



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13th September 2015

Dear friends,

Jesus asked his disciples: *who do people say that I am?* Peter, as spokesman for them all, answered that they believed him to be the Christ, that is the Anointed one of God; in other words the Messiah. Jesus asks the same question of every one of his followers. He asks it of you and he asks it of me. Our individual responses have to be personal. Although the faith of the whole Church sustains me, in the final analysis my response is mine alone. The credibility of my answer will be tested, not only by what I say but also by what I do. St James in today's second reading reminds us that faith and good works go together. What we believe and say with our lips we must practise and show forth in our daily lives. The first Holy Communion programme, about to begin, is our endeavour to develop in our children a personal relationship with Jesus. As their mentors we have a great responsibility in their regard. Teenagers will have their opportunity to make a personal response to him when they ask to be confirmed. The next visitation and Confirmation by Bishop Alan is set for 10th October next year. That may yet seem a long way off, but it is not too early to start thinking about it.

God bless you always

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: There will be a parents' information session this coming 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS' ROTAS: please collect your new rotas from the post box in the church porch.

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 this coming 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 10th 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 There is no charge for the day and a light buffet lunch will be provided.

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.

MUSCULAR HELP NEEDED, PLEASE:

Can you please spare **about an hour from 2pm on Friday 4th December** to help set up the tables etc for the Parish Bazaar on Saturday 5th December? Those who have helped in previous years are not available this year, so **three or four new helpers** are urgently needed. If you are able-bodied and can spare an hour, **please give your name to Dorothy after Mass, or give Janet Abbott a ring on 01992 571128** and put her mind at rest.

DIARY NOTE FOR THE SERVICE FOR PEACE ON 25th OCTOBER:

Churches Together in Epping and District (CTED) is holding its annual Peace Service **in our church on Sunday 25th October at 4pm**. Please keep the date free, so that you can come and join all Christians in Epping and District in this most important service. More details to follow.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: these will recommence on Wednesday 16th September at 1pm, with a wonderful organ recital to be given by a student from the Royal College of Music.

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

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.

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.

EPYC IS LOOKING FOR NEW LEADERS: EPYC stands for Epping Young Christians and is a fortnightly group for the young people of all the Epping and District churches, and their friends, to meet together for fun, food, faith and discussion. Meetings are on Sunday evenings, in term time, at The Box. They are looking for people from the churches who would be willing to lead sessions, as a regular leader or offering anything from one single session to a series of sessions. If you are interested then please contact Alison Dolan on 07855 958 653 or 01992 577 300.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: Trinity Catholic High School will be holding an Open Evening for prospective entrants on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at the Lower Site, Sydney Road, Woodford Green. Parents are invited to look around the school between 6pm and 7.30pm. A presentation will be made at 7.30pm by the Head, Dr Doherty.

QUIZ NIGHT: Radio Forest Hospital Radio is holding a quiz night to raise funds for their services at St Margaret's, Brentwood and Saffron Walden Hospitals as well as the Derwent Centre in Harlow. The date is **Saturday 24th October 7.30pm** in our Hall. Tickets are £12 and include a fish and chip supper. Please bring your own drinks. Teams of up to eight. For further information please call 01992 577646.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC MISSION GENERAL MEETING: The 18th Pan-African Annual Mass will be held on Sunday 20th September 2015, at 3pm followed by a Reception at the St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark SE1 7HY. The main celebrant is Bishop Patrick Lynch, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Migrants. Seven African Community Choirs will be in attendance and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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
12th and 13th September 2015

Sat 12th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Margaret White RIP
Sun 13th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Bernadette Church RIP People of the Parish

Week Commencing 14th September 2015

Mon 14th Holy Cross Day	9 a.m.	Margaret Hood RIP
Tues 15th	9 a.m.	Agnes Tunstall RIP
Wed 16th	9 a.m.	Smith/Whitehouse RIP
Thurs 17th	9 a.m.	Eddie O'Hare (sick)
Fri 18th	11 a.m.	Requiem John Gee RIP
Sat 19th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Marian Ward RIP
Sun 20th	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Harry Day RIP

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.

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	226.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	348.07
	CAFOD	24.05

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