



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2015

Dear friends,

at every Mass, just before coming for Holy Communion, we pray grant us peace - *dona nobis pacem* - and in today's second reading St Paul writes that Christ is our peace. Peace is a gift that we wish for ourselves and for those who are dear to us. Peace among nations is one of the most frequent petitions in our bidding prayers. Peace cannot be bought. Experience teaches us that so many of the wealthy and powerful are the most disturbed and discontented. What is the secret of true and lasting peace? Peace can only be found in a readiness to do the will of God. We learn that lesson from Jesus himself who taught his disciples to pray: *thy will be done*. That was his own prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. There is no lovelier greeting than the words: *peace be with you*. The desire to share and to promote peace makes for a better world for us all.

There was such a positive response to last week's homily about Pope Francis' letter on the environment that all copies sold very quickly. More are now available priced at £4.95. Do read it and then pass it on.

Applications for first Holy Communion are rather slow coming in. All requests to enrol a child for the course starting in September must be submitted by the end of this month.

God bless you all

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FIRST COMMUNION 2015-16: Applications are now invited. Closing date July 26th 2015.

EPPING CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH EVENT: Saturday 5th September starting at 10am at **Thriftwood Campsite** in Brentwood. Activities will include climbing, pedal cars and kayaking followed by lunch. Ages 8-16 recommended. Price £6 per child. This has been subsidised by 50% from parish funds. Limited spaces available and will be allocated first to children of parishioners. There will be a waiting list for children from outside the parish. Please contact Justin Willis 01992 812924 or Brenda Hyland 01992 572851 for more information.

PARISH WEBSITE: the weekly newsletters are now available again to read online on the website, Thank you for your patience while the work was carried out on the website.

PARISH ASSEMBLY: our annual Parish Assembly will be on Wednesday 16th September. Everyone welcome to attend. Further details nearer the time.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK is a Catholic pro-life organisation, “pro-life and pro-woman”, which assists women who are going through difficult pregnancies. This summer Anne Grimer is walking 1200 miles on pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome to raise money for Good Counsel’s work in providing support and practical assistance to mothers. Please sponsor her by signing up on the form on the notice board in the church porch for per mile or your fixed amount, or at <https://www.justgiving.com/A-walk-for-Life>. Many thanks.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Tara O’Neil and Darren Oakley.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Sunday 26th July 7.30pm to 9pm. Everyone welcome.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND AT AYLESFORD: 31st October - 1st November 2015. For more details please see <http://youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Booking deadline 18th September 2015.

EPPING FOOD BANK: Churches Together in Epping, in association with the Trussell Trust, hope to soon open a food bank in Epping. They will need volunteers. If you feel that this is something you can contribute to then please contact either Deacon Duncan on 577173 or Maggie Keeling at: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879.

INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR NEW CHURCH READERS:

There will be an introduction and practice session for new Church Readers in church on Saturday 25th July at 10am. Anyone over 14 who would like to join the 10 new Readers who have already volunteered will be welcome. The sessions will conclude by 12.30pm. Any queries to Deacon Duncan or Fr James.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service is pleased and excited to offer a brand new pilgrimage for October 2015 to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock and the opportunity to Climb St Patrick's Holy Mountain. The pilgrimage is open to anyone who will be in Year 12 or above when we travel. The full cost is £350 and includes flights, accommodation and meals. Forms are available now at bcys.net/events or email info@bcys.net for more information. There are only 25 places, so sign up fast.

CHURCH HALL HIRE: Our parish hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or mobile 0776 4404813.

ST PETER'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S VACANCY:

The Governing body of St Peters RC Primary School in Dagenham are currently seeking 2 Foundation Governors in order to complete the existing governing body. If you are interested or would like further information on the post then please contact Mr G Lopez (Chair of Governors) via email governorsofstpeters@outlook.com by the 30th July, Specifying the benefits you can offer in order to fulfil this position.

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
18th and 19th July 2015

Sat 18th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Lucia Maraldo RIP
Sun 19th	9 a.m.	Patrick McIniskey RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 20th July 2015

Mon 20th	9 a.m.	Private intention
Tues 21st	9 a.m.	Mae Martin RIP
Wed 22nd	9 a.m.	Private intention
Thurs 23rd	9 a.m.	Private intention
Fri 24th	9 a.m.	Intentions of John Hawes
Sat 25th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun 26th	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, Maureen McClean, Catherine Steel, Tony Mullen, David Kenworthy, James Bullen and Hannah Robinson.

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	236.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	257.15
	CAFOD	24.25
	Standing orders June/July	2755.15

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