



# Newsletter

## The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BVM**

**16th August 2015**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Today, we are reminded that this Feast, celebrated every year, now on the nearest Sunday to 15th August, is the most important of Marian feasts. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, - a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time.

The Feast has been celebrated universally since the 6th century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII, after considering the views of Bishops all over the world and, in a rare example of Papal Infallibility, declared that it is a dogma of the Church: **“that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”** As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics.

In this country, we have a special devotion to Mary and we ask her today to pray for us, as we do our best to please God by the way of life we choose.

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**This weekend, we welcome Fr John Taylor, a Mill Hill Missionary.** Please pray for missionary work around the world, but particularly today for the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

**Fr James expects to return from his holiday on Friday evening** renewed and invigorated by his stay in Perth, Australia. I'm sure that we will all welcome his return to the fold.

God bless you all.

***Deacon Duncan***

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**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 ASSEMBLY:** our annual Parish Assembly will be on Wednesday 16th September. Everyone is welcome and encouraged 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. In twenty years they have helped 3,000 women. 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.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA):** We invite any adult who may wish to join the Catholic Church at Easter, to speak with Fr James or Deacon Duncan, with a view to joining this year’s Journey in Faith Group. The Group meets weekly between September and Easter. A warm welcome awaits those who express an interest.

**APF BOXES:** The emptied APF boxes are now in the church porch for collection by their kind collectors. There are also some unnamed boxes which can be taken by new collectors who wish to support this very worthy organisation in its mission to **promote the Christian faith overseas**. If you take an unnamed box, please put your name on it so that we can identify the collector on the return we make to APF.

**MAUREEN CLARKE RIP:** The Funeral Service of Maureen Clarke RIP will take place on Thursday 20th August at 10 a.m.

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF THE BOX: “Downside Up”** - an entertainment of music, poetry and conversation on **Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm** at Epping United Reformed Church in Lindsey Street. Tickets £10 in advance from The Box in aid of the Box’s 10th Anniversary Appeal. *Celebrating 10 years of working with local young people.*

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is looking for individuals to represent their parish and to take part in our 'Run for a Child' 5K run on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm. The run, organised by Pitsea Running Club, takes place at Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon. There is no need to book, just turn up and run; under 16s are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is only £2 to cover the costs of running this event, so any additional sponsorship money you are able to raise will allow us to continue to support the children and families who need us, so please do your best. For further information or to request a Sponsor Form please contact Julie 01268 784544 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**EPPING FOOD BANK:** Churches Together in Epping, in association with the Trussell Trust, hope to soon open a food bank in Epping. They need more 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](mailto:maggie@keelingphysio.com) or telephone 07718858879.

**ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE FOUR GOSPELS:**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October in Brentwood Cathedral Hall from 10.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Professor Richard Burrige, Dean of King's College, London, will lead a study day entitled 'What are the gospels?' Professor Burrige is a recipient of the Joseph Ratzinger Prize, awarded to him by Pope Benedict in 2013. Please book your place by email to [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) There is no charge for the day and a light buffet lunch will be provided.

**ASSISTED DYING BILL (2015):** This Bill was recently renewed by Robert MARRIS M.P. There will be a vote in Parliament on 11th September next. Please write urgently to our M.P. Mrs Eleanor Laing, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA to urge her to vote against the Bill which is morally wrong because, if enacted, it will legalise doctors and others to help people commit suicide. Hand written letters are most effective. For free leaflets with more details please phone 0207 7091 7091.

**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**  
**15th and 16th August 2015**

Sat 15th                    6 p.m.                    Holy Souls  
(Vigil Mass)  
**Feast of the  
Assumption**

Sun 16th                    9 a.m.                    People of the Parish  
                                  11 a.m.                    Des Kelly RIP

**Week Commencing 17th August 2015**

Mon 17th                    9 a.m.                    Eucharistic Service  
Tues 18th                    9 a.m.                    Eucharistic Service  
  
Wed 19th                    9 a.m.                    Eucharistic Service  
  
Thurs 20th                    10 a.m.                    Funeral Service - Maureen Clarke RIP  
  
Fri 21st                    9 a.m.                    Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion  
  
Sat 22nd                    6 p.m.                    Jeffrey Joel RIP  
(Vigil Mass)  
Sun 23rd                    9 a.m.                    People of the Parish  
                                  11 a.m.                    Pat & Norah Murrhy

**Morning Prayer** will be held 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, Catherine Steel, Tony Mullan, David Kenworthy, James Bullen, John Gee and Hannah Robinson.

<b><u>OFFERINGS (£):</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	276.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	316.59
	CAFOD	41.00

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