



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)

23rd August 2015

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The apostle Peter showed himself to be a confident and forthright leader of Jesus' followers. When Jesus asked the apostles whether or not they wanted to continue following him, his answer was iconic: **'You have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know you are the Holy One of God'**.

How would we answer Jesus' question, were it put to us today? As Catholics, **we know that we have the promise of eternal life in heaven and we believe that Jesus is our Saviour, who became man and lived amongst the people of his time. We also know that Jesus ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to help us to sustain our commitment to our faith.**

This is the life-blood of our faith...this is what drives us to make our lives always pleasing to God. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, we need always to keep these thoughts in our minds, when we are busy and when we are relaxing. Whenever we want to thank God for the good things of life or ask for his help when we have problems, we could not do better than to echo Peter's great statement: **Lord, you have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know you are the Holy One of God'**.

Fr James has now returned from his holiday and we welcome him home and hope that he is fully renewed and invigorated by his stay in Perth, Australia.

God bless you all.

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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: You are cordially invited to join fellow parishioners for a glass of wine and a chat about parish matters at 7.45pm on Wednesday 16th September. We do hope that you can come and look forward to seeing you.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): The invitation remains open for 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 will meet weekly between September and Easter. A warm welcome awaits those who express an interest.

APF BOXES: 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. More boxes can be made available if required (speak to Deacon Duncan). If you have had a Red Box for some time and it requires opening, please leave it in the sacristy.

MRS GINA PELOSI RIP

Gina Pelosi, our oldest parishioner, having achieved the grand age of 99 years, died peacefully at Alexandra House Care Home, Harlow on 25th August. Gina's body will be brought into church at 4pm on Tuesday 1st September and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on Wednesday 1st May, with burial in Epping cemetery at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

HALL MANAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There is a meeting of this committee on **Wednesday 26th August at 8pm** in the Church Cry-Chapel. The Committee meets four times per year and has responsibility for managing the Church Hall and for arranging social activities in the parish. **New members are always welcome.**

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF ‘THE BOX’:

It would be good to support ‘The Box’, which does great work in Epping in supporting young people’s education and social needs.

“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 its **10th Anniversary Appeal**. Celebrating 10 years of working with local young people. Why not organise a small group of friends to go together?

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. Your commitment can be tailored to your availability, so please join the two parishioners who have already offered to help. If you feel that this is something to which you can contribute to then please contact either Maggie Keeling at: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879, or contact Deacon Duncan on 577173.

ASSISTED DYING BILL (2015): This Bill was recently renewed by Robert MARRIS M.P. **There will be a vote in Parliament on 11th September.** 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 helping people to commit suicide. Hand-written letters are most effective. Pre-printed cards are available in the church porch for those who prefer to use them.

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 2nd 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 £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

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
22nd and 23rd August 2015

Sat 22nd (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jeffrey Joel RIP
Sun 23rd	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Pat and Norah Murrhy

Week Commencing 24th August 2015

Mon 24th	9 a.m.	Eddie O'Hare (Sick)
Tues 25th	9 a.m.	Bridget Stevens RIP
Wed 26th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thurs 27th	9 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Fri 28th	9 a.m.	Bill McEvoy RIP
Sat 29th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Catherine Brosnan RIP
Sun 30th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Thomas Dixon RIP People of the Parish

Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

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

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Catherine Steel,
Tony Mullan, David Kenworthy, James Bullen, John Gee and Hannah Robinson.

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	236.71
	Offertory Loose Plate	302.34
	CAFOD	9.10
July/August Standing Orders £2800.00		

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