



# Newsletter

## The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6th September 2015

Dear friends,

With the re-opening of the schools, life is starting to resume its general pattern and already there are signs of autumn all around us. Soon we shall be starting our first Holy Communion programme and parish activities will pick up again after the summer break. As we go about our routine tasks we must always realise that even the smallest things have value and significance in the sight of God. Today's gospel tells of the healing of a deaf man. As followers of Jesus our ears have to be alert to what he asks of us in our daily lives. These are harrowing times on the international stage especially with the migrant crisis. We feel helpless in the face of so much human misery but at least we should make our voices heard with those in government. There are pragmatic politicians in plenty, but where are the true statesmen and women able to see beyond national interests?

This week her majesty the Queen is set to become our longest reigning monarch as she surpasses the record set by Queen Victoria. We give thanks for her long life of dutiful service and pray that God may continue to grant her every blessing and grace as she continues to fulfil the demands of her high office.

***God bless you always***  
***Fr James***

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** There will be a parents' information session on Tuesday 15th September at 8pm in the Hall. The classes for the children will begin on Tuesday 22nd September at 5.45pm in the Hall.

**REVIEW 2015 & HELP TO PLAN 2016:** You are cordially invited to join fellow parishioners for a glass of wine and a chat about parish matters at 7.45pm next Wednesday 16th September. We do hope that you can come and look forward to seeing you.

**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.

**CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MASS:** On Saturday September 12th at 3pm there will be a Mass in Brentwood Cathedral for the Catholic Fellowship. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall and a chance to meet Bishop Alan. All welcome.

**ECCA QUIZ NIGHT:** ECCA is holding a quiz night on Saturday 26th September in our Hall. Entrance is only £7.50p per person but please bring your own food, drinks and nibbles. Tables of 8 - (10 max), 7pm for 7.30pm start. Should be a fun evening. Enquiries, or to book a table, phone Janet Clements on 01992 578262.

**IRISH ELDERLY ADVICE NETWORK:** Please note the weekly pensioners advice service held at Durning Hall, Earlham Grove (nearest station Forest Gate Overground), will resume on Thursday 3rd September 2015 between 10.30am-1pm. This is a weekly service; you do not need an appointment, just drop in and see our advice worker, Sally. If you require any further information, please telephone our Camden office on 0207 428 0471. This Free and confidential service is run by Irish Elderly Advice Network, which is a registered charity."

**JUMBLE SALE:** Saturday 10th October at 2pm in the church hall. Please leave any good quality jumble in the church porch for collection.

**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.

**BREAST CANCER CHARITY FUN RUN/WALK 5K OR 10K:** In aid of the Breast Cancer Clinical Trials Charity at St Margaret's Hospital & Princess Alexandra Hospital. The event starts and finishes behind The Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge, Rangers Road, North Chingford on **27th September 9am registration for 9.30am start.** To register please call the charity office on 01279 827857.

**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 three 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](mailto:maggie@keelingphysio.com) or telephone 07718858879, or contact Deacon Duncan on 577173.

**CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:** Please note that the Hall Bookings Secretary will be away from 7th September to 15th October 2015 (inclusive). During this time no Hall bookings will be taken.

**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**  
**5th and 6th September 2015**

Sat 5th                      6 p.m.                      John Curly RIP  
(Vigil Mass)

Sun 6th                      9 a.m.                      People of the Parish  
   11 a.m.                      Bridget Day RIP

**Week Commencing 7th September 2015**

Mon 7th                      9 a.m.                      Intentions of Peggy O'Connor

Tues 8th                      9 a.m.                      George Banning

Wed 9th                      9 a.m.                      Margaret McNeela RIP

Thurs 10th                      9 a.m.                      Gina Pelosi RIP

Fri 11th                      9 a.m.                      Mary Canny RIP

Sat 12th                      6 p.m.                      Margaret White RIP  
(Vigil Mass)

Sun 13th                      9 a.m.                      Bernadette Church RIP  
   11 a.m.                      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 and Hannah Robinson.

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<b><u>OFFERINGS (£):</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	215.50
	Offertory Loose Plate	322.98
	CAFOD	20.00

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