack please contact the Director at [swebb@bccs.org.uk](mailto:swebb@bccs.org.uk)  
The role can be full or significant part time.

**CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June :** The route will be through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit [pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk](http://pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk) or email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 0208 5029722.

**BCCS SPRING CONCERT:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians all with local ties. Tickets are £22 and include wine and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Amy Pether on 01268 784544 or email [apether@bccs.org.uk](mailto:apether@bccs.org.uk)

**What does the Church say about - Marriage, Divorce & Re-marriage?**

**Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm-9.30pm, Cathedral Conference Centre.

**Speaker:** *Dr Helen Costigane, SHCJ*- Moral Theologian, Canon Lawyer, a renowned lecturer and author of numerous articles.

It is hoped that the evening will dispel some myths and preconceptions about the Church's approach to this .

**Cost:** £5.00 per person. For booking, please contact the Adult Rel. Education office on: 01277 265255 or email [are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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**  
**2nd and 3rd May 2015**

Sat 2nd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Dan McEvoy RIP
Sun 3rd	9 a.m.	Peter Nash RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 4th May 2015**

Mon 4th <b>(English Martyrs)</b>	10 a.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Tues 5th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed 6th	9 a.m.	Marie Verrall RIP
Thurs 7th	9 a.m.	Joe Lynch RIP
Fri 8th	9 a.m.	Vincent Lundy RIP
Sat 9th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Fr Denis Hall RIP
Sun 10th	9 a.m.	S.V.P.
	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.

<b><u>OFFERINGS (£):</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	288.90
	Offertory Loose Plate	311.11
	CAFOD	20.00

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